

heads have agreed to try to live within — not happily, of course, but certainly after considering the financial bind the State finds itself in — total some \$11.5 million. This \$11.5 million will probably be increased to some extent by additional reversions from education which can't be determined at this moment. The reason the education picture's so difficult to project accurately is, of course, that there are certain mandatory things in education that cannot be affected by executive action and we have to try to find out to what extent the educators are willing to allow us to trim these items — and this takes a little more time. I hope to have a detailed breakdown for you by the time I return from the Republican National Convention in Miami. So it does look like, at this moment, at least \$11.5 million will be trimmed — further trimmed — from the State budget for this current year.

Questions and Answers

Q. How does that affect the general picture since the last report, Governor?

A. Well, I think, the closest we could figure, we were looking at a deficit of some \$42 million. So this would cut it down by say \$12 million for the time being. I have no further announcements.

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Q. Governor, *Newsweek Magazine* carried a delegates' count, state-by-state, and included favorite sons in nine states but not in Maryland. Did they have any authority for this omission?

A. Well, I think the reason they did that was that I made a statement in Cincinnati that I thought that probably my name would not be placed in nomination. I think this is still a reasonably safe assumption. I would expect that I will have made a determination of what I'm going to do and release the Maryland delegation before the balloting begins on Wednesday.

Q. How will you make that determination, Governor? What factors will be involved in it?

A. A diversity of factors will be considered. Of course, mainly my conversations with the delegates, the sum total of what I've learned in my reading and talking over the past couple of months, some attention to the polls — although they seem to be a little confused these days about the result; the results don't seem to be too uniform between the Harris poll and Gallup poll — and, well, a complete conglomeration of information that I probably couldn't even define