

represent the people he claims to speak for before we will allow his words to be circulated throughout the countryside. Art Buchwald wrote a very interesting column on this — centered about a fictitious character named Daniel Runnymede.

It has been really amazing to me how poorly informed in depth the average citizen is about political issues. I really don't know what the answer to this is. In this competitive world it takes all of one's time just to compete with the rat race.

But, lest I seem to be complaining, let me hasten to assure you that I enjoy the rough-and-tumble of State politics and look forward to playing an active part in the coming national elections. There have been rumors about my disenchantment with the Governorship and even some conjecture that I have decided not to seek reelection. It is far too early to make such *future* judgments.

As of now, I can only tell you that my position in 1970 might possibly be "Don't change horses — or any portion thereof — in mid-stream."

NEWS RELEASE AND STATEMENT ON CRITICISM OF DRAFT ROCKEFELLER COMMITTEE

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Governor Agnew today described a legislator's attack on bankers serving on a Maryland Draft Rockefeller Committee as "unwarranted criticism of public spirited men who have served the State and their communities well in many capacities."

The Governor said he could not "let go unanswered" the implied criticism by Delegate Thomas Hunter Lowe, Democratic House Majority Floor Leader, that some bankers serving on the volunteer committee are doing so because of State funds on deposit in their banks.

"Mr. Lowe knows perfectly well that the State Treasurer places these funds among various banks and that the Treasurer, Mr. John A. Luetkemeyer, is a Democrat elected to his position of trust by the Legislature," Governor Agnew said.

"The deposit of State funds is solely within the province of Mr. Luetkemeyer."