

this interview had come two weeks from now we would have been able to discuss a very important appointment to the leadership of that City committee. It's difficult for the party to advance in a city like Baltimore based on preconceptions about what it stands for, what it has stood for. I hope that my administration will make the party more interesting to those who maybe are not as traditionalistic in their approach to government as some that we've had in the past.

Q. Well, you've got two possible candidates for the United States Senate to run against the incumbent Democratic Senator Brewster, Congressman Mathias and Congressman Morton. Have you made any choice between these men and do you think that either one of them could win?

A. I think either one of them could win. I haven't made any choice because, frankly, it's not up to me to make the choice. We've got a very good Republican organization in the State, and we've been talking with our leaders throughout the State to try to marshal support for these men or the one of them that eventually emerges. An unusual situation is that they are both so good that the general Republican leadership throughout the State says that you are good friends, you decide who's going to run, and we'll be delighted to support either one of you.

Q. Well, you have long supported Nelson Rockefeller and you've got more people on your side today than when you were a lonely voice crying in the wilderness a couple of years ago.

A. It was kind of lonely.

Q. Do you feel that the conservative strength in the party has diminished so that Rockefeller could be nominated? It seems to me that the convention is going to be basically, philosophically, about the same as it was in '64.

A. I think the difference is going to be that philosophy is not going to be the main thrust of the convention. The ascent to an articulate voice by the 26 Republican governors, a new attitude on the part of the Congressional leadership to reach for a pragmatism, or a problem-solving approach, has changed the total complexion of the politics within the Republican Party. In short, we want a winner. And I think that regardless of whether the particular county chairman today wants Mr. Nixon or Mr. Reagan or Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Romney or who else, he will get behind and support the eventual nominee. And I think that he also recognizes that this year our party has to have a