

REMARKS AT DEDICATION OF NEW *MONTGOMERY*
COUNTY SENTINEL PLANT, ROCKVILLE

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Dr. Leonard Kapiloff, Dr. Bernard Kapiloff, Mr. Farquhar, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen of Montgomery County:

A newspaper often serves as the mirror of the community in which it is published. On its pages are reflected the births and deaths, the joys and sorrows, the trials and triumphs, the peace and discord in the community.

If it properly stands guard over the community's interests—as does the *Montgomery County Sentinel*, whose new plant we formally dedicate today—it does more than just serve as a mirror of the times and a record for future historians. It pulls and pushes, praises and condemns, and using that omniscient eye from the ivory tower so common to newspapers, tries to tell its citizens in which direction to head.

And I am sure there must be some readers of the *Sentinel* in this audience today who, after reading a Roger Farquhar editorial on some subject of controversy, have wanted to tell the *Sentinel* where to head. Indeed, a few have probably picked up their pens and done just that. If so, the paper has been doing a good job of leading as well as informing.

I assure you that I understand perfectly how it feels to be on the receiving end of such missives. More than a few from irate correspondents have landed, still sizzling, on my desk at Annapolis during the past four months. If I took their advice to heart and went where they suggested, I'm afraid I would be constantly traveling in very uncomfortable locales and would have little time for anything else.

Today marks my first official return as Governor to this County which rewarded me so handsomely and substantially with its votes last November. Let me take this public occasion to again express my deep and sincere gratitude for Montgomery County's vote of confidence and to reassure you that I will do my level best to live up to the hopes you expressed through your ballots last fall.

We made a good start, I believe, on carrying out these hopes in the legislative session which concluded last month. All of our actions may not have met with your full approbation, but I trust that enough did