

A. As active a role as I can. I am most interested in the Constitution passing and I recognize that it's not going to be a cut and dried matter. I do think we've made great progress in the past several weeks in bringing the public's attention to the Constitution and the need for it. It's an excellent document. I'm sure that no one agrees with every sentence in it. I think that's too much to ask, but I think under the convention delegates' guidance — and they expressed a great many philosophies — we've come out with a good document. The passage of it by an overwhelming vote at the Convention is certainly a testimony to the good document that it is, and I hope the people will ratify it at the election in May.

(Budget)

Q. Governor, as you know there was some criticism at the recent session of the Legislature about some of your budget proposals. It didn't provide scholarships. It was also said by some legislators that you didn't work as closely with the budget director as you could.

A. Well, I didn't think those criticisms were ever justified. I have had some communications with the budget department. I think my relationships with the legislative leadership are good. I find no breakdown in communication anywhere at the moment. I look with no remorse on anything.

Q. Does Mr. Lauber need more time to devote to his surveys and studies?

A. Well, Mr. Lauber has been totally released for this purpose and I am dealing on budget matters directly with Mr. Slicher. Mr. Lauber has the full time to devote to this purpose.

NEWS RELEASE ON ACTION TO MEET CRITICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RIOTS

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Governor Agnew announced today that President Johnson has approved his request for the establishment of a high-level team to efficiently marshal all Federal, State, and local resources to assure a rapid and orderly recovery from the riots in Baltimore. The team will be composed of a representative of the President, the Governor, and Mayor D'Alesandro.