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Press Pool #6--Cuyahoga Mayors & City Managers Reception, Head Table Reception, Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

The Pool began with a fascinating tour of the inter-workings of the hotel, including a great many up and down staircases and a kitchen, where the waitresses in white uniforms lined up as in an honor guard to see us through. We arrived at the Terminal Room in time to see the President come in and greet several dozen members of the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association. The press was promptly herded into an inaccessible corner of the room, but I worked my way out in time to tape the President telling the Mayors that the Revenue Sharing bill reported out by the House Committee, which he indicated is scheduled for floor action next week, was "a bad bill".

"The bill the full Committee put out you won't want," he said, adding that they should fight for the Subcommittee bill or the measure that he recommended. "If we go down the road of the full Committee bill, you might as well not have General Revenue Sharing. It'll tie you up, it'll hamstring you, it'll be just like another categorical grant," the President said. He said the officials should get hold of their members of Congress and "twist a little arm, but don't buy the full Committee bill. It's a bad bill." He said the Subcommittee version was "not quite like I wanted it," but that it was a good piece of legislation.

From there, the President went to the Empire Room, where he informally greeted headtable guests for the Christians and Jews meeting. On his way to the meeting itself, he made an unscheduled drop-by at the Cleveland Press Golden Wedding Party, where he made a few informal remarks of greeting. Nearly 500 elderly people were in the room, all of them wearing golden cardboard crowns on their heads. From there he went directly to the Christians and Jews dinner.

Jeff Antevil--New York Daily News

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