

related itself to the inquiry into the prison system, is not under consideration by the Snyder Committee in any way. They have restricted their movements around the Michaelson reports, the correctional system structure generally.

Q. How do you feel about the recommendation by the Snyder Committee for an overall prison guard?

A. I think that that has some merit. I'm not ready to take a position in favor of the proposal exactly at this point. But I do feel that the idea of bringing the Department of Parole and Probation within the correctional system, except for the Parole Board itself, has some merit and of course this is what was advocated by the Michaelson report.

Q. Governor, have you any comment on Representative Long's statement concerning your objecting to the Harbor crossing proposal?

A. Just one comment. Asinine.

Q. Have you got any comment on Mr. Mandel's distress over the failure to begin the second Harbor tunnel?

A. Now, Mr. Mandel indicates to me that he is nowhere as near distressed as those reports would have one believe. As a matter of fact I spoke with him yesterday. I have made arrangements for Mr. Wolff, the Chairman-Director of the Roads Commission, to make himself available tomorrow to the leadership of the Legislature for the purpose of explaining what we are thinking of and for the purpose of receiving suggestions as to possible modification of what Mr. Wolff has in mind that may meet legitimate objections of the Legislature. I'm delighted with the cooperation that I have been getting from Senator James and Mr. Mandel and we're just not going to fight. Yet.

Q. Governor, on election laws, do you favor moving the primary date back to the spring and, number two, do you favor a runoff election when no one candidate receives the majority of the votes?

A. As a candidate who came away from a campaign during the hot summer, I can't help but personally feel that spring primaries are better. I suppose this may be regarded as against the interest of the minority party, but I don't feel that's taking an adverse position to my party because we really hope to become the majority party before too long. Don't ask me about that.

Q. How about the run-off?