

As part of the Governor's announced overall economy moves, he has also imposed a 21-day hospital-in-patient limitation per illness on the persons in the Medicaid program who are classed as medically indigent.

At the same time the Governor announced that in order to meet a deficit of some \$2 million in the program in the current fiscal year which ends June 30, he has authorized the diversion of Federal funds for the program which were in excess of the estimates by approximately the deficit amount.

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### "MEET THE PRESS," NBC-TV, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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Mr. Lawrence E. Spivak, Moderator: Our guests today on this special one-hour edition of MEET THE PRESS are four Governors expected to play important roles as favorite sons in the Republican Presidential contest. They are Governors George Romney of Michigan, Raymond P. Shafer of Pennsylvania, Spiro T. Agnew of Maryland and Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma.

The reporters on our panel today are John Dancy of NBC News, David S. Broder of the *Washington Post*, Ernest B. Furgurson of the *Baltimore Sun*, and Robert J. Donovan of the *Los Angeles Times*.

#### Questions to, and Answers by, Governor Agnew

Mr. Spivak: Governor Agnew, you were Governor Rockefeller's first and staunchest supporter when he wasn't a candidate. Why won't you come out in support of him now that he is a candidate?

Governor Agnew: Politics is quite a bit connected and concerned with timing, and I feel that Governor Rockefeller waited too long. I think certainly that, even more than that, Mr. Nixon's campaign has run very well, and I think that since the Dr. King assassination and since the riots that followed that, the country has made a very definite change in philosophy, so that I would now place Mr. Nixon in the category of being a very likely winner in November, rather than someone whom I thought earlier might not have a chance.

Mr. Spivak: Are you seeking simply to be with the winner, Governor?