

against this killer that becomes less of a scourge with the passing of each enlightened year.

However, it is still a major challenge to all of us. The fact that 5,200 Marylanders will die from this disease in 1967 and approximately 10,000 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the State indicates the gravity and the emergency of the problem.

We in Maryland are fortunate to have as our State President this year a man with the national reputation that Dr. Edward F. Lewison enjoys as a cancer specialist. As most of you know, he is Chief of the Breast Clinic at Johns Hopkins University, Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and one of the leading authorities on breast cancer.

You will hear from Mr. Leonard H. Hudson, the chairman of the Crusade Standing Committee, the plans for the educational and fund-raising drive to be launched next month.

Again, I welcome you to this meeting and I extend my thanks to all of you for your efforts to educate the public as to the warning signals of cancer and to collect the funds necessary to support the vital programs of the Society.

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## NEWS CONFERENCE

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Q. On Marvin Mandel's announcement today, that he is personally going to support the 2 to 5 percent income tax rate, which we feel sort of knocks out the 2 to 6, will you go along with the 2 to 5 percent rate? It is supposed to raise the same amount of money?

A. I think it is much more desirable than the Hess-Warfield plan. I don't know whether the Hughes committee has finished its consideration of the impact of reducing the plan from a 2 to 6 to a 2 to 5, but in preliminary discussion Senator Hughes indicated that it was possible that this could be worked out and still achieve their basic aims. If that's true, I would certainly consider supporting it if the committee wants to do that.

Q. Governor, the 2 to 5 rate hits the man in the lower income bracket a little bit harder than their own graduated plan. Does that bother you at all?