

session we enacted statutes which placed Maryland in the vanguard of states pressing for social justice.

The repeal of the century-old Anti-Miscegenation Law eradicated an illogical and dictatorial clause from State marriage laws. The Fair Housing Law marked the first positive measure of its type enacted by a state south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Its subsequent defeat at referendum cannot diminish our pride in principled leadership. We acted out of conscience to right an historic wrong.

I share with you pride and satisfaction in the expansion of Maryland's public accommodations statutes. While the law became academic because of Federal legislation which intercepted it, the effort was tremendously important for it expressed Maryland's overt commitment to equal rights for all.

Executive initiative in the field of human rights has, I believe, been without precedent. Even before inauguration, I established the Advisory Committee on Human Rights to assist in the development of legislation in this sphere. For the first time, a Negro was appointed to the Governor's personal staff and auxiliary personnel were integrated in the Governor's Office. I was the first Governor to seek out the advice and guidance of the nation's most responsible black leadership. And, in accordance with that advice, Maryland's first Governor's Code of Fair Practices was prepared and promulgated.

We have worked earnestly to advance social justice through service as well as statute. We have won many small victories and suffered some serious defeats. Since I took office, Maryland's welfare budget has increased \$20 million. We have provided additional allowances for foster care and food. The State for the first time paid transportation costs for the indigent blind to medical clinics and appropriated operating funds for Day Care Centers for children. A Crash Job Program was established in Baltimore City and, subsequently, a model Job Training Center which draws upon the best talents of our private and public sectors was opened. In Cambridge, we have moved ahead in attracting new industry and developing low income housing.

But, notwithstanding our progress, Baltimore, Cambridge and Salisbury have suffered serious civil disorders .

If I am to be fair in my review of the record — fair to my administration, to the General Assembly and to Maryland's citizens — I must speak in terms of pain as well as pride.

Watching a city burn, walking through blocks obliterated as if by bombs from an enemy air attack, is painful. One cannot emerge from