

(Race Relations)

different opinions on, and obviously I don't think I am waiting too long or I wouldn't be waiting.

Q. Governor, both Whitney Young and Roy Wilkins at the CORE convention endorsed what they call "Black Unity," the idea of Negroes sticking together despite differences in philosophy. You had high praise for both these gentlemen and, at the same time, criticism toward that very concept, it seems. Would you care to comment on that?

A. Well, first of all I think your premise is wrong. They both didn't endorse the same thing. As a matter of fact Roy Wilkins took an entirely different tack than Whitney Young did. Roy Wilkins brought out some of the very points that I had brought out in my remarks to the Negro leadership in Baltimore several months ago — that is, that there can't be total unity in a community as large as the black community, because obviously with that number of people involved, there have to be some that are undesirable; just as there have to be some whites who are undesirable. The point that I have been trying to make and keep trying to make is that if progress is going to continue and be accelerated as we would like to see it accelerated, one of the first requirements is that there be a moderate unity between both races. You can't split off and polarize one from the other. Obviously with the white community being as large as it is in numbers, the assistance, support and active efforts are required if the changes that we all recognize must come are to come.

Now Whitney Young apparently, although I haven't seen his remarks, apparently he took a tack along the line that you suggested — that there has to be a total black unity. I disagree with this, and it doesn't make any difference who says it — I think it's a mistake. I think that the unity that's important is the moderate unity of both races to achieve the results of people who are thinking along the conventional lines of changing the system from within through lawful means. That's what needs to be done.

(Executive Branch Reorganization)

Q. Governor, you recommended a change in the executive branch. What changes do you think are needed?

A. Well, the same kind of thing that was discussed in the Constitutional Convention: the streamlining of the multi-agency structure that we presently have and possibly the modification of certain multi-headed boards into agencies with single heads to make for easier con-