

We are not attempting to dump responsibility for this in the hands of our neighbors. While the Monocacy rises in Adams County, Pennsylvania, by far the greater watershed area is in Frederick and Carroll Counties, in Maryland. Then, too, the Cotoctin, Antietam Creek, the Conococheague and many other streams of Western Maryland are tributaries. We do emphasize, though, that the protection and the improvement of the Potomac River system is a joint obligation, since improvements and controls to a very large degree must take place on the tributaries. In this connection, it is fortunate that the benefits from improvement and control will accrue proportionately to the tributary areas.

It is the consensus of those who have knowledge of the subject we are discussing this morning that the next twenty-five years will bring about great changes in the Monocacy-Central Maryland area. Men who study the great expansion of our country foresee the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas developing in a pincers movement upon the Monocacy area. But let me remind you — the economic development will depend to a great extent on the availability of adequate supplies of good-quality water. In fact, the development of this whole great metropolis will be limited pretty much by our ability to protect and develop the water resources.

For your information, in the legislative session of this year, the Interstate Compact was amended so as to pave the way for cooperation in this river development. The District of Columbia has formally indorsed the amendment. The legislatures of West Virginia and Pennsylvania will consider it in 1961, the General Assembly of Virginia, in 1962. We believe that the broadening and strengthening of this compact will be beneficial to everyone concerned, and we look forward to favorable consideration by our neighbors.

State government must of necessity play an increasing role in water development and management programs, particularly in the planning stages. In an article he wrote for a publication of the Council of State Governments, Harvey O. Bankers, Director of the California State Department of Water Resources, said the states "stand in a unique position to insure the best development of their water resources for the benefit of their citizens," provided, he added, "each state sets up a water program adequate for its needs and carries out that program aggressively." Since the tributary streams are of so much importance, many of the programs of state government will have a bearing on our water program in Maryland. Certainly our