

Transportation has recently let us know about, and I can't be optimistic about having enough money for these Special Funds. But the fact of life is that we must live within these funds and of course we are going to have to.

Q. Do you blame any part of this on President Johnson's pushing for his surtax?

A. I don't think there's any question but that the President is using every lever he can to marshal the support for the program that he thinks is an important one. Even though these are dedicated revenues and we complain bitterly about curtailing them in reference to General Funds, he makes the point that the release of them could cause inflation because of the great amount of spending that they entail. I don't subscribe to his opinions in this regard but I can't very well say that they have utterly no basis in fact. I, as a Maryland Governor, am just terribly worried about the fact that our money is being tied up in roads at a time that we need it so badly.

Q. Governor, getting back to the meeting with the delegates this morning, the suggestion was made that the single member districts help the Republican Party. What is your comment on that?

A. I indicated that I think it is a shortsighted view for the Republican Party, because in accepting the concept of single member districts what you are really saying is that, "Yes, we'll take the crumb in the area where we can be sure to have it in exchange for the possibility of forfeiting our right to grow in other areas." In short, we would solidify the opposition party in certain areas to the extent that we might take centuries before we could invade those areas. I think it's a shortsighted political view to accept one or two or three or four districts that we might gain and at the same time to give up our right to become a majority party by taking over other districts.

Q. Governor, at a recent meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, was there any discussion as to possible Republican candidates to oppose Senator Brewster?

A. No, we haven't had any discussions on the Senatorial race for a month. Of course, as I indicated previously, my feeling is that the two principal candidates for the nomination are Congressman Rogers Morton and Congressman Charles Mac Mathias. Which one of these two is going to become the candidate should be decided, and probably would have been decided before now, were it not for Congressman Mathias' need to have a disc taken care of in his back. We are waiting until he is fully on his feet before that decision is made.