

(State Revenue)

Q. Governor, have you had a report yet from the Slicher committee?

A. Only a very tentative interim report indicating that meetings are progressing and that we hope to have some better and more definite information within the next couple of weeks.

(Use of Chemical Mace)

Q. Governor, at the same AMA convention there were a number of reports delivered by doctors indicating that the chemical mace is doing permanent damage to some people. In view of that would you consider perhaps ordering a cessation of the use of mace here until there is a final medical judgment of some kind?

A. No, I haven't, because I haven't any real knowledge that the contentions made against chemical mace have any validity. And secondly, when you're dealing with lawlessness and the means of combating it other than the use of extreme force — in other words actually shooting down the people involved — you've got to expect that there are some risks attendant. I am certainly not going to order the abandonment of the use of one of the few tools that helps us control riot situations with nothing to replace it with.

(Welfare and Poor People's March)

Q. Governor, your comments on welfare rights. Are they in reference to the Poor People's March in Washington?

A. Well, in reference to anything concerning welfare: I believe that there is a need for welfare that we're never going to get rid of. For example, I'm not one of those who say that a negative income tax will do away with the need for welfare, because in the first place how can you possibly find the people to pay the negative income tax who are going to take care of the dependent children and we are going to take care of the invalid people many of whom are on welfare? I think sometimes we get over-emotional in our reaction to the welfare problem. There are unquestionably people on welfare who have to be on welfare and they are our responsibility, as citizens more fortunate than they, to care for. On the other hand, when you talk about the Poor People's March, I would doubt very strongly whether there are a great number of people involved in that who would have to be on welfare. I know that there's a ruling made by the Department —HEW — Health, Education and Welfare to send their welfare checks to Resurrection City. Well, this is incongruous to me that they would have their checks forwarded there. It seems to me if they are mobile