

exist in the heart of the individual before it can exist in a neighborhood, a community or between nations.

For the salvation of our civilization and the preservation of our freedom, it is the responsibility of each of us to practice brotherhood every day of the year. The observance of Brotherhood Week, on occasions such as this, gives us the opportunity to renew our devotion to the American ideal of brotherhood and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of understanding and fair play among people, and among nations as well.

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## ADDRESS, MODEL YOUTH LEGISLATURE

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I was highly honored by your invitation to come here today to extend official greetings to members attending this 1961 Youth Model Legislature and to welcome you young men and women to Annapolis. The General Assembly of Maryland, in whose chambers you now sit and which serves as a model for your proceedings, adjourned just two weeks ago after completing a 90-day session.

Maryland people have a pronounced trait in their deep feeling for history and tradition. We sense that the roots we have implanted in the past give us strength and vigor to face the problems of today and of tomorrow. It is a source of great pride to me, and I know it is to you as Marylanders, to contemplate that this General Assembly about which we were speaking has met continuously for three and a quarter centuries. And it is pleasing to reflect that this lawmaking body of our State government exists today in essentially the same form it assumed when it first met in St. Mary's City in 1635, less than a year after the first settlers put ashore in the new colony which the Calverts called Maryland.

It is true that the first Assembly was a sort of "town meeting" in which all of the freemen of the colony participated, but in the year immediately thereafter freemen sent their proxies and soon representative government as we have it today was inaugurated. The early Colonial Assembly itself was fashioned on the pattern of the English Parliament, and thus it may be said that the General Assembly we