

But the State Income Tax cannot be eliminated altogether. Any such foolish attempt would mean that the hospitals, the child caring institutions and the schools would not have sufficient financial support. Anybody who attempts to win votes by saying that income taxes in Maryland can be eliminated altogether at this time, is simply making another \$2 tag promise.

But the marked contrast between Republican and Democratic State Administration isn't confined to the fiscal situation. Let me invite your attention to the Judicial System of the State. Under Republican rule the Minor Judiciary was a blot upon the fair name of our State. Since we assumed office four years ago, a modern Trial Magistrates System has been adopted; the Traffic Court of Baltimore has been materially improved; and the People's Court of this City has been elevated to the highest possible plane. Also as a result of my suggestion, a system is in effect whereby appointments to the higher courts are made after recommendations are submitted by the Maryland State Bar Association and the Local Bar groups, resulting in the appointment of the most desirable jurists.

Again politics has not been the deciding factor as, for example, when I unhesitatingly appointed Chief Judge Sloan, of Cumberland, a Republican, and a Judge of eminently high qualifications.

Similar marked improvement is to be found in the functioning of the various State departments. In the State Industrial Accident Commission, so important to the interest of the working classes of the State; in the Department of State Police; in the Office of the Insurance Commissioner; in the administration of the Parole System; where most effective work has been done in the reclamation and rehabilitation of offenders. Likewise, in the correctional institutions, a vast change has been wrought, beneficial to the inmates and to the State, resulting in savings and increased work.

If time allowed it would be possible to detail the clear advantages which have resulted from the creation of the Legislative Council, under legislation which I sponsored four years ago. This continuing study of legislation between sessions not only has made for improvement of the quality of legislation, but has enabled the members of both houses of the General Assembly, irrespective of Party affiliation, to aid in the preparation and consideration of desirable laws. This innovation has been one of the most forward-looking steps taken in regard to the legislative process in Maryland during this generation.

These and many other accomplishments can be cited, and it is upon the basis of actual performance, rather than rash promises, that the Democratic Party rests its case. We appeal to the intelligence and the sound judgment of the voters. The record of the past deservedly earns for our Party a continuation, especially when we are in the midst of a crucial period. Our program for the future has been based upon the lessons and the experience of the past. That program will continue to advance Maryland along the path of good Government.

The voters of Maryland will be convinced, I am confident, that their best interests during these next four years will be served by retaining in office an Administration that has proven its ability to handle the situation. I, therefore,