

(Special Legislative Session)

because the tokens can very easily be exchanged at a later time for money or anything else.

Q. Governor, do you think there will be a necessity for a special session of the Legislature?

A. Well, the comment that I read in the morning paper about a special session was only the suggestion of a small subcommittee. There's been no request from the Legislative Council or from any of the formal leadership of the Legislature. I'd like to avoid a special session if at all possible. It's an expensive procedure, and the State is laboring with financial difficulties at the present time. I can't tell whether we're going to be able to avoid it, because such things as the declaratory decree on the Usury Law, the state of the financial problem, are not well-known and defined at the moment. But you can rest assured that I'm not going to be for a special session unless it's absolutely necessary.

(Appropriations Bill Ruling)

Q. Governor, do you see any problems posed to the State by Judge Shearin's ruling in Montgomery County yesterday on the Appropriations Bill?

A. Well, I can only believe my legal officer who says that the curative law that was passed by the special session specifically answered the objections of the Court of Appeals, and therefore he doesn't agree with the Judge's finding. We'll have to wait naturally until there's been a judicial review of that decision. The Judge involved, I understand, is a very capable lawyer. This doesn't mean that the Court of Appeals can't disagree with him.

Q. Will that case be appealed?

A. Oh yes.

(National Guard - Riot Orders)

Q. Governor, there is a disagreement apparently between General Sproul and General Gelston about what orders the National Guard was under in Baltimore. Do you know who is correct?

A. Well, I don't, because I try to stay out of the actual technicalities of how any agency of the State government is to operate. General Gelston says there's nothing to General Sproul's contentions, and General Gelston is our Adjutant General. Until somebody proves otherwise, I believe what he says.