

land is a “progressive” state. But what does “progressive” mean? In this context, it means economic development gains — that employment, population, income, and sales are rising; that dozens or hundreds of new industries are being built, creating thousands or hundreds of thousands of new jobs. And “progress” is ordinarily further proven by listing public accomplishments, such as new roads, better educational systems, and the like.

Let me hasten to say, Maryland can play this game as well as any state in this nation — probably better. I could stand up here and recite economic statistics, list new industries, and describe public projects and programs and infinitum until you would gladly run up the white flag and concede my point. But those facts and figures are in the publications that have been offered to you, and I invite you to look them over at your convenience. For my part, I am not going to waste this rare opportunity in proving to you that we are just like every other state.

In the final analysis, what “progress” really means, in my opinion, is people. To paraphrase one of our wise ancestors, “men, not buildings, make a state.”

We in Maryland, traditionally hospitable, traditionally involved for three centuries in creating our own “great society,” are indeed more interested, that behind the spade at every ground breaking, supporting each brick that houses an industry, stands a creative vitality. Too often this is forgotten as plants expand, as buildings rise, and the statistics soar. That men — individuals of extra-ordinary ability — are responsible for the orderly progress of science, of technology, of all the variations on an excellent economic theme, we should like to remember today and ought to remember every day.

We are fortunate in that in Maryland we have more than our share of men of initiative and foresight who are capable of translating their thinking into attainable programs: who regard problems as challenges to be met and not subjects for lamentation. This is demonstrated by the new Charles Center, the Civic Center, and other structures that have transformed downtown Baltimore, and by further plans now under way which will make Maryland’s largest city one of the most modern and inspiring urban centers in America. A major part of these plans is a \$6 million new science center, financed by a unique state-municipal-private partnership.

Maryland’s creative responses to challenge are manifest also by the new University of Maryland campus being built near Baltimore, by the new deepwater port at Cambridge on the Eastern Shore, and