

REMARKS, DEDICATION OF TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL

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It is always heartening and inspiring to me, as Governor of Maryland, to take part in the opening of a new building such as this which so vividly exemplifies the social advancement and economic progress of our State. I know of no yardstick which offers a more accurate measurement of the quality of a community than its building, whether it be private or public construction. People who are alert and alive build.

It is particularly inspiring to see this handsome and useful bus terminal, which, as Mayor Grady has said, fits in so well with the plans of this, Maryland's largest city, to revive and rebuild its downtown area. The people of this city, and of the entire State of Maryland, are most grateful to Safeway Trailways for this public service and for this expression of confidence in our city and State and their futures.

The city of Baltimore, which is the economic hub and the social center of Maryland, owes its very existence to transportation. Situated as it is at a north-south, east-west crossroad of commerce, its history is filled with the exploits of men who have devoted themselves to the improvement of the means of moving people and the products by which people subsist.

We do not forget that it was Marylanders who built the clipper ships, affording in those days the fastest connections between this country and Europe, Africa, Asia, South America and the West Indies. And we do not forget that it was Marylanders who pushed the first great highway and the first railroad across the Alleghenies to the rich valleys of the Middle West.

We are a maritime people and a trading people, and hence we know the value of a good system of transportation. Modes of transportation, of course, have changed over the years. The Tom Thumb locomotive and the clipper ship are long-since obsolete, but Maryland has not lagged behind in the maintenance and development of its transportation system. The jet planes which fly out of Friendship and the great ocean vessels which move out of the Port of Baltimore daily are proof of this. This bus station itself is an example of the spirit of Maryland to keep apace in this important field of endeavor.

It has been my good fortune and my great pleasure to have been closely associated for many years with men connected with the develop-