

the Constitutional Convention. The woman delegate will contribute a truly new point of view — well-educated, community service oriented and yet cognizant of the multi-faceted and complex problems of the home and family. There is virtually no area in life that cannot benefit from additional insight, broadened experience and individual creativity. Therefore, I have no doubt that the deliberations leading to the 1968 constitution of the State of Maryland will be enhanced by the feminine influence.

But the first responsibility and the last cannot be abrogated to the delegates of the Convention. The first responsibility is up to you and — as the first generation of Maryland women afforded this opportunity to participate in the writing and ratifying of a constitution — I urge you to study the slate of candidates well, send your district's finest representatives and give your most earnest attention to their deliberations.

A vigorous leadership breaking *with* convention and an aroused citizenry calling themselves *to* convention is the tone and temper of these days. In my inaugural address I called for a new and abundant energy to revitalize Maryland affairs and in light of what we have accomplished and what we are preparing now to initiate, that call has been answered.

Progress to date, on the surface, has seemed relatively smooth and effortless but in fact it has put many to agonies of reappraisal in terms of what is right, and what is good, and what is just. There have been some compromises in some programs for the sake of passage but not one compromise in any program at the loss of principle. We have not played at politics, we have worked at it. And the pursuit of excellence in the first hundred days of the journey has not brought you promises of future bridges to distant horizons — but the realization that those bridges, conceptual and concrete, have been or soon will be constructed right here in Maryland, before your very eyes. Thank you and good night.

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