

1 speak one's mind were concerns of our earlier Maryland
2 Constitutions. The fathers of the Constitution of 1776,
3 1851, 1864 and 1867 recognized that if man were to be free
4 he had to have these political securities.

5 These conventions when they argued out the sig-
6 nificance of placing these securities in the Constitution,
7 there were some who said they do not belong in the Consti-
8 tution.

9 But our times and those ahead of us require us to
10 establish economic securities. If man cannot be free
11 economically from want, of what avail is the ballot? Fore-
12 most among these economic freedoms is the guarantee that
13 the product of our labor will purchase that which is
14 wholesome and safe.

15 Finally, why the Constitution?

16 The American Constitution has long been an
17 expression of our belief, indeed our dream. As I said the
18 other day, when talking about natural resources within our
19 Constitution, there has existed what seemed to be hortatory
20 statements for some time and yet out of the 1851 Consti-
21 tutional mandate, "that the legislature ought to encourage