

Student Councils. Meaningful progress will only begin when there is understanding and acceptance, by all our citizens, of mutual goals. The urban, the suburban and the rural viewpoints must be communicated as the very first step toward consensus. Students in downtown Baltimore will gain insight by learning that there are plenty of problems in Western Maryland's Appalachia region. Students from the suburbs should learn of the inner City experience. And students from both sides of the shores of the Chesapeake Bay have something to say and something to learn, too.

We boast of Maryland being "America in Miniature." We have all its geographical virtues and all of its different points of view. We also have many of America's problems in miniature and their resolution depends on a better understanding of ourselves, our private and public goals. I cannot stress strongly enough how important a contribution this could be to our progress as a State.

STATEMENT ON REJECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

May 14, 1968

The people of Maryland have spoken and, while I view the results of today's election with deep disappointment, I submit that it demonstrates the great strength of our democratic system in that the people decide the most important issues.

I do not believe that the failure of this particular Constitution can be interpreted as a failure for constitutional reform. The need for constitutional reform goes on, as is clearly indicated by the many votes cast for the proposed document. With this in mind it is my hope that the Legislative Council of the General Assembly will shortly consider ways in which we can achieve at least the most imperative reforms through customary legislative action.

We cannot allow all hope for progress to die with the failure of this single document. If anything, we must turn today's defeat into victory by heightened initiative and activity within the executive and legislative branches of State government.