

This is also a proud and happy occasion for Maryland—especially for those of us in the Annapolis area—because of the decision by Aeronautical Radio, Inc., to locate in the Annapolis Science Center. This will bring a new multi-million dollar payroll to this area and, perhaps even more important, will result in hundreds of scientists, engineers and technicians moving into Annapolis and vicinity—the kind of new citizens that every community welcomes.

The final reason why this is a particularly proud day for me is that the Hydrasearch Company's new operation in this Center is Maryland's 867th new or expanded industrial facility since I signed into law the legislation creating the Maryland Economic Development Commission on March 11, 1959. I am privileged as well as proud to say that both the Maryland Department of Economic Development and the Governor's Science Resource Advisory Board played important, and in some instances decisive, roles in all of the achievements I have mentioned here today. Mr. Willard Triest, Vice-President of Research Land Corporation and Executive Vice-President of the Hydrasearch Company, has told me that the services rendered his company by the Maryland Department of Economic Development spelled the difference between Maryland and Pennsylvania in the selection of a plant site. I want to thank both Mr. Triest and the officials of his parent company, the Dixon Valve and Coupling Company of Philadelphia, for these kind and reassuring words. Recognition should also be given at this time to the parts played by Mr. George W. Hubley, Jr., Director of the Department of Economic Development, and his old friend, Mr. Ed Baxter, Regional Director of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, in bringing the public health service unit here.

In view of all these considerations, it gives me a great deal of personal gratification to present to the Annapolis Science Center the official flag of the Free State of Maryland, mounted on a staff adorned with the Botonee Cross, to be flown as a symbol of another important step forward in our growth and progress.