

A major obligation rests with you, our young, well educated and talented members. You must be the cadres which go out to the people to prove that youth and vigor and idealism live within the Republican Party . . . that it may be a grand party but not an old one. For the Party *is* you. It can offer you support and encouragement, organization and information, but its living image rests with you. So remain faithful but flexible. Recall our party's history but think new thoughts. Know why we have triumphed and where we have failed. See the world as it is but see it positively. Sense what is happening but evaluate it constructively.

Carry the crusade for Republican humanism to places where Republicans have long been reluctant or loath to travel. Get a little dust on your shoes. In fact, start acting like a Democrat!

I thank you and I applaud you.

STATEMENT ON SIGNING SENATE BILL 237
(OPEN HOUSING BILL)
AND SENATE BILL 173
(PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS LAW EXTENSION)

April 21, 1967

With the bill I now sign, Maryland once again asserts its leadership among Southern states in the enactment of civil rights legislation.

Our public accommodations law, first enacted in limited form four years ago and expanded statewide the following year, was the first such law south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Today we observe a similar first with the signing of the Open Housing Bill, Senate Bill 237.

This Act will outlaw discrimination in the sale of new houses or the rental of new apartments in buildings of 12 units or more which are constructed after July 1, 1968.

The right of the individual homeowner to sell his home to whom he pleases is protected. Specifically exempted from the bill is the resale of a home by its owner if he was the last person to occupy the premises.