

Major administrative reforms to correct the critical conditions in Maryland's prisons were initiated. Rehabilitation programs and facilities were authorized to combat the appalling 70% recidivism rate which has plagued our correctional system.

The Miles Commission was established to conduct an intensive and comprehensive survey of the impact of overt and covert gambling in Maryland.

These are but the highlights of administrative and legislative action that transpired during the first one hundred days of putting the past to rest and the future in perspective.

It is a meritorious record that can be appreciated and accepted only as a beginning; a prelude of greater action, which must come, if Maryland is to fulfill its potential.

The political scientist, Harold Lasswell, captured the essence of this challenge when he wrote, "The problem is not to drift with the current but to navigate the stream and this calls for the correct anticipation of what lies ahead."

The achievements of the first one hundred days have navigated the Ship of State into a new and broader river. Henceforth, State government must pilot this ship through troublesome shoals to the most secure and prosperous harbor. This will require good leadership and solid planning.

Excellent planning, which embraces both accurate anticipation of future needs and creative programs to fulfill them, is the key to orderly, constructive progress. Consequently, intelligent planning must discipline all government considerations.

If planning is essential, what is or should be the essence of solid, intelligent, responsible planning?

The first element must be precision. Every effort must be made to assure that planning is an accurate instrument that justifies giving direction to future development. Through the application of scientific and engineering methods, the planning process should be able not merely to presume, but to scientifically calculate growth patterns. Under its new chairman-director, the State Roads Commission has adopted several refined planning techniques. One of these is Systems Analysis which resolves complex traffic and structural problems through the application of advanced technological methods. Another example of the new techniques is the Critical Path Method which not