

CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS

In compliance with the recommendation of the Commission appointed by me to study the matter of Chronic Disease Hospitals, I am recommending in the Bond Issue \$1,500,000.00 for the construction of two institutions: one on the Eastern Shore and one on the Western Shore. I also recommend that out of this sum Baltimore City be given aid in the extension of its City Hospitals plant in order to provide additional accommodations.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

I have carefully reviewed the budget of the Conservation Department and have allowed practically the amount of the request. The increase over the current budget is \$5,720.00, of which \$4,869.00 is for the Biological Laboratory at Solomon's Island, and for other work which will assist the Department in determining scientific methods of seafood cultivation.

This, of course, is one of the activities which will be reviewed by the Commission on Natural Resources which I have appointed recently, and it may be that further consideration of this budget will be necessary after the Commission has completed its report.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The appropriation to the State Department of Public Welfare for 1941 is \$4,915,920.00. In accordance with the provisions of the budget law, and basing its action upon expenditures for the fiscal year 1940, the Board of Public Works withheld the sum of \$416,000.00 out of the 1941 budget. The appropriation to the Department of Public Welfare, therefore, for the fiscal year 1941 is \$4,499,920.00.

The amount of \$11,800.00 has been transferred to the account of the Board of Public Works for the payment of the rental of the offices of the Department in Baltimore City. Therefore, a net amount of \$4,488,120.00 is available to the Department for State and local administration and for distribution to eligible persons in the various categories in compliance with the 1942-1943 budget.

I feel that the Department should be able to function adequately upon the basis of the 1940 expenditures, with the following increases:

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| Administration of Child Welfare Services in Baltimore City | \$26,618.00 |
| Control of cases hospitalized in the Counties of Maryland and charged to State account | 7,776.00 |
| Child-caring institutions, to be paid on a per capita basis | 13,000.00 |
| State office expenses | 1,449.00 |

Total

\$48,843.00

This total, added to the net 1941 budget of \$4,488,120.00, is \$4,536,963.00, which is the amount of the total budget for the years 1943 and 1943.

It is my belief that with greatly increased industrial activity, due in a large measure to the National Defense Program, it should be possible for practically all employable people to secure positions, and the Welfare load should be less than it has been in the past. I am told that practically all cases on General