

land today. It should be the objective of all of us connected with government to preserve it.

I would say to Mr. Cole and to Chevrolet-Baltimore, in conclusion, that Baltimore and Maryland are elated by the program you have announced and are gratified that you have placed your faith in us. We, too, are looking forward to sharing with you a progressive, prosperous and happy future.

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF NEW POWER PLANT
OF POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
DICKERSON

September 24, 1959

I should like, first of all, to congratulate the officers and the management of the Potomac Electric Power Company for their industry and their foresight in erecting this magnificent new generating station in Dickerson. And may I express the thanks of the people of Maryland, especially those living in the Washington Metropolitan Area, to the company for this valuable adjunct to the social and economic life of our community.

This power plant, situated in the charming and peaceful Potomac River Valley, stands as a monument to our American system of free enterprise, refuting the alien doctrine we have heard so much during the last several days that capitalism, motivated by the desire for profit, breeds evil and dissatisfaction among people. Here we see demonstrated by deed private industry's capacity to provide the needs of the people and private industry's interest in promoting the general welfare of the populace it serves. I was gratified to learn, from your president, Mr. Dunn, and others, of the cooperation Potomac Electric Power Company received from the officials of Montgomery County in this undertaking. It is satisfying to me to know that the project, in a measure, then, is a product of the cooperative effort of public officials and private businessmen. The political and economic system we have set up in this country will fulfill its potential only if this spirit of cooperation—of a joint effort to attain a common objective—prevails in the relationship of government to business.

The primary significance of this project, as I see it, is that it evidences PEPCO's determination and ability to supply the people in its operating area—the city of Washington and the urban sections of