

you take any special steps to bolster our forces if this eventuality arises?

A. I haven't had a chance to talk with General Gelston about this. I think I'm going to meet with him today. The Governors' mid-winter meeting which begins tomorrow in Washington will involve some discussions of the National Guard. General Gelston will be in attendance at those meetings and I should have an opportunity to be briefed by him at that point. I don't know enough more than that to comment about this particular matter involving the 28th Division.

(Legislative Program)

Q. Governor, are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the chances of your legislative program?

A. I think that there are parts of it you have to be pessimistic about — the scholarship program, for example. Other parts I am very optimistic about such as the program involving mental health — the community health centers, the tax on alcoholic beverages financing same. Most of the programs will probably be given a good chance of at least a modified success. By that I mean maybe they won't emerge in the total form that I submitted them, but I think the basic ideas will be adopted in many cases.

Q. How about water pollution, Governor?

A. I think water pollution has a very good chance of passing.

(City Request for More Funds)

Q. Governor, there is a report that Mayor D'Alesandro has asked you to include an extra \$6 million in your supplementary budget for Baltimore City, saying that if the City doesn't get the \$6 million he will have to raise the property tax rate by \$1.82. What are his chances of getting? (interruption — laughter)

A. I don't know what the City's chances of getting the additional revenue that he is looking for would develop to be. We were very discouraged yesterday by the fact that there's not a great amount of money apparently available, based on the latest revenue estimates. The Mayor did ask for somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5 million and we have under study, meaning the legislative leaders and this office have under study, the possibility of some adjustments in the road funds. How this is going to work out I am not sure at this juncture, but I can say that a chance of a great infusion of money to the City seems to be extremely limited. It's important to note that the Mayor's budget target is aimed at providing the City with a 15 per-