

1 in Article 24 of our present Constitution there is the
2 commitment of this state that slavery shall not be re-
3 established and certainly in 1967 in spite of the movement
4 in the courts and in the Federal Congress, this Convention
5 must enact a similar commitment for the protection of the
6 human rights of the Negro citizens of this state.

7 It must also be remembered, and it already has
8 been pointed out prior hereto in the debate that the 14th
9 Amendment was passed by Congress on June 13, 1866 and by
10 July the 20 of 1868, Secretary of State Seward has certi-
11 fied that the amendment had been ratified by three-fourths
12 of the state.

13 However, Maryland did not ratify the amendment
14 until 1959 and between 1868 and until shortly before the
15 ratification, Maryland had exercised rigid segregation in
16 its state schools, in its intrastate modes of transpor-
17 tation, in housing, employment, and recreation and public
18 accomodation.

19 And as we look at the racial discrimination and
20 segregation still existing in the state, we must be
21 challenged to affirm in our new Constitution the new state