

1 Should the election of State officials be
2 moved to odd-numbered years when no Federal officials are
3 elected?

4 I see no need for a change here. I think we
5 have enough elections now.

6 Of course, it was changed once, as you remem-
7 ber, when the Democratic party got rather worried about
8 the election of a Republican President. We elected a
9 Republican President, and when we did that, they went along
10 and elected Republicans down the line. I remember in
11 Governor Ritchie's administration, they changed that.
12 That's why Governor Ritchie served only three years instead
13 of four years, served fifteen years instead of sixteen
14 years, so he wouldn't come along with the President, and
15 in that way they would be able to elect more Democratic
16 governors. I say that in a friendly way, Pres.

17 The next question is, Should the Governor take
18 office sooner than the fourth Wednesday in January so that
19 he can assume responsibility for budget preparation for
20 the next legislative session, and my answer to that is,
21 although there is some question to it, I think the present