

done an awful lot and they are continuing to do more with our assistance. We have programs begun now in conjunction with them, which will have to be adopted finally by the local authorities, that should assist the City of Cambridge greatly. But I want to make it clear, and I'm glad you raised that question — I intended to raise it myself if you hadn't — that the claims of the delegation that came from Cambridge to complain about the lack of housing and other wrongs purportedly foisted on them by the city and county officials were grossly exaggerated.

Q. Will this have an effect at all on your opinion about General Burch's report to the committee?

A. No.

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Good morning, everyone. After several days at the Southern Governors' Conference, I find myself talked out to an extent that I will just yield to your questions.

Q. Governor, several of the delegates to the Convention noted your absence and were wondering why you did not see fit to come to the opening of the only convention to be held in the next one hundred years.

A. Well, I discussed that with people in the administration and also with some of the members of the Convention and it was considered that since I had already made two formal appearances before the delegates, that it was more important that I attend the Southern Governors' Conference. I was to appear on the opening day, before the Convention. And arrangements have been made for me to appear before the Convention or its executive committee with a formal statement *within the next ten days*. So it was the question of the relative importance of the occasions. Now, had I not had a chance to speak to the delegates previously, I would have considered it imperative to appear at the Convention. But since I had met with them on two other occasions, it was considered to be more important that Maryland's point of view be represented at the Southern Governors' Conference.