

A. No, I'm not really surprised that such a few members of the Legislature did file. Most of them find it rather burdensome to attend the regular session, to take that time out of their normal vocational life. So it's hard to give an additional three to four months on top of that.

Q. Governor, Elroy Boyer, chairman of the legislative Constitutional Convention Committee, said today that the convention election was developing into popularity. People who have the biggest names, and before the public for years, have the best chance to win, because for one reason the Convention Commission has not yet issued its final report and so there's very little on which to campaign. Do you have any comment on that?

A. I think that most elections do develop into popularity contests. I recognize the points you make that the material upon which to campaign is rather sparse. But a good candidate for the Constitutional Convention should be able to produce his own material. He should have some ideas about what he wants to accomplish in this convention without reading what somebody thinks he should do. So it's not really a totally valid position to take that simply because he can't figure out what the people want him to do, he's handicapped.

Q. Governor, there was another suspension yesterday within the penal system. Have you heard anything further from either the Attorney General or the State Police as to the progress of the investigation?

A. Yes, I have been in very recent touch with the Attorney General. As a matter of fact, Mr. Lally, my program executive in that area, sits in all those meetings to keep me in close touch with the proceedings. It looks to me, because the scope of the probe has constantly widened and with new rackets being divulged in the course of the investigation, that at least another 60 days will be required to complete it.

Q. What about the post of Director of the Department of Correction? How are we progressing there?

A. I haven't talked with Judge Michaelson, the Chairman of the ad hoc committee, recently, but we're sending him all of the applications we receive and that committee is going forward with its screening of applicants. I don't have anything definite to tell you on that this morning.

Q. Governor, three months ago this morning, you stood out here and took an oath, or rather went in the Senate chamber and took an oath,