

legislative branches of the government are by their very nature aggressive in their will to power and that, in the exercise of authority, they were capable of affecting adversely the judiciary. The absolutely true statement was made by Dean Pound that, because the judiciary controls neither the purse nor the police and other branches, it must rely on fairness and justice, but more important the support of the other two departments.

Speaking, if I may, for the executive branch, I can give absolute assurance that the judiciary does have and will continue to have the support of the executive branch in Maryland.

MARYLAND STATE GAME AND FISH PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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IT is a welcomed opportunity, which your splendid organization has afforded, to discuss with you frankly and fully the most important subject of Conservation. Not only because the question, in its many phases, is among the most vital affecting the interests of the entire State, but for the further fact that no group approaches the solution of the question with more unselfishness and public-spiritedness than you, do I experience genuine pleasure in making known to you the attitude of the present State Administration.

No State in the Union has been more generously dealt with by nature than Maryland. It is not necessary for me to recount to this audience the great abundance and diversity of fish and game which our first settlers found here in and around our bay, in our rivers and in our forests, nor of the wealth of our forest resources and fertility of our soil. We all know that story, we know only too well also, that for decades these resources have not been availed of to the greatest advantage.

Of course, much of this destruction was unavoidable consequence of the clearing of our land for agricultural purposes, of the growth of our cities and of an expanding population. Much, however, was the result of careless and improvident action. This is history. What concerns us here tonight, is the progress we are making in repairing this damage and in consideration of the important and extensive work that still remains to be accomplished in this field.

Conservation, in its truest sense, requires the preservation of our natural resources in the most prudent manner, so that for succeeding years, an undiminished abundance will be available to the citizens of our State. This does not mean, of course, that the present generation is not to use, and avail itself of, the products of our priceless possessions. Rather, intelligent Conservation guarantees, in most instances, a greater current supply for our own use, and then, an increasing subsequent supply for those who are to follow us.

I am of the opinion that as our Conservation interests are now being conducted in this State, we are making definite progress and will continue to do so. Our State Game and Inland Fish Commission, under the able direction of Chairman Garner W. Denmead, is developing and putting into effect, a well-conceived and comprehensive program to increase further the supply of game