

country. The Capital Beltway was opened on August 16, 1964.

Maryland's only toll road, the John F. Kennedy Highway, (Route 95), runs from Baltimore to the Delaware line and connects with the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the New Jersey Turnpike. Originally dedicated as the Northeastern Expressway by the late President on November 14, 1963, only a few days before his tragic death, it was subsequently renamed by joint action of both Maryland and Delaware. The Blue Star Highway (Route 301), extending from the Eastern Shore end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to the Delaware State line, makes similar connections. The next to the last segment of Route 95, that between the Baltimore and the Capital Beltways and parallel to the Baltimore-Washington Expressway was opened to traffic in July, 1971.

In Western Maryland, the State has continued a massive highway construction program to speed traffic to the west. Interstate Route 70 has been completed between Baltimore and Washington to Hancock, where the road swings northward into Pennsylvania. Route 40, the National Road, has been dualized and in many instances, relocated. The State is constructing a new road which runs parallel to Route 40 to be called the National Freeway. Segments have already been completed between Cumberland and La Vale in Allegany County.

Friendship International Airport, constructed to connect Baltimore with all parts of the globe, began operating on June 24, 1950. A 3,200-acre field, it was designed to accommodate the largest planes of the jet age and is still one of the largest airports in the country. The volume of traffic has grown steadily, but at a rate considerably below expectations, due largely to the presence of Dulles International Airport near Washington.

The Maryland Port Authority, now called the Maryland Port Administration, was established in 1956 to promote and develop the ports of Maryland. It endeavors to persuade private operators of port facilities to make needed improvements, but if necessary, the Administration may construct and operate supplementary facilities.

Health and Mental Hygiene

Spurred by a series of shocking revelations about the care of the mentally ill which was published in one of Baltimore's leading newspapers in 1949, the General Assembly established the Department of Mental Hygiene, now included in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as the Mental Health Administration, and gave it full supervision over all