

tegration of our community and relieve the unrest in our cities — these are much more complicated.

Q. I was just wondering, Governor, as you were talking there. Of course you have a new constitution coming up in Maryland, Virginia meanwhile is talking about writing a new constitution, but don't you think something should be done about streamlining and modernizing the mechanics of State government? It seems to me that many of the operations that you're using were being used 50 years ago before you got all these new problems.

A. Yes, we started on this problem. We have a Task Force on Modern Management that this year has already made certain recommendations to streamline the structure of our State government. Of necessity, because of the constitution you refer to, they weren't able to do as much as if they had been able to positively identify the constitutional mandate. But before they can get into their job in a very definitive sense, we have to know whether we're operating under the present constitution or whether the voters are going to adopt the new one in May. I sincerely hope they adopt the new constitution.

Q. Will the new constitution give you more flexibility in redesigning your government?

A. Yes, it gives the executive a greater amount of discretion in areas that should be the executive's discretion in the administrative side of things. Conversely, it gives the Legislature a little more discretion. Under the new instrument they are allowed to call themselves into session and not wait for the executive to do that.

Q. What would you hope the current session of the Legislature accomplishes?

A. We have a very ambitious legislative package. Our primary programs are community mental health, the bond program to make a really substantial start on the alleviation of water pollution, because as you recognize very well the Bay is our greatest asset in Maryland, and many other programs that are ancillary in the sense that they don't relate specifically to Maryland problems. But we've been interested in bringing the solutions to Maryland over a period of time, such as a bill that we put in just yesterday to abolish capital punishment. We're very much interested in certain recommendations of the Legislative Council. And one thing that I've got to make certain of, that where the Legislative Council at its initiative develops good programs for Maryland, that I am not remiss about jumping in and sup-