GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Major questions of public policy, defying easy solution, confronted Governor Tawes during his second term. To the ever-present issues surrounding education, highways, health and welfare, were added special problems relating to constitutional revision, legislative reapportionment, judical reform, slot machines, and the regulation of savings and loan associations. As the legislature failed to provide for a study of the Maryland Constitution in its 1965 session, Governor Tawes later exercised his executive authority and created a Constitutional Convention Commission. Voters approved holding a Constitutional Convention in the September, 1966, Primary Election. Thus, the Governor was successful in instituting the process which may lead to constitutional revision in 1967. In the following addresses, the Governor touches on these matters and also notes the accomplishments of his Administration. Included is a discussion of executive-legislative relations as seen from the Governor's office.

ADDRESS, LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION CONFERENCE
TO 1963 MEMBERS

ANNAPOLIS

November 27, 1962

Let me begin by welcoming you to the city in which you will be expected to spend most of your time during the coming winter season. Then, let me offer my sincere congratulations to each of you upon your election to the General Assembly of the State of Maryland.

Two weeks ago, a Baltimore newspaper printed an article, with an accompanying cartoon, announcing this meeting and depicting me as a professor, arrayed in academic cap and gown, lecturing "freshmen legislators". This, I assure you, is not my concept of the role I am to play here this morning.

The article went on to describe me, flatteringly enough I suppose, as an honor graduate of the school of practical politics, and even went so far as to predict that I would use in my remarks to you what it called one of my favorite phrases, namely, that "politics is the art of the possible." I am, as I have suggested, pleased enough to be called a graduate in practical politics. But let me add that, in view of your