

do to bring about a lasting peace to a troubled world. What can we contribute to further the cause of our country in its endeavor to promote tranquility among the brotherhood of nations? We can, I think, demonstrate our faith and confidence in the principles upon which this great republic of ours was founded in 1776. We can, I think, acknowledge that we, as Americans, have no monopoly on the natural rights of man in seeking to live in freedom and under just laws. We can promote the cause of liberty throughout the world by jealously guarding it here at home; by extending to all people those rights which our forefathers so rightly declared were *inalienable*.

In the global conflict that now exists, we are locked in deadly embrace with an *ideology* rather than a flesh and blood enemy. This is a sophisticated war in which we battle against the enslavement of the mind rather than the body. The future of our State and, indeed, of our nation depends upon our firm resolve to resist *encroachment* from an enemy that is constantly probing, constantly testing, to determine our will to resist. We can best resist this probing, this testing, by realizing that our national self interest must at all times take precedence, that we must stand united before a common enemy.

Each state, regardless of the problems that are peculiar to it, must realize that it shares a sacred responsibility to promote the interests of all Americans living within and without its own distinct borders. We must recognize that as citizens of a nation that epitomizes the ultimate hopes of mankind, we have an obligation to our fellow men in nations less fortunate. For in driving the despot's heel from America, we also assumed the burden of resisting despots in other nations as well. If, in so doing, this requires us to sacrifice, then let us sacrifice. If, to promote freedom and justice throughout the world, we are required to alter traditions, then let us alter traditions. The world is changing, we cannot afford to be so foolish as not to change with it. For in so doing, our short range sacrifices contribute to our obtaining what might best be described as the holy grail of peace.

Our more immediate task, however, is to insure that Maryland continues to progress in all areas of government. We must continue to provide for the education of our young people, for the rehabilitation of our mentally ill, for the care of our older citizens and those not able to cope with the daily task of earning their bread. We must rededicate ourselves to the conservation of our natural and human resources. We must recognize that Maryland is predominantly a State of urban dwellers with problems that are still far from solution—problems of traffic and transit, problems of water supply and sewer-