

ADDRESS, MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES  
APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING CONFERENCE  
BALTIMORE

September 27, 1961

I know that I express the sentiment of all the people of Maryland when I say to you that we are greatly pleased and highly honored to be your hosts at this Fourth Biennial Middle Atlantic States Apprenticeship and Training Conferences . . . .

The task you set for yourself at this Conference, to find the means of developing the productive capacity of our country by improving the skills of those who work, is a task which must be accomplished. Whether we are forced to fight in a nuclear war, or whether we are allowed to enjoy the peace that should be the legacy of civilized mankind, the goal you have set for yourselves here must be attained. For if we do not have the education and the training to match the education and the training of the communists, our hope for survival in such a struggle would be pale indeed . . . .

I congratulate you for the responsibilities you, as experts in your field, have assumed here at this Conference. I commend you for the effort you have made to solve one of the big economic problems of our day—the training of men and women in the skills and techniques required in an age of changing and expanding economic conditions.

It is my pleasure, as Governor of this State, to welcome you to Maryland and to offer you its hospitality . . . .

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ADDRESS, MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS  
OF EDUCATION  
ANNAPOLIS

October 6, 1961

It was kind and thoughtful of your president to invite me here this morning to greet you as you convene for this fall meeting of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education. I am pleased that you have chosen this historic capital city of Maryland, and these hallowed halls of learning of old St. John's College, as the place for your meeting . . . .

The question of where to place the authority and the responsibility for the operation of our public schools is one of the great controversies of our times. It is a problem which Maryland faces, along with every other