

1 of your persistence; of quorum calls and calls from home;  
2 of camera clicks and microphone squeals; of whispers from  
3 the walls and shouts in this hall.

4 And I shall walk with pride, because we have  
5 done well.

6 Each generation makes some contribution to its  
7 country, and this generation in Maryland will list as one  
8 of its major accomplishments this Constitution and its  
9 fruits.

10 This accomplishment is no accident. Each  
11 delegate contributed freely of his talents -- some by  
12 experience, some by enthusiasm, some by words; and yes,  
13 some by silence.

14 We were tempted to be political, but we were not.  
15 We were urged to be parochial, but we were not. We were  
16 sought to protect special interests, but we did not.  
17 While constantly reminded of a yesterday that never really  
18 was, we dreamt of a tomorrow that just must be.

19 While this is an end, it is but another chapter  
20 in the saga of this Constitution of 1968, not concluded  
21 until the ratification in May, and this last step may well