

To date we have made use of, or have plans to use, a total of \$13.7 million in Federal funds for highways, vocational education facilities, a regional health center, hospital additions and sewer projects, and a library.

We are also embarking on a longtime dream of an inter-regional highway which will again connect the great Valley of the Ohio with the ports and industries of the Middle Atlantic coast, including our Port of Baltimore.

All of these projects give new hope to the citizens of Western Maryland and to our entire State. We feel that this Congress has an obligation to see that these hopes are sustained and carried to fruition.

We urge your earnest consideration of the requests now before you from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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#### STATEMENT ON BALTIMORE TUGBOAT STRIKE

January 31, 1967

Several days ago Mayor McKeldin, Mr. Joseph Allen, the City Solicitor, and Mr. Leon Sachs, the Mayor's personal representative in the tugboat dispute, visited my office to brief me on the status of the controversy. At that time they expressed serious concern over the economic impact of the lengthy strike on the Port of Baltimore and requested that I use whatever means I could find to assist the parties in reaching settlement.

Subsequently, I met separately with representatives of the Union and of the companies involved for the purpose of becoming acquainted accurately with the unresolved issues.

Today the Union and Management have accepted my suggestion that, beginning Monday, February 7, they will reconvene at the Governor's office in Baltimore, under the auspices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to make an intensive effort to solve the impasse. Mr. William Simkin, Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, has advised me that Mr. Walter Maggiolo, Disputes Director of that Service, will act as mediator. Sessions are scheduled Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 7, 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.