

ADDRESS, GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON THE
NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC PROGRAM

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Dr. Tatum, Admiral Minter, Dr. Hornig, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to me to welcome to Maryland and to our capital city, Annapolis, all of you who have come here to attend this Conference on the National Oceanographic Program. Last June when I issued the invitations to this Conference, I had high hopes that a meeting at which the leaders of government and industry could discuss problems and exchange views on the programs of oceanography would attract many people not only from my State but those of our neighboring states on the Atlantic Coast and those on the Pacific Coast as well. It is needless for me to say that I am most gratified by the response to these invitations. The size of this gathering this morning, together with the knowledge that I have of the long distances some of you have traveled to come here, is auspicious and reassuring. There is every reason to believe that the plans of our Conference Committee to make this an annual affair at which scientists, industrialists and government officials will have a forum for the discussion of a national oceanographic program will be fulfilled. And so, it is a delight to me, as the Governor of Maryland, to greet you, to extend to you the hospitality of our State and to wish you every success in your deliberations here today.

It is always a little perilous to attempt to single out for recognition individuals or groups in an undertaking such as this that requires the cooperation of so many individuals and groups. Nevertheless, I would feel remiss if I did not acknowledge the strong obligation we owe to Dr. Tatum and his committee, and in particular to Mr. Abel, Dr. Pritchard and Mr. Cunningham, for the splendid work they have done in making the arrangements for this Conference. It is not too much to say that the Conference never would have materialized without the hours of effort they spent on it. I wish to express my appreciation, too, to Admiral Minter, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy; to Commander Bowler and to Mr. Stolley, who have made the resources of the United States Naval Institute a major part in the arrangements for this Conference.

I am particularly gratified by the fine response and the participation