

Between now and Convention time these men, and others who are now only extreme dark horses, will be increasingly explaining themselves and their views to the American people, and especially to Democrats all over the nation. . . .

I would like to suggest to all of you good Maryland Democrats assembled here today, that under the conditions that prevail, Maryland would be wise to send to Los Angeles a delegation of alert and intelligent representatives. . . men and women who will be able to exercise to its fullest extent the traditional freedom of choice which is the proud hall-mark of our Democratic Party convention. . . By so doing, our small State, with its 18 convention votes, will be able to assure itself that it will be able to play its full role in what is sure to be the most exciting and wide-open convention that this nation has seen in many a day. . . . I believe that our Maryland Democratic voters, as they watch the convention proceedings on their television sets, will be proud to see our unfettered delegation casting its votes for the nominee who at convention time—has clearly emerged from the crowd as the true, the best, and the finest man to carry the standard of the Democratic presidential nomination . . . !

In the meantime, let us Maryland Democrats continue to concentrate in giving this State the best that is in us, so that we may show the voters,—through our actions in the administration of *this* State—that the Democratic Party is ready once again to take up the leadership of the nation as a whole! . . .

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This annual assemblage of Democratic women has become a date of first importance on the calendar of every Maryland Democrat who is interested in what has been called this "great game" of politics. Political careers and political campaigns have been launched from these platforms, and many decisions of significance to our Party and our State have been made at these gatherings. It is to me, as it is to others, always a great delight to come here and talk public affairs