

In its early operations the Department judged each request for a photograph on its merits. Several organizations and individuals were provided with photographs of the State House. As a general rule, persons requesting photographs were referred to commercial photographers having files of Maryland material.

Allied with the photograph problem is that of films. Because of the rapid rise of the television industry, the demand for documentary films has greatly increased. The department received ten requests for films to be used by television stations or television film distributing agencies. It may be that it would be worthwhile in the future to prepare a documentary film on Maryland which could be provided to television stations, giving the state an opportunity to inform other Americans about its attractions for tourists, for industry and for new citizens.

In connection with film activities, the department assisted an oil company in publicizing a colored motion picture it is making on Maryland. It also offered its assistance to a firm preparing television documentaries on the forty-eight states. Work has not yet begun on the latter film.

### COOPERATIVE INFORMATION EFFORTS

Two of the most helpful cooperators with respect to information materials have been Mr. W. S. Hamill, head of the Maryland Development Bureau of the Baltimore Association of Commerce, and Miss Sarah P. Carothers of the association's Tourist Bureau.

Close contacts were established between the department and the Maryland Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Library at Baltimore. Assistance was given also to representatives of press services, the daily and weekly newspapers and radio stations of the State. One form this assistance took was that of providing a calendar of events of importance in the State to be distributed monthly. The calendar was compiled with the help of officials and public-spirited citizens and is a regular service feature of the department.

The director attended several meetings of the Board of Natural Resources and received much cooperation from the board and its affiliated agencies, particularly from its Executive Secretary William H.