

the advice and guidance of experts. Nor is any citizen capable of understanding the problems of government *without the knowledge and ability to separate the wheat from the chaff*. Progress is achieved through a conflict of ideas and proposals. The ideas and proposals of the future will be originated by you who are present today. And, the decision for accepting or rejecting these ideas also will be yours. It is incumbent upon you to be prepared for such obligations.

Finally, I can assure you that neither knowledge nor understanding will be of any value to the progress of Maryland and the nation if the youth of this State does not develop a sense of responsibility. For, without a sense of responsibility, without the willingness to participate in the affairs of your State and Nation, then of what benefit is your knowledge and understanding to your fellow citizens? You who have gathered here today already have demonstrated this willingness to participate. It is for this reason that the importance of such assemblies as these should never be minimized.

Again let me thank you for coming here today and extend to each of you my very best wishes as you participate in the activities planned during the week.

REMARKS, I AM AN AMERICAN DAY

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I am most grateful for the opportunity to come here again this year and join the people of this great city and this great State in celebrating "I Am An American Day." I am profoundly impressed, as I always am on these occasions, by the magnificent display of patriotic fervor that has become a hallmark of these celebrations.

We have all come here today for one purpose — to express our appreciation and our reverence for the great country in which we are privileged to live, to reaffirm our faith in the Constitution and to rededicate ourselves to the principles of democracy and justice under which this nation has flourished for nearly two centuries. As the Governor of Maryland, and on behalf of all its citizens, may I extend congratulations and commendations to the Baltimore News-American for giving us the opportunity again this year to come here to proclaim openly: I Am An American. As patriotic Americans, enjoying the great material and spiritual abundance which the United States