

that many people all over the nation are focusing attention on this meeting here today.

It is my hope that from this meeting will emerge a new concept of federal contracting responsibility, a concept that—without detracting from our insistence that the best value be received from each federal dollar we spend—will nevertheless make it easier to channel those dollars into areas of labor surplus. Such a concept, originating here in Baltimore today, may have a difficult road from conception to fruition; but I feel that Secretary Goldberg's presence here today is positive evidence that the concept is off to a good start. I know that all of you are interested in his views on these very vital matters and the impressions which he has obtained from his visits this morning.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I introduce to you our truly great Secretary of Labor, Arthur Goldberg.

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An event of this kind is an occasion for celebration, the kind of celebration I wish I could attend every week because it heralds economic growth in Maryland. But even more fundamental to our way of life, it represents the beneficial results of an adventure in cooperation between the local community, the State government and the federal Redevelopment Program. This is convincing evidence that when Americans are faced with an emergency, they can pull together to win over any challenge they may have to meet.

I am glad to see Dr. Sparks, chief of industrial development for our Maryland Department of Economic Development here today, and Mr. Charles Leete, full-time field coordinator in Maryland for the Area Redevelopment Administration, both of whom supplied assistance to the Garrett County Economic Development Committee in the solicitation of Oakland Knitting Mills to locate here. We are all aware of the surplus labor problem faced by Garrett County and several other areas within the State. Here we have a clear example of your county, with an assist from the State and Federal governments, coming up with a realistic and practical answer to an unfortunate situation. We can see at first hand the dividends created through the A.R.A. re-training pro-