

sioner of Correction and the Advisory Board of Correction. I think that misunderstandings caused the problem that arose, and I think a rather insensitive action on the part of the Commissioner may have brought about some of the misunderstanding. I think he could have handled the situation a little more tactfully. On the other hand, I support fully, as I indicated yesterday, his right to make decisions affecting his personnel. And I recognize that the Advisory Board is nothing more than an Advisory Board to give advice, the value of which must ultimately be determined by the Commissioner himself. I feel after talking to the Advisory Board that it does not misconstrue what it's there to do and that it only wants to have a chance to have the advice that it offers seriously considered before a decision is made. I think maybe the Commissioner acted a little impetuously, hastily, on the advice. Maybe he didn't wait to receive as much of it as they would have liked to give him. But the matter can be reconciled between the two groups, between the Commissioner and the group, I'm certain. I've got full confidence in the Commissioner. I think the group is a group that serves well and will be of great assistance to him, and I'm going to do everything I can to make them work compatibly.

Q. Do you still favor keeping an Advisory Board as well as a Commissioner of Corrections?

A. Yes indeed, I think it's a useful function and I don't think anyone could ever charge an Advisory Board with the responsibility of the failure of an administration, because it's not a policy making board and only exists in an advisory capacity. It has no responsibility to move into every area of corrections. It has only the responsibility to offer such advice as it feels would assist the accountable department head in administering his department. So I don't criticize the advisory board because of failures of the past prison administration. I think that Commissioner Cannon would be well advised to utilize the members of the board who have been through and seen quite a bit of correctional confusion, who give their opinions to him so that we can avoid a repetition of some of these things, and I'm sure that's his intention.

Q. Do you think there's a possibility of personality conflicts between these two people?

A. There are always personality conflicts and most of these arise because of a lack of communication. I think that's part of the trouble here, and I intend to be the catalyst to stimulate a free flow of information between the Advisory Board and the Commissioner.