

## NEWS CONFERENCE

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## OPENING STATEMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

(Day Care Center Expansion)

I am pleased to announce today that Maryland will be able to expand its program of Day Care Centers for children of working mothers in the coming fiscal year. President Johnson signed legislation yesterday which will provide substantial Federal support for this program previously financed strictly by the State. With this aid, we can triple our present efforts in providing day care for children of welfare mothers so that they can accept employment or job training. The number of centers will be increased from nine to 26, and the total number of children cared for will be increased from 400 to 1,300.

(Baltimore County Construction Permit Charges)

I wish to comment on a very misleading statement by the Baltimore County Auditor which was the basis of several news stories yesterday.

First of all, I think it is important to place the criticism in the proper perspective. Mr. Borland has long been a political opponent of mine, as any cursory examination of news releases during my tenure as County Executive will indicate. He was not part of my administration but was the carefully selected handmaiden of the County Council. Most of his productive time was spent in attempting to embarrass my administration and apparently, once having embarked on the course, he finds it difficult to discontinue it.

Now, as to the substance of his allegations; and I reiterate this was a problem from the previous administration, the Public Works Agreement having been signed on March 1, 1962. Under the terms of this agreement the County agreed to acquire a right-of-way for Rolling Road to provide a safe access for an elementary school and a second access to the proposed apartments. The County Council, of which the incumbent County Executive was a member, refused to approve access of this right-of-way on several occasions, even after the Board of Education stated it was necessary. Consequently, my administration was forced to file a condemnation action. Because of the unsafe condition, the right of prior entry was granted in August, 1966.

The important thing to emphasize is the enforcement of the Public Works Agreement (executed, I reiterate, before I took office) was