

I know something of the objectives and the successes of this National Rivers and Harbors Congress in husbanding the finest of our natural resources—water. You have made notable achievements in the areas of flood control, navigation, irrigation, conservation and power development. You have done a splendid job in promoting a sound development of the country's water resources.

We in Maryland are particularly grateful to you for the good work you have done for the improvement of harbors and waterways. And we solicit your cooperation especially in aiding us to obtain a deepening of our harbor to accomodate the huge cargo ships now being used in the commerce of the world.

As Governor of the State, I extend to all of you a warm welcome to Maryland. I sincerely hope that your visit will be a pleasant one and that you will find it possible to return soon and often.