

1 be insoluble and, through it all, the swift current of
2 events seems at times to be carrying us to the brink of
3 disaster.

4 We cannot in this Constitutional Convention
5 of Maryland in the space of the next 90 or 120 days, or
6 even longer if we had the time, solve the problems of the
7 world, of the nation, or even of our State, but we can
8 and we must, within the time allotted to us, provide the
9 framework of a government for our State which is capable
10 of grappling with the problems confronting us today, and
11 with at least a possibility of being able to solve
12 those problems in such a way as to prevent our State from
13 being caught up and destroyed in the inferno of hate
14 and conflict and bitter defiance which we see all about
15 us.

16 We must forge a document which the people of our
17 State will adopt on May 14, 1968, and thus make it a
18 Constitution, and not a mere exercise in semantics, a
19 scrap of paper. We must draft a Constitution which will
20 guarantee to every citizen the right to pursue his own
21 goal of personal ~~happiness~~ ^{HAPPINESS} and seek his own level of