

there was a rearrangement of the set-up occasioned by the rental of the building at 34 Hopkins Place in Baltimore City and the moving into that building of the several units of divisions of the department which had been housed in other buildings in Baltimore City. The Income Tax Division, which had operated from the State Office Building in Annapolis, was moved to Baltimore in June, 1949, and the Alcoholic Beverages Tax Division and the Admissions Tax Division were moved from their locations in the State Office Building in Annapolis to the Baltimore building during the month of September, 1949.

The moving of the offices from Annapolis to Baltimore occasioned considerable complaint from officials and citizens of Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis, resulting in the passage by the Session of the General Assembly held in February, 1950 of an Act directing the return to Annapolis of the Alcoholic Beverages Tax Division, the Admissions Tax Division and sufficient personnel of the Income Tax Division to take care of Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

In compliance with the Act mentioned the Alcoholic Beverages Tax Division and the Admissions Tax Division were returned to Annapolis during the month of August. Several employees of the Income Tax Division have already been assigned to work which it is possible for them to do in Annapolis and it is the intention to carry out fully the provision of the law in such time as this can be done without sacrificing efficiency and expense.

The complete fiscal picture is shown in summary form in Exhibit "A", our Balance Sheet, the first statement of the report. Detailed statements supporting the figures in the Balance Sheet follow in proper order. Other statements provide detailed information regarding receipts, disbursements, appropriation accounts, etc., and the usual tax dollar charts showing receipts and disbursements as to sources of revenues and functions of government follow the index in the first pages of the report. It has been our purpose in compiling the report to publish complete information on the fiscal operations of the State Treasury Department and it is our belief that the report contains the answer to practically every question that might reasonably be asked regarding the State's finances.

I shall be very glad to be of any service possible to you in making available any information obtainable from the records and files of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

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