

of which I have yet to use or even really see. Besides, I don't expect eternal spring and the chirping of robins to greet every act and action of the new administration. What I do expect, and what happily is already evident, is a fresh spirit and resolve among all who serve the State.

I, personally, have been treated most cordially since my arrival in Annapolis. People are striving to cooperate with me and more importantly, to do right by you.

Criticism of the new administration to date has been relatively minor. Besides, a governor, because of the nature of his office, must learn to accept a few barbs. Governors can no more insist on being loved by their legislators than presidents by their portrait painters.

Lincoln aptly described this problem when he said, "I can't run this thing on the theory that every office holder must think I am the greatest man in the nation."

Lincoln said a lot about many subjects that had timely and timeless meaning. Surely he was predicting the temper of Maryland in 1967 when he said in 1862:

The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with the occasion.

As our case is new, so must we think anew and act anew. Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation.

*Our case is new.* These four words alone capture the very essence of what is being done to improve the State of Maryland and the operation of its government.

Certainly the bipartisan Curlett Commission, in recommending the strengthening of the Governor's personal staff and the establishment of an office to continually review government operations and organization, understood the meaning of these words.

In order to implement the Curlett Commission's report, the Governor's Task Force on Modern Management has been established. This task force has been charged with the responsibility of examining