

These revisions will substantially strengthen the salary scales of these two ranks and preserve the principle adopted last year of compensating all faculty personnel in these institutions within the framework of the same salary scale, which to my mind is a highly significant accomplishment. The increase I am proposing, coupled with approximately \$1,000,000 in increases which have been allowed during the first four years of my Administration, results in percentage faculty salary scale increases ranging up to 73 per cent. For Morgan State College, I would point out that \$33,006 is appropriated for the establishment of an Urban Studies Institute, which reflects my concern with urban problems and which I believe will be a constructive force in their solution.

Other points in the education budget to which I would direct your attention include the \$400,000 increase to libraries, as a result of the new aid formula adopted last year, and the \$384,000 additional money for junior colleges resulting from the increase in state support from \$175 per student to a maximum of \$225 per student.

Summarizing the education budget, I would say it reflects this Administration's deep concern with the problems of public education and our determination to move forward in this field.

A similar concern and a similar determination is evidenced in my recommendations for improving and expanding our activities in the areas of public health. I am asking that our State Department of Health be allowed an increase of \$3,703,010, for a total of \$40,260,241. And for the Department of Mental Hygiene I am recommending \$27,202,484 which is \$2,224,660 more than it received to operate this year. You will find funds allowed for the expansion of the program to develop community facilities for the mentally retarded and mentally ill, a program operated jointly by the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene.

In the budget for the Department of Health, the appropriation for the hospital in-patient program reflects an increase of \$1,060,254 for the support of indigents in the general hospitals of the State. In that budget, too, is an allotment of \$1,112,338 to support the Tuberculosis Unit at Baltimore City Hospitals, making this Unit for the first time a part of our total State Tubercular Treatment Program. The patient population continues to decline in our five mental hospitals, as it has every year since 1957, indicating continued improvement in the treatment of mental patients.

Mental Retardation, both at Rosewood State Hospital and in the community, is a growing problem. To alleviate the patient popula-