

Perhaps the educated man and woman of the future will be grateful to a generation of Marylanders who recognized the value of education and made the necessary provisions for it. It was no easy task to transform our former State Teachers Colleges into Liberal Arts Institutions capable of providing our children and grandchildren with broader educations. Nor was it easy to secure the necessary appropriations essential to maintain the calibre of the teaching profession in Maryland as we did in 1964. Since 1959, there has been a 109.2 per cent increase in total expenditures for public higher education. Although the number of students continuing their educations has nearly doubled since 1959, the State has been able to more than keep pace with the need for higher education facilities by using more than 73 per cent of the capital improvements budget for this purpose. This is more than double the proportion of the capital budget devoted to public higher education seven years ago. These accomplishments are a tribute to you and to the leaders of the General Assembly and to all the people of Maryland who manifest an interest in governmental affairs.

It is my hope also that, someday in the future, those who recover from the afflictions of either mental or physical disorders as a result of services provided by government, will offer a kind word for a generation of enlightened Marylanders who recognized the importance of accredited State Hospitals and the necessity for staffing these hospitals with competent professional men and women.

Perhaps the motorist of the future will feel indebted to the citizens of the present era, who, recognizing the problems of highway travel, provided almost 1,300 miles of modern roadways during an eight year period beginning in the late fifties.

Some wonderful events have taken place in our State during the past six and a half years and I do not think it immodest if we, as Marylanders and as Democrats, take pride in some of our accomplishments.

Our interest in economic development, was so intense in the early days of my first administration that it brought into existence the Maryland Department of Economic Development, which, since the first annual census of the State's industrial growth made in 1962, has resulted in the location of 189 new factories in Maryland and in the expansion of 203 plants. \$100 million has been invested in new plants and \$245 million has been invested in additions to established industrial facilities. Most important, 20,000 men and women were given jobs at the time these new industrial facilities went into