

medical care and culture and everything else which one expects in a twentieth century community — only more so!

Extraordinary care has been taken to plan and to provide for every social, spiritual, physical and economic need of Columbia's citizens. With skill, imagination and energy Mr. Rouse has promoted the development of diversified services ranging from a unique comprehensive health insurance program to an ecumenical movement.

Today is but another step in the steady progress of Columbia. But a step, I am certain, of singular importance and implication — for the construction of the Hittman building marks the birth of industrial Columbia. And if Columbia is to be a true city, and not just a charming suburb, industry is essential.

Nor can I think of a more appropriate and auspicious corporation to be Columbia's first than Hittman Associates, whose very function embodies a commitment to the future, to the age of space and nuclear power. Since every detail in Columbia has been *planned* so as to avoid the pitfalls of post urban sprawl and to anticipate every detail of future need, I cannot help but speculate whether Hittman Associates was chosen to initiate industrial construction because of its symbolic essence.

Certainly the concept behind Columbia, which is *planning*, and the function of Hittman Associates, which is service to science-oriented industry, are intimately linked with my aspirations for the State of Maryland. Planning — good, sensitive, practical planning — is the key to our State's future. And the development and expansion of Maryland's science-space-oriented industries are essential to our economic growth. Both Rouse and Company and Hittman Associates are pre-occupied with improving the future rather than remedying the present, and the State administration can benefit from their example. Too often our aspirations have been limited, we have allowed reality to dictate rather than temper our aspirations. We have patched when we should have planned; we have renovated where we should have rebuilt; concentrated on remedy while our interests would have been better served by a program for prevention. And our efforts have been thwarted as a consequence. Schools have been overcrowded only a few years after construction, office space has proved inadequate and highways congested . . . all because of timid planning. A natural reluctance to invest public funds for future needs has resulted in countless false economies and generated even greater inconveniences and expense. The State would do well to be guided by the advice of James