

Assembly voted to donate 69 square miles of its territory to the federal government for the creation of a Federal District. As you know, from time to time, some one comes forward, with the proposal to give the District of Columbia to Maryland. In fact about six months ago, while attending a banquet at Sheraton Park Hotel here, I was presented with a certificate giving the District back to Maryland. "Well," I said, "when we give, we give for good—we are not Indian givers,—we do not want it back!

In fact, our happiness and our prosperity we know full well are forever linked with the happiness and prosperity of the National Capital. We hope that we will be able to give as much as we receive in this unique alliance.

REMARKS, DEDICATION OF EXPANDED OFFICE BUILDING,
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

HYATTSVILLE

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Mr. Smith, members of the staff of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, distinguished guests and ladies and gentlemen:

It is indeed a privilege for me to have this opportunity to take part in these ceremonies today, dedicating the expansion of the headquarters facilities of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission here in Hyattsville. The expansion and the renovation of this headquarters building not only marks another step forward in the W.S.S.C.'s continuing effort to provide efficient and effective service to the suburban Maryland area, but it also reflects the tremendous growth in population in this region and highlights the enormity of the task of providing adequate sewer and water facilities in one of the most rapidly growing communities in the country. The population growth and rising per capita needs have required great foresight and the application of sound engineering principles and efficient maintenance activity on the part of the Commission and its staff during the postwar years. In less than a half-century, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has seen its service area grow from 95 square miles, containing about 30,000 people, to a service district that now covers more than 700 square miles and a customer population of approximately 750,000. This tremendous record of growth, alone, would warrant the construction of a building addition,