



Lord Mountbatten addresses the Maryland Day Senate gathering in St. Marys City.

Earl helps colonials commemorate on Maryland Day in St. Marys City

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St. Marys City—The Maryland Senate, Governor and Mrs. Mandel, a host of state officials and Earl Mountbatten of Burma, admiral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's fleet, convened yesterday at the replica of Maryland's first state house here for a ceremonial session in commemoration of Maryland Day.

The Senate made the two-hour bus ride to the Campus of St. Marys College to debate and pass a resolution recognizing the historical significance of this bayside town, the first capital of the Maryland colony.

Governor and Mrs. Mandel came by helicopter to add to the pomp and circumstance of the occasion—a job they performed so well that a group of St. Marys College students be-

gan to bow and mumble "savaam" as the Mandels, surrounded by a phalanx of state troopers, left the campus student union.

The state officials came by state automobiles to see and be seen. Louis L. Goldstein, the comptroller, was notable for the latter activity as he streaked back and forth across the state house lawn into the camera range of the flock of photographers.

And Lord Mountbatten came as Governor of the Isle of Wight, from the shores of which Maryland's first European settlers set sail in 1633 to arrive on a date officially put as March 25, 1634.

The earl also came to steal the show, regal-
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Lord Mountbatten stood ramrod straight and without an umbrella as he saluted the colors. Governor and Mrs. Mandel and other officials looked on.

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ing the senators with a tale of his first visit to Annapolis on his honeymoon in 1922.

"At the close of my visit with the admiral at the Naval Academy, he lent toward me and said, 'The flag lieutenant wants to see you in his office.'

"Now I'd had flag lieutenants tell me the admiral wanted to see me in his office, but never the other way about," said Lord Mountbatten. "But I went, and the flag lieutenant locked the door behind me, took out some keys and opened a cabinet, which contained all the hard liquor which the admiral was not allowed to let me have."

In his introduction of the earl, Governor Mandel spoke briefly of the close co-operation between Britain and the United States in service to the free world.

Lord Mountbatten said Britain has gradually got over the loss of its former colony in America, and relations now are better than ever.

"Great Britain makes friends very slowly," he said. "The first 200 years are always the worst."

Tall and spare, upright and ascetic of feature, the earl provided for Maryland's officials the incarnation of every American's vision of a British nobleman. His remarks in the reconstructed statehouse may have marked the

first time anything close to the Queen's English was spoken in St. Marys City since the Seventeenth Century.

The state house building was built from the bricks of Maryland's first state house in 1934 to commemorate the Maryland colony's tricentennial. The whitewashed walls, hung with paintings of the Calvert family, and the light streaming through the blown-glass windowpanes gave an air of historical verisimilitude to the proceedings. To the right of the rostrum there was even a press table, complete with quill pens in an inkwell.

Appart from the helicopters chopping the air on the state house lawn, the only serious anachronisms were the earplugs and radios which the dozen state troopers in attendance were wearing.

The Governors exchanged gifts from their respective peoples, then the earl invited Governor Mandel to the Isle of Wight "on or about November 22" to commemorate the sailing of the two explorer ships.

As the dignitaries filed out of the state house for lunch in the college student union, most senators expressed their admiration for the earl. "Yes, you can see some class in that old crowd, can't you?" said Frederick C. Malkus (D., Middle Shore).

Senator Joseph S. Bonvegna (D., 46th, Baltimore) was surprised at how personable an earl could be. "Most British people," he said, "aren't that funny, you know."