

But while we must speed the flow of traffic across our waters to increase our economic growth, we cannot neglect the waters below lest we destroy our State's single greatest economic asset. This year, I signed into law a bill allocating \$50 million to local governments to extend water and sewer facilities. This *tripled* the amount dedicated by any previous administration. In 1968, I shall propose legislation to the 1968 General Assembly designed to combat and eliminate the pollution of our waters. Comprehensive measures must be enacted to provide incentives for industry to curb its contamination, to replace antiquated public sewage and ineffective private septic systems, to curb unrestrained open surface drainage and unrestricted pollution by water craft. Anne Arundel County with a linear shore line exceeding 400 miles will reap great benefits from this massive effort.

We are working in a dozen directions to generate new life into Maryland. We have a Constitutional Convention working to create a vital and viable governmental structure for our State — one which will retain all the best of past traditions yet enable our State to grow and build and prosper.

We have established a Task Force on Modern Management to assure maximum economy in all State-financed operations and maximum efficiency through streamlining our State government organization. Similar units in other states have produced phenomenal results. Initial savings of over \$25 million were recorded in New York State, \$50 million in Ohio and \$60 million in the State of Washington.

We have enacted model air quality control legislation and promulgated standards to assure the purity of our most precious natural resource.

We have endeavored to move forward in human rights, to extend all the guarantees yet preserve all the protections promised individuals by our Federal Constitution. We have been touched by racial violence, yet we have contained it through a refusal to tolerate irresponsible exploitation and incitement and a willingness to remedy justified grievances.

We have established the State's first professional highway safety engineering committee to review all highways for hazards and advise on remedial safety design.

We are attacking crime through direct State aid, through the reform of prisons and the development of volunteer professional and lay advisory groups such as the Miles Commission on Gambling and the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.