

Thus modern Maryland continues its historic association with the flag of our country. The authorities arranging the event anticipate some 30 or 40 thousand persons will attend.

Yes, it is most fitting for Marylanders to honor and revere our flag. This hallowed spot on which we stand today is the *one* place in all the world where our flag flies legally by act of Congress 24 hours a day. Even our nation's Capitol is not so honored. Here, too, the 15-star flag of 1812 flies legally, also 24 hours a day. Just across the fine Baltimore harbor, at Fort McHenry is the only other place in the whole world where our flag flies legally 24 hours a day. The flag flies 24 hours a day over Fort McHenry by proclamation of President Harry S. Truman. No other spot in the world is so honored.

I have been told that our flag flies 24 hours a day at seven places in the world. Other places are the nation's Capitol, where the flag flies by custom only; a war memorial in Massachusetts; Mt. Surabachi on Iwo Jima and the grave and birthplace of Francis Scott Key in Frederick, Maryland. In each of these instances the flag is flown not legally but by custom only.

Four of the seven places where the flag flies 24 hours a day are in Maryland. I call your attention also to the fact that fifth place—our nation's capital—was once Maryland soil, and was generously given to the nation as a site for our capital.

No other state can make a similar claim.

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## ADDRESS, MARYLAND CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP

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I was highly honored to have been chosen Honorary Chairman of this fifth annual Maryland Conference on Citizenship, and it is a great pleasure to be with you this morning at the opening of your meeting. I have heard nothing but praise for the work that has been done by the National Conference and its affiliated State organizations. Considering its aims—to support, teach, inspire and encourage good citizenship—I can think of no group which has a more laudable purpose than the one you represent here today.

When we consider the heritage of a citizen of this country, it is a little surprising that it is necessary to inspire and encourage good