

the mature responsible drivers who made our highways safe places to travel. By attending this conference, you have shown your interest and deep concern with this problem. You have demonstrated your responsibility and your obligation as the future leaders of our State to find a remedy for the malady which plagues us. I plead with you not to let your obligation cease with the adjournment of this Conference. Take what you have learned here back to your homes and schools. Set examples as conscientious, informed drivers and influence others to do likewise. For you are the ones who will inherit the highways and thoroughfares of tomorrow. The adults of our times have left you a legacy of death and despair on our public roads. It is now up to you to either conquer or fall prey to it.

ADDRESS, GOVERNOR'S SAFETY-HEALTH CONFERENCE

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Tonight's meeting marks the conclusion of the 1966 Governor's Safety-Health Conference and exhibit. It is my hope that the discussions and accomplishments of the past two days will result in better safety and health practices in Maryland. As Governor, I wish to express my appreciation and that of the people of Maryland for the contributions you have made in the past and will continue to make in the cause of safety and health.

During this conference, I am sure you have discussed about every aspect of Maryland's safety and health problems—from home poisonings, to occupational accidents, traffic hazards and so on. I realize that these are problems that must be contended with and they deserve lengthy discussion, but tonight I wish to center attention on Maryland's major safety disaster—highway accidents.

I am sure you all have read accounts of the natural disasters which have struck our country during the past year, taking countless lives, destroying millions of dollars worth of property and leaving many people alone and homeless. These disasters occurred in Louisiana during last fall's hurricane, in the Midwest during the winter snowstorms and ensuing floods and through the country wherever tornadoes desolated communities. These, of course, were terrible catastrophes and their toll of death and destruction was shocking. But I wonder if you realize that