

The administrative office has kept me informed of the fine work of the traffic school originated and being conducted under the supervision of the People's Court of Prince George's County. The effort there being made to educate wayward drivers can only bear good results. Inclusion in your panel discussions of the problem of sentencing defendants was a sound decision. The exchange of information and sentencing practices and the manner and extent of the use of a fine or jail sentence will certainly reduce unfair disparity of sentence, a subject of criticism by the public and the press. In 1962 in response to a recommendation by the Maryland State Bar Association I appointed a commission to study sentencing in criminal cases. That commission is continuing its investigations and will submit its recommendations at a later date.

I have been interested in the statistical data showing the work of many of the trial magistrates and the People's Courts which the administrative office publishes in its monthly report. Fred Invernizzi informs me that the individual reports are forwarded to his office each month on a voluntary basis by about two-thirds of the magistrates. I hope that soon there will be full participation.

As a final thought, it seems to me that growing out of these annual meetings, and to be treasured, are the new friendships and associations that such conferences produce.

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## REMARKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT IN BALTIMORE CITY

WBAL RADIO

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My fellow Marylanders:

During the course of the day, radio station WBAL has been broadcasting a public discussion of the problems of law enforcement in Baltimore City. This discussion has made it increasingly evident that law enforcement is not merely the concern of police officials but of all citizens interested in the welfare and progress of the community.

In order for the citizens of Baltimore to receive adequate police protection, it is essential that the Police Department not only be administered efficiently but that all segments of the community understand and cooperate with law enforcement officials and procedures.