

1 Commission in a historic report to secure these rights  
2 stated leadership by the Federal Government in safe-  
3 guarding civil rights does not mean exclusive action by  
4 that government.

5 There is much that the states and the local  
6 governments can do in this field and much that they alone  
7 can do. In certain areas, they must do far more than  
8 parallel Federal action, either for Constitutional reasons--  
9 this must remain the primary duty of the state in its  
10 protection of its citizens' rights and it went on to  
11 also call attention to administrative reasons.

12 As I have talked with the delegates in the  
13 Convention, I understand anew the tragedy of racial segre-  
14 gation and racial isolation and separation in this coun-  
15 try because there are many good men and women in this  
16 state of good will, but they do not understand the serious-  
17 ness of this problem nor the extent to which it is en-  
18 trenched nor the damaging effects which affect both the  
19 dominant majority and the oppressed minority.

20 Our governor has given -- our present governor  
21 has given constructive leadership in this area, our former  
governor who sits as a delegate to this Convention also