

We hold fast to the law in the faith that only with law is progress possible.

We are the party that regards individual rights as inseparable from individual responsibilities. We have great hopes for collective and individual fulfillment, and we expect each individual to contribute to his own and society's progress. We believe in independence, not license. We believe in opportunity, not anarchy. We believe in compassion, not concession.

This is not conservatism, nor is it liberalism. It is Americanism. I want to preserve our nation and I believe the overwhelming majority of 200 million Americans stand with me.

And if anyone or any forces within this nation or this planet think the American people are going to surrender in the face of continuous crises, they are wrong.

The American people may be temporarily confused, but the American people will not collapse. We shall survive the threat of Communism abroad and chaos at home. We shall emerge a stronger and more perfect nation.

Today as Maryland's Republican leadership convenes in America's oldest operating State House, we see America's oldest, enduring values still operating successfully. There is a place in this nation for the old and the new. And it is a grave misconception of our times to believe all that is old must be destroyed to make way for the new. It is an equally serious mistake to take the position that nothing new is good. There is room and there is reason for both.

The 1968 election opens the way to fresh leadership and fresh vision. The Republican Party offers the way to progress without revolution, to peace without capitulation, to availing ourselves of all that is good and new without violating all that is good and old.

Maryland's Republican Party will go to the National Convention united in the confidence that our choice will ultimately rest between good candidates.

Great issues are at stake. The Republican Party has never had a greater chance or a greater challenge. And I do not mean just the challenge and the chance to win. I mean the challenge to propose creative, impressive alternatives to present national policies — and the chance to change the tragic course our country has taken.

We must put an end to government-by-expedient, to the theory that public favor can be bought by massive social spending. We must