

ward. We may transform our emphasis from crime control to crime prevention.

In the next hours, you will be asked to identify areas for citizen involvement, to propose private projects for crime prevention, to set priorities in programs. These are demanding challenges but no less demanding than the grave dimensions of the problems confronting all of us. Certainly, we all recognize that we cannot deny the problem exists or delay measures to resolve it. We cannot abdicate our responsibilities as private citizens to public officials. Thus, the only alternative becomes one of total community involvement. This means cooperation with our police and voluntary projects in multiple related fields.

Government cannot be stronger than its people. It cannot be more committed to a cause than its citizens. This is the triumph and the challenge of democracy. Right now we are challenged by lawlessness of unprecedented proportions. Our triumph depends on the determination and dedication of individual citizens acting in concert.

It is my hope that Maryland's private crime prevention crusade, like Maryland's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice's crime control plan, will become a model for all other States to follow. I salute you and wish you the greatest success.

STATEMENT ON TRANSITION OF THE GOVERNORSHIP

November 26, 1968

My recent election as Vice President of the United States has raised questions about when I will resign as Governor of Maryland so that a successor may be chosen for the remainder of the four-year term to which I was elected in 1966.

Of paramount importance is an orderly, intelligent transfer of the Governorship, with the least interruption and disruption that these unprecedented circumstances will permit. This is my goal and to attain it I must first complete the affairs of the present administration in a manner which will provide the greatest assistance to my successor.

The time required to achieve this objective will necessitate that I remain in office at least until January 1, 1969. It is possible that my