

vexing problems, and among them is the problem of developing mass-transportation systems capable of handling the millions of people who daily move into and out of these two great cities. The public transportation systems of both cities, now antiquated and totally inadequate, will have to be revamped if this problem is to be resolved. Maryland has entered into a compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia for the development of an adequate mass-transportation system for the Washington area. And at this Session of the General Assembly, a metropolitan transit authority for the Baltimore area was approved, a move which I consider to be a significant first step toward ultimate attainment of a modern public transportation system for this area.

I have attempted here to offer you no more than a summary of the activities of the 1961 session of the General Assembly. I am satisfied in my own mind that much was accomplished for the betterment of your State government and for the improvement of the services it renders to the people of Maryland. If I have implied that this record reflects some credit upon myself and upon my Administration, I do so in full awareness that you have a right to expect as much, and perhaps much more, from the public officials in whose hands you entrust your government.

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I am delighted to have this opportunity to meet with my friends of the Eastern Shore and my fellow-workers in the service of the State of Maryland. For twenty years, it has been my privilege to work in a very close relationship with employees of the State in the classified service. It has been a most happy and a most rewarding experience.

I can assure you that whatever success I may have achieved in the offices I have held—as Bank Commissioner, as Comptroller of the Treasury and now as Governor—is in a very large measure a result of the cooperation I have received from this group.

We are all very proud of our merit system here in Maryland. In operation now for more than forty-one years, it is not only one of the oldest but is certainly one of the most efficient of State merit systems in