

the race issue. Are there any things that a state can do to help us through these next 15 or 20 years of rather rough sailing?

A. Well, we were very fortunate last year in Baltimore because we were fortunate enough to have people in government, the Mayor of Baltimore City, McKeldin, who recently left office, and people at the State level who were responsive to these problems. Now, the big issues that come about relate around the inability to continue to project an attitude of sympathy and understanding and problem solving, because among the general, private sector there are people who constantly try to slow down efforts to solve the problem and there are also people among the so-called militants who don't exercise a proper degree of restraint and responsibility. Just because a person is a militant doesn't mean that he doesn't have the intelligence to reach for adequate solutions to the problem. I talked to a very militant gentleman in my office yesterday, and I got a tremendous amount of good out of the conversation. But there are other types who simply want to unload their emotions, and the unloading of emotions only compounds this problem, it doesn't solve it.

Q. Unfortunately, in the effort to combat crime, when we talk now about crime in the streets, immediately many Negro leaders say this is an anti-Negro slogan. But yet crime is a problem and has to be recognized as such. How can we bring these two together?

A. We're hurt constantly by careless statements in this area. I can think of one that happened here in the Washington area recently when a judge on the circuit court made a very careless statement, an overgeneralization, which inflamed the Negro community, and I think rightly inflamed. However, I don't think that the matter is one that could not have been put to rest had the man that made the statement forthrightly admitted that it was an uncircumspect statement and apologized for it. We get so bound up in our desire to protect ourselves against ever making a mistake that we can't say we're wrong. This is the greatest thing that puts racial relations off the track. If the people who are trying to impede this movement can be relegated to a position of noninfluence, and if the people who occasionally impede it by a mistake in judgment in a statement, will frankly admit the mistake, in other words, if those of us in the middle will stay in the middle and disavow the ends, the people who are at the extreme rejection end and the people who are at the other end of the spectrum — people who I think are completely unreasonable such as Mr. Brown and people at the other end like Mr. Wallace who I don't think are very reasonable either — we can solve the problem. But there has to be