
STATE INSTITUTIONS

The adequacy of Maryland's institutions for the care and treatment of the mentally ill, the retarded and the delinquent was a matter of great concern to Governor Tawes. He could recall the days immediately following World War II when the State's mental institutions were labelled "Maryland's shame." And one of the goals of his Administration was the steady upgrading of such institutions, seeking to make them not just adequate, but among the best in the nation. Treatment toward the eventual goal of rehabilitation was, in the Governor's view, the primary function of the State's mental and correctional institutions. It was a source of satisfaction to him that under his Administration steady progress had been made toward that goal.

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF J. MILLARD TAWES BUILDING SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL, CATONSVILLE

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Mr. Backaus, Dr. Tuerk, Dr. Radauskas, Dr. Simopolous, staff members, volunteers and friends:

It gives me great pleasure to be with you this afternoon, not just because of the honor that has been bestowed upon me in the naming of the building, but because this building marks another step forward in the care of our mentally ill. Fourteen years ago Maryland's hospitals were places of shame typical of what the noted Dr. Menninger has called "human warehouses". Treatment was not available; care was inadequate; patients were considered hopeless, and were shut away to be forgotten. Today Maryland is holding its own with other states. In the past fourteen years we have moved steadily forward in the care and treatment of the mentally ill. Today we are treating more patients in our hospitals than ever before.

This new infirmary is symbolic of all that is best within our hospitals. It is designed especially to care for those patients who require continuous nursing attention. Many of them are bedridden. Four hundred patients will be moved from areas in the hospital which were ill-fitted to meet their needs. These are older sections which now will be