

No one's tried to get me. I think my position is so completely crystal clear on this question that I will not receive any more approaches. I think the attitude that this is some sort of political vendetta, and the defense that nothing should be done about this because I didn't prosecute diligently through the use of the county police raids against illegal pinball operations while I was in the county, doesn't answer the question: If this is to be censured why didn't the incumbent County Executive with equal diligence prosecute such raids against pinballs? And I say the reason is you can't afford, with a county police force of the size we had, to take these people off policing operations to do it. Now with the State Police and raids that were made, at the request of the Miles Commission, it was possible for a limited purpose only to pull these people to make these raids. But the county can't run around trying to pull its people off criminal jurisdiction on a constant basis and make these raids. And even more important, there's not a man on the county police force that these people can't identify with great facility. It would be an exercise in frustration to try to catch anybody with county policemen.

Q. Are you aware, Governor, that Judge Turnbull was supposed to have ruled, or will rule, that the State Police were in violation of some kind of law by going into Baltimore County?

A. I don't think that's true. I am supposed to testify tomorrow morning in Baltimore County. What I testify about may affect this question. I don't want to comment on it today. But I don't think it's true at the moment.

(Opposition to the Constitution)

Q. Governor, have you any guess or knowledge as to why the county organization of the Democratic Party and the government organization out there is opposed to the Constitution?

A. I think this — and this doesn't reflect only on the organization in Baltimore County: As you look to the opposition that is developing to the Constitution you find almost unanimously that those who are the most outspoken are those who have vested political interests to protect. In short, where there are closely knit, highly disciplined party organizations which control through the exercise of the vote, their influence on the voters in certain areas, that's where the Constitution is doing the worst because the Constitution is instituting reforms that take away many bits of political patronage, take away certain local elective offices that have been used to stimulate party participation through appointment without merit system protection to certain jobs,