

change, faces too hardened by old realities to react to new ones.

I called for a new state of mind for Maryland, for a new spirit of leadership, for a direction in the pursuit of excellence. I challenged every member of the General Assembly seated before me to share this attitude and embrace this resolve; to put the good of his State first and the special interest of his constituents second; to put the pride of his State first and the patronage of his district second; to value the worth of his work and not the recognition which might follow. I called on these representatives of the people to join me in a new alliance rejecting partisanship and tradition that fails to serve or inspire. A new alliance of *people . . . principle . . . progress*.

I knew then, as I know today, that once we achieve success in changing the state of mind, so surely will we achieve success in changing the State of Maryland. And the State, my friends, has changed and is changing. We have changed from partisans locked in battle to partners joined in progress, from a government that was loath to try to a government that refuses to fail. We have changed from a bland acceptance of the rising crime rate to an all-out attack upon it; from voicing a concern for education to the realization of a program to achieve it; from disregard for human rights to action which will help to break the barriers centuries have built. We have moved steadily from a fear of air and water pollution to some of the most progressive programs in the United States for its prevention and elimination; from an allegiance to archaic law to the pursuit of new directive; and in more than 750 separate acts of legislation put the past to rest and the future in perspective.

Credit for much that was accomplished during the seventy-day session of the 1967 General Assembly belongs to the senators and delegates of both parties who rose to the challenge and faced up squarely to the difficult and sometimes politically inexpedient problems demanding resolution. The leadership of the General Assembly merits special recognition. House Speaker Marvin Mandel, Senate President William James, and the minority leadership including Senator Ed Hall and your own Glenn Beall, Jr., worked hard for the passage of all critical legislation and deserve a vote of confidence and a word of thanks from a grateful public. I can assure you they have mine. When men of honest intention pledge themselves to the public good what is achieved is legislation such as the Priorities Bill which acknowledges the need to construct three bridges across the Chesapeake Bay and a tunnel beneath the Baltimore Harbor, making possible the development of vital transportation arteries essential to the economic growth