

In the 1968 election, I believe the stake is nothing less than survival — not of the Republican Party — but of America as “one nation, under God, *indivisible*, with liberty and justice for all.”

NEWS CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENTS AT
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Governor: Gentlemen, about a half an hour ago we received word from Princess Anne that some 200 students had held a two-hour rally and had left the campus for a march through the town; after which, as I understand it, they intend to fan out through the community. The observers feared that the situation was getting a little bit tenuous, that tempers were high, that sentiment was high and that trouble could result.

When I heard this, while I was sitting at a Board of Public Works meeting, I immediately recalled the very constructive meeting I had held with certain members of the Alumni Association of Maryland State College, and one of the student leaders, months ago. And it seemed to me a most unfortunate situation to allow to occur without some affirmative effort to stop it. So irrespective that there has been no request for a meeting by any one from Maryland State — student or faculty or official — I have decided to initiate a request for a meeting sometime late this afternoon, here in Annapolis, between representatives of the student body — up to ten representatives — and myself.

To get this word out I've requested General Gelston to contact Dr. Ware, who is my representative on the scene. I've also spoken with Dr. Williams, the president of the College, and he is attempting to pass this information along. Now it's my very sincere hope that because of the past rapport between Maryland State and this administration, and the excellent and constructive meeting that resulted from a request by the Alumni Association months ago, that we can resume an orderly discussion of the problems and thereby avert any violence or unfortunate explosion which would do no more than cause a tightening of attitudes and a setback to the students, the faculty and the State.

I am also attempting to reach Mr. Warren Morgan, who was a member of that earlier meeting that I mentioned, with the request