

provides work for some 6,000 longshoremen; thousands more are employed by custom house brokers, foreign freight forwarders, weighers, inspectors, tug boat crews, and others. Then there are the hundreds of federal and State employees—U. S. customs personnel, immigration, U. S. Public Health Service, and others. There are the ships' pilots, the water barge operators, the marine radio personnel—the list is almost endless.

With this at stake you can well appreciate the State government's vital interest in preserving and enhancing our port-linked industries and our port business. To grow and prosper our port must be modern and competitive and we are making every effort to put it in that condition. The economic well-being of all of us, and the State as a whole, depends on it and it is gratifying to be here today to see this tangible evidence of this huge port renovation program.

The Maryland Port Authority will not do the job alone. It will require the full cooperation and the best abilities of all of us—management, labor and public officials. It is most encouraging to note that private business is sharing in the huge task of renovation. The Bethlehem Steel Company has within the past few weeks put into operation a great new pier facility to accommodate export and import movements for that firm. The dean of our port operators, Captain Norman Rukert, is hard at work adding a new million dollar berth to his Lazaretto Terminal. Other private operators are improving their port properties.

In conclusion, permit me to again thank you for your presence here today and to assure you of our continued interest and support of the renovation and revitalization of the Port of Baltimore that is evidenced by the construction we have seen here today.

REMARKS AT DEDICATION OF NEW ROUTE 40

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A visit to the western part of our State always has been a pleasure for me but it is more of a pleasure today than ever before. Today, we are officially dedicating and turning over to the motorists of Maryland more than eight miles of new construction on U. S. Route 40.

We all know what new highways can mean to motorists. It is particularly evident on Route 40. It means a safer drive through the beau-