

this out: Mr. Lowe said to me he didn't know exactly what the lending institutions wanted. The only thing he could figure was that they wanted him to say, "Yes, I meant what I said when I prepared the law. And it's up to the courts to construe this situation." I don't believe there's going to be any need for a special session on it after it's been through the courts.

(Special Session Prospects)

**Q.** Governor, on the subject of special sessions. If the Legislative Council asked you to call a special session for the purpose of drafting some constitutional amendments, would you call one?

**A.** It depends on what the amendments are and how vital the amendments are after they are presented to me, and it depends to some extent on how many people in the Legislature line up behind that sort of thing. I can't guess how urgent these are going to be or what case for urgency's going to be made out. But I do tell you this much — because I think in complete fairness I should say it — I am going to resist a special session if at all possible this year because, frankly, I think that if a special session convenes there will be — it will be opened up to a diverse subject matter and may drag on for a considerable length of time.

**Q.** Do you consider the lengthening of the sessions from 70 to 90 days an emergency that —

**A.** Not right off hand.

(St. Mary's County Meeting)

**Q.** Governor, what was the essence of your meeting, I think it was yesterday, with some people about oil storage tanks in St. Mary's County?

**A.** I didn't have any such meeting yesterday, Mr. Homan.

**Q.** Do you have a meeting scheduled?

**A.** If I do, I am not aware of when it is scheduled.

(Office Note: A member of the Governor's staff, Richard W. McClelland, held a meeting in Baltimore today with representatives from St. Mary's County to gather information for the Governor on the oil storage tank issue and has not yet reported to the Governor. This apparently was the meeting referred to in the above question.)

(Viet Nam)

**Q.** Governor, a while back in commenting on the Viet Nam war you said that it drained away a great deal of money that could be