
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

The maintenance of law and order and the fair administration of justice were, in the view of Governor Tawes, essential to a democratic society. His long-standing interest in such matters, dating from his days as clerk of the court of Somerset County, continued unabated during his second term. Increases in the strength of the State Police were made annually. Merit and recognized competence were the criteria utilized in the appointment of judges, a major responsibility of the State's chief executive. The Governor's particular interest in the so-called "inferior courts" was reflected in his leadership in creating the Conference of Trial Magistrates as a permanent organization in 1962. Concern over the operation of the Baltimore City Police Department led to the appointment of a special committee to study the problem and resulted in subsequent changes in the administration of that law enforcement agency.

REMARKS ON COMMISSIONING U. S. COAST GUARD STATION

ANNAPOLIS

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Admiral Wuensch, Captain Wilcox, officers and men of the United States Coast Guard, ladies and gentlemen:

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude and appreciation to the United States Coast Guard for inviting me to come here this afternoon to take part in these ceremonies in which we are commissioning this new Coast Guard station in Annapolis.

From the very beginning of its existence—from the time Captain John Smith sailed his vessels up and down the Chesapeake Bay surveying the green, lush shores on either side of him—Maryland has been closely identified and intimately associated with maritime activities and the men of the sea. All around us is evidence of this identification and this association—the United States Naval Academy in our background and in the distance the great Bay which for centuries has borne the commerce of this country with all the continents of the globe. Indeed, if I were asked to name one single distinguishing characteristic of Maryland, I would have