

in the Appalachians could get together and take some kind of co-operative action on a regional basis, we would each be able to make more progress with our own internal problems.

The Economic Development Department took the initiative in arranging and setting up the May 20th Conference, and in the preparation of the preliminary report which formed the basis of our discussions. As a result, an interim committee was formed to consider what activities would be appropriate and useful for the states jointly to engage in, and five days from now we Governors are meeting again in Lexington, Kentucky, with Governor Combs to consider the committee's proposals.

Under the legislation creating the Department of Economic Development, that Department was also charged with the development of tourism in Maryland. Initiating a vigorous program, the old Department of Information at Annapolis has been expanded, and many new releases and features have been added to our tourist informational output. We are also engaged in the consolidation of old miscellaneous State tourism pamphlets, and are soon going to bring out a single new and very handsome promotional piece, containing many color photographs. Another new objective of the tourism program is to give expanded publicity to some of our traditional events. As a result, even the Crab Derby in Crisfield this summer received national coverage, with Governors from many Pacific as well as Atlantic Coast states sending spirited entries to the contest. Next year, an international crab derby is under consideration—a sort of crab olympics, you might say. I think the same kind of national promotion should be given Antietam, the Autumn Glory Program and other Maryland attractions.

These, then, are some of the accomplishments and aims of the Economic Development Department of the State of Maryland. I think that it is a praiseworthy record for an organization that a year ago had neither staff nor office space and equipment.

In my opinion there are many new industrial horizons still to be discovered here in Maryland, and I am pleased that we have a dynamic Economic Development Department to help us in our efforts to explore them.