

said, "when government fails to explain itself thoroughly and candidly to the citizens, and . . . it is equally a failure when the press fails to communicate intelligibly the news of government."

In other words, we in government and you who publish newspapers are engaged in a common undertaking: To keep the people **informed about the activities and operations of their government**

It is the duty of the government, as I see it, to tell the American people all the truths about the government, short of those which must be legitimately withheld for reasons of security or the general welfare of the people. But in doing this, it still remains the responsibility of the newspapers to report and interpret what the government is saying. The newspapers of the United States, generally speaking, **have accepted this heavy responsibility admirably.**

May I again, in conclusion, offer the warm hand of hospitality of the State of Maryland to the members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and their guests who have come here for this annual banquet. I salute you as guardians of our liberties, and offer you my best wishes for continued success and happiness in the important task which you have undertaken.

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We have met here today to rededicate a shrine to one of the great freedoms enjoyed by people in a democratic society and to unveil the plans for an institution to perpetuate the memory of men and women **who have dedicated their lives to the preservation of that freedom.**

The establishment of a National Newspaper Hall of Fame, as an act of homage to the newspaper writers of our country, is a project I have cherished and nurtured for a long time. It is most heartening and most encouraging to me, therefore, to take part in these exercises which mark another step toward the attainment of that objective.

It is a pleasure to me, as Governor of Maryland, to welcome you to Gathland State Park. I extend a cordial hand of hospitality especially to our guests from out of the State—to representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the American Society of