

I hold no brief for either side. This is a matter which is of such a nature that one can very easily say that unless and until they move in from the outside to take over, and I have no evidence to indicate to what extent this is or is not taking place, as long as the State of Maryland regulates its racing and determines that racing as now regulated is a subject matter which it deems to be proper as long as properly regulated, then I say to you that these are matters which have been laid to rest.

If you disagree or quarrel with them, there is the legislature. You may petition them and have your cause heard.

On the subject of bingo, an effort has been made to construe bingo as lottery; two decisions of the lower court hold that it is not.

I think there is a case pending now before the Court of Appeals where somebody who lost money at bingo said it is a lottery and they are entitled to get their money back. I do not and would never presume to say what the Court of Appeals would do on any given case, but as the law stands, I give you my measured judgment the fact that bingo is not affected by our decisions here with respect to lottery grants.

Now, with respect to the rights of the political subdivisions, because here you now have for the first time a totally new issue, I hope that this issue can be presented to those of you who hold the view that this is not of constitutional import, and I hope that I can change that attitude on your part.

We have after much discussion, after much effort, passed a local provision. We have said to the local governments: these are the powers which you shall have. We have said to them that on taxation powers the General Assembly may take them away. You cannot legislate on matters involving the judiciary. You keep the powers that you have until the State takes it away, but now if you do not put in this restraint against lottery in this constitution, this is what can happen.

Every political subdivision can reach the conclusion that it can operate its own lottery; mind you, this is not a tax, this is a right which I assume the political subdivision would have. It can operate a lottery, let us say for a swimming pool. It can operate a lottery, let us say, for a golf course, and having that power, the adjacent county or the adjacent city can say: we will operate a lottery and ours will be for a totally different purpose and you will

soon see proliferated throughout the State of Maryland, one of the sorriest spectacles of each particular local government and county government seeking to take advantage until the people stop it, of what might be a loophole in what we have done.

I grant you that at the next session of the legislature this power can be taken away but it is going to be hard to argue that if it is all right for the State to do it, why can't the county. I find it hard to argue that to people who want to grant these lottery permits.

One of the other arguments that we have made is to say to you that granting lottery permits, that granting the right for lottery does not stop the corruption and the gambling controlled by the professionals.

Anybody who knows the facts of life knows that this is so. I do not say to you that you consider me or yourselves as authorities. Let me read to you from the *Washington Post* of November 21, 1967.

I assure you I am not going back to Jefferson's day, I am not going back to even ten years ago, I am going back just a few weeks and here is a dispatch dealing with gambling in Great Britain, and this is what they say.

"Seven years ago Britain authorized legal gambling and set off a boom in which billions of dollars changed hands most of it finding its way into the pockets of the betting shop owners and the gambling house proprietors."

And now I beg of you to listen to the next paragraph.

"With the boom came an influx of criminals including members of the Mafia, either acting on their own or observing the gambling scene for possible large-scale investment by foreign organizations." I do not quote myself any longer as I felt I was 15 years ago or 17 years ago an authority on this subject. I simply quote to you what has happened; when I say the professional, when I say the Mafia, I am reading what others say.

I think everybody here would agree that if ever you were going to quote from a conservative journal, you would say that the *Wall Street Journal* is about as conservative as they come.

I have here a report, December 27, 1966, less than a year ago, a report from one of their staff reporters in which he says, quoting the Home Secretary as follows: "This country has become a gamblers paradise,