

line to where they had a sense of dignity and achievement and sophistication and assurance — just as the Japanese Americans, just as the Korean Americans and the Chinese Americans and the Polish Americans and everyone else — because the United States is now reaching a point where your ancestry is simply an interesting point of conversation, not a slur, and we won't stop until we find that in this country of America Negro Americans who have been so long discriminated against can feel the same way.

If I have inadvertently offended anyone I am sorry — I am truly sorry. To those of you who have misread my words I only say you've misread my heart.

NEWS RELEASE AND STATEMENT ON MARYLAND GAMBLING STUDY COMMISSION

October 16, 1968

Governor Agnew today commended the Maryland Gambling Study Commission for its in-depth study of horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in the State.

"Commission Chairman Clarence Miles and members Charles S. Garland, Robert B. Hobbs, and Stanford L. Hoff have performed an outstanding public service," the Governor said, "and the documented depth of their work demands a close study."

The Commission plan calls for a thorough reorganization of the State's existing racing structure. It would not only substantially increase the State's annual revenue from racing but would also allow Maryland to maintain its preeminence in the racing world in the face of increasing competition from nearby states.

"Mr. Miles has told me that the Commission is not seeking the approval of the Legislature at this time for the specific plan proposed," the Governor said. "They urge only the adoption of amendments to existing laws which would make it possible at some future time for the plan to be adopted with the approval of the Racing Commission and the track owners."

"It is my hope," the Governor said, "that the Legislature will take whatever action is required to give the Racing Commission the authority to consider and pass upon a plan of the nature proposed by the Miles Commission if such is presented for consideration."