

centive to obstructionism to make a particular point on some particular detail.

Q. What was your reaction to the bill to transfer from the Governor power to make several appointments in Baltimore County?

A. *It was a childish gesture. I believe it made somewhat of a mockery of the principle of local option. The four Baltimore County Senators out of seven who opposed this bill, and the select committee, were just overridden for political considerations alone. I don't know what the Senate was trying to prove, whether they were trying to assert their independence or some degree of domination over the executive branch. I couldn't care less about the three appointments. I just think it's bad procedure. I think it makes a bad image for the Senate when they keep shifting the control of various appointments between local and State government to meet the exigencies of what party happens to be making the appointments.*

Q. Are you going to veto that bill?

A. I expect to veto the bill, yes.

Q. Up in New York, the Republicans back James Meredith for Congress. What do you think of that?

A. I think the Republicans have an obligation to put a candidate up that they think can win. If they think James Meredith is a candidate who can win, I think they ought to put him up.

Q. Do you have a reaction to the problems of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell?

A. On the Powell matter, my view is that it was a tactical blunder on the part of the Congress to remove Adam Clayton Powell. I think the matter could have been handled as an internal disciplinary situation a lot more effectively. But, I have enough problems down here that I don't lose any sleep ruminating over that too long.

Q. Governor, have you any reading about how the traffic safety and bridge bills are moving through the Legislature?

A. Yes, the safety package seems to be moving along very well. I don't know just where the bill to create a people's advocate is; that's one I have lost track of for the moment. The bills on the bridge priority assignment seem to be making some progress. None of these bills are out of committee yet, as I understand it, but they seem to be doing all right in the committee as far as I can see. This doesn't mean they won't be amended, of course.