

In Maryland, we are acutely aware of the tremendous competition for new industry among the various states and regions of the country. We believe that, with this great world seaport, a network of water, land, and air transportation, our location between the growing southeast and the populous northeast, our wealth of educational and research facilities, our abundance of natural and human resources, we have as much to offer here as can be offered anywhere else in the country. Our task is to exploit and promote these vast endowments. This we are trying to do. The brewing industry is deeply rooted in the economy of our State, and especially in the economy of this, our largest city. The State has become renowned for both the quantity and the quality of the products of its brewing plants. We, therefore, are pleased to receive as an adjunct of this segment of our industry the Carling Brewing Company, whose history goes back for nearly a century and a half and whose products are brewed in three nations and sold throughout most of the civilized world.

May I say once again that Maryland welcomes you warmly, and that the State will do its utmost to create the kind of economic climate in which you can grow and prosper. I am honored, I assure all of you, to have this opportunity to take part in these dedicatory exercises.

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It is a real pleasure to welcome you to this Conference on Federal Assistance Programs. You who are in attendance here this morning represent the real grass roots civic and political leadership of Maryland, and if these new and revitalized Federal Assistance Programs are to accomplish their purpose, you are the ones who must do the most important part of the work.

In fact, the Area Redevelopment Administration's instruction booklet says on the first page: "The basic process by which the act will operate places great responsibility on local initiative." For this reason, it is especially gratifying to see so many of you here. I do not want you to get the impression, however, that you will have to go it alone if you want to qualify your communities for the federal benefits which will be discussed and explained here today.

The State of Maryland is not adopting a spectator's role towards