

A. I think what I said — I was asked whether I thought that Senator McCarthy was right in indicating that he didn't feel Czechoslovakia was a very serious matter and I said I did feel it was. I think certainly that in spite of the fact that Czechoslovakia is a member of the Warsaw Pact and not a member of NATO, and in spite of the fact that we have no treaty obligations to Czechoslovakia, there are still people in that country who would like to have the right of self-determination, and when those rights are taken away it concerns all of us and gravely concerns all of us. On the other hand to say that we should take some unilateral step without the consultation of NATO and without very serious consideration of the overall nuclear implications of taking any aggressive action at this moment, particularly in view of the fact that we are now discussing a reduction of nuclear tension with the Soviet Union — I think that would be a mistake. We've got to continue to watch the situation. I only hope that Mr. Svoboda's trip to Russia will prove fruitful and that we can have this matter cured without the necessity for any further action being taken outside of the Soviet sphere.

(Staff Employees on Leave for Campaign)

Q. Governor, the State employees who are being taken off the payroll for the campaign. Do they continue to work in their State offices?

A. No, they will not. They were taken off the State payroll immediately but they have, at my direction, certainly made themselves available while they are here so that there can be an orderly transition of their duties. There may have been some overlap in the calls they receive because sometimes it's very difficult to separate the political from the State calls. They will not do any State work whatsoever nor will they use those offices. And as a matter of fact, so that we can separate the political from the nonpolitical, as far as my personal secretary is concerned, which is a nearly impossible task to do totally, we have installed political telephones and that sort of thing here. But there will be a political headquarters open and we are taking every step that we can think of to be sure that there is no use of State facilities for political reasons.

(Staff Fill-ins)

Q. Governor, are you going to appoint temporary fill-ins for the staff people who will be leaving their duties, especially Mr. Sohmer who doesn't have a back-up?