

between the time that I was elected and today you can't find any inconsistency. If anything I have moved more to the liberal side. I have decided, for example, that open housing should be unqualified. I took the position during the campaign that it should not apply to single family house sales. I now feel that, in spite of the constitutional question involving the private sale of an individual to another, that open housing — the interest in open housing — transcends this, that the situation in this country does demand that there must be a lack of emphasis on race.

The biggest race questions that are arising today come, I submit to you, from the civil rights militants who are trying to create an unhealthy black racism in this country. And we've got to do something about that. I've always thought that the whole purpose of civil rights was one thing — that eventually, if everything goes the way we'd like it to go, I can sit down with a man of any color or creed and talk to him and not even think of the fact that he is a Negro or a white, or his religious affiliation, or anything about him. I can appraise him as an individual based on his individual work. That's what this is all about. Not black racism or white racism.

(Prospects for National Office)

Q. Governor, you are speaking out more and more on national issues. Are you pledged to serve the full four years as Governor?

A. I was elected to serve four full years, and I would say this just to give you a hint: We don't have a Lieutenant Governor here, and under the Constitution I suppose what happens if I would move to the national scene is that we would have a Democratic Governor very quickly. Now, that doesn't sound very likely to you does it?

Q. Are you then saying that you're pledging yourself to serve four years?

A. You'll have to draw the conclusions that you wish to draw. I am not anticipating any move out of the Governor's office at this moment. I'll put it that way.

(Republican Platform — Welfare)

Q. Governor, even though you are not going to be on the platform committee at the Republican Convention, are you still going to make any effort to have the platform to include that the Federal government take over the welfare program?

A. I'm going to try to do that, yes; I believe very strongly in that. I brought that up before the Republican Governors' Conference in an