

(Shotguns in Fire Houses)

Q. Governor, do you have any thoughts on the announcement in Baltimore County that fire stations are getting shotguns?

A. I think it's a good idea. I think the fire stations should have protection, particularly since in some other areas when riots have broken out there have been efforts to impede the firemen in putting out the fires that have developed. I think they should have protection.

Q. Are you thinking this on a Statewide basis, I take it, Governor, which would include Baltimore City?

A. Yes.

(Special Session — Resumed)

Q. Governor, is your reluctance to call a special session based in any way on your desire to postpone legislative action on your vetoed bills?

A. No, I don't think that the vetoed bills are as politically exciting as those of the last session. Senate Bill 1 which was the veto that incurred the wrath of Senator Lee has been the subject of subsequent discussions between the Senator and me and I am hopeful that the work that is going on now in the staff and which will involve the Senator will permit a compromise which will accommodate both our points of view on that subject. I don't think there are any vetoes that I am so concerned about that I would resist a special session just to protect them, for the time being.

(Lindsay Visit)

Q. Governor, Mayor Lindsay of New York is going to be in Baltimore on Monday. Do you intend to meet with him?

A. I didn't know he was going to be in Baltimore, Monday, but I will be attending the National Governors' Conference in Cincinnati and won't be in the City at that time, which, of course, is the reason also that I won't be able to meet with Governor Reagan when he comes in to meet with the delegates.

(Rockefeller)

Q. Is Governor Rockefeller going to come back to Baltimore next Thursday or Friday?

A. There is an effort by the Rockefeller supporters to bring the Governor back into Maryland for a social gathering similar to the one that was held last night. And I'd be delighted to have such an affair for him if he is able to accommodate it to his schedule.