

A. Well, I think that Mr. Sohmer's function as Appointments Officer is so politically oriented in the first place that we may be able to get away without appointing a replacement during these few months that are coming. We have done a considerable amount of work in advance on the appointments — the biennial appointments that come up — technically known as the Green Bag, and there really isn't a great amount of work to be done at this point.

(Most Vital Campaign Issues)

Q. Governor, after a couple weeks now of campaigning, what do you see emerging at the moment as the most important issue?

A. The most important issues are clearly going to be the foreign tensions that exist both in the Middle East and Europe, the war in Viet Nam, the issue of the problems of the cities and crime in the streets. These are the issues that I think will dominate all other issues of this campaign.

MESSAGE TO MARYLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION

(Presented by Edward J. McCabe, Program Executive, Public Safety)

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This year's Maryland Chiefs of Police Convention is significantly and perhaps even symbolically timed for it falls between the two national political conventions, where the subject you deal with day to day has become the subject for today.

It is evident that the problems surrounding law enforcement, which have been your primary, professional concern for many years, have at last become the primary, domestic problem of national concern.

It is encouraging that the enforcement of law and pursuit of justice are at last winning their deserved priority in each party's platform and in the American people's attention.

For you, the professional police executive and administrator, this political and popular support has created the viable climate you have long awaited. This is the time to press for progress, the chance to make a genuine breakthrough.

The Omnibus Crime Bill represents a significant step forward and one which we in Maryland intend to utilize to the fullest. In ad-