

used in the cities and at the same time you said you stood behind the President. Has your view changed or does your position still remain the same?

A. I still haven't been provided with any intelligence that I think I could rely on to change my judgment. Of course, nearly everyone in political life today is in agreement that it is draining away a tremendous amount of money that could be profitably employed in solving some of the crucial domestic problems of our time. But on the other hand I haven't seen anyone that's come up with a solution to the continuation of what's going on over there, through the negotiating period at least, and I notice in the morning paper that some of the solutions that have been advanced by Governor Rockefeller have come under heavy fire from the South Vietnamese General Assembly — or National Assembly.

(Nixon Position on Crimes)

Q. Governor, at the last press conference you were asked what you thought of Nixon's position that those persons convicted of crimes involving the use of firearms should be given jail sentences. You said you'd comment on it a few weeks from then.

A. Yes. I have looked at that and I think it's probably something that should be left entirely to the court. I am not sure I am in substantial agreement that as a matter of fact in every instance — without regard to any modifying or ameliorating circumstances that may exist — that blanketwise you're going to impose a jail sentence. It seems to me that these cases can vary in their severity greatly, and the person to decide which ones get jail sentences and which ones may be eligible for some kinder treatment would rest with the trial judge after he's made a post-trial investigation of the matter.

(Frisks)

Q. Governor, on the same subject. Do you favor more frisks under the current State statutes, frisks to make sure there aren't any concealed weapons?

A. Well, I basically agree with the Attorney General's ideas about the enforcement of the frisk law. And again this is an area — as so many of them are — where the common sense of the law enforcement agent who happens to be making the search at the moment is a very important ingredient in preventing abuse.

I think sometimes in our effort to be totally aware of the safeguards of an individual we jeopardize the safety of the general public