

1 gave leadership in 1963 in the state's first drive to
2 secure a state-wide public accomodations law, and the
3 fair employment practices laws which were enacted.

4 A few days ago in Maryland's largest city a young
5 mayor conscious of the effects of racial isolation and
6 discrimination upon the white citizens as well as upon
7 the colored citizens of that city, made an inaugural pledge
8 to end racial discrimination in the city's facilities and
9 in its actions.

10 Many of us who are minority members in this
11 state have been encouraged and enheartened by the activi-
12 ties in both Prince Georges County and Montgomery County
13 as they have enacted fair housing ordinances. The city
14 of Annapolis on the eve of our Convention and shortly
15 thereafter gave us another encouraging example of leader-
16 ship in the state by its enactment of a fair housing
17 ordinance and those of us who have long been concerned
18 in the criminal area by the deficiencies in the adminis-
19 tration of justice caused by racial discrimination have
20 been encouraged by the activities of the white citizens
21 of Montgomery County in the long struggle in the