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Governor's Inaugural Address

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I would not have you think that I visualize the greatness of Maryland and her problems of government or our task as builders of her political and governmental edifice in terms only of her material wealth and progress.

Important as these things are, far dearer are those more fundamental things for which Maryland has always stood and which have made us a people loving the free and wholesome air of ordered liberty. These are the things which not in their political aspects alone, but in their cultural, spiritual and social aspects as well give our collective life its real value.

It has always seemed to me that Maryland has what might almost be called a distinctive civilization of her own, as reflected in her customs and traditions and political spirit. If I am right in that, then I suppose we inherited it from our ancestors and I would like to see it cherished and preserved and spread to the far corners of the nation as the Maryland gospel of free government.

The preservation of these ideas and traditions which lend character and strength to our State involves the continued preservation of those political ideals and principles upon which they rest and which through long years have been woven into the fabric of our State life.

From the days of our first provincial charter the freemen of Maryland have loved political liberty and have practiced it, just as they loved religious toleration and practiced it. Our fathers, as free and independent individuals, made their own laws and obeyed them. As sovereign citizens of a sovereign State they voted to enter into a sovereign Union with their sister States and our people have always respected the letter and the spirit of the covenants of that Union. They have always respected the rights they yielded and have always defended the rights they retained. In the inevitable conflict and confusion of these reciprocal rights and duties, it seems to me that Maryland has always lived up to her duties and has always pursued a consistent and intelligent policy and one in harmony with what is best for the State and best for the Nation. The experience of these latter days is amply demonstrating the truth of this.

The problem that confronted our fathers when they came to form an indivisible union of indivisible States was how to reconcile liberty and law. How to protect those rights of free men for which they had given their blood and treasure. How to make liberty ordered liberty. How to reconcile individual freedom with strong and effective government. They did this by establishing limitations upon official powers, by defining the rights of the State and the rights of the Union. Maryland stands by these rights, and to me it seems incontrovertible that the strength of the Union and the effectiveness of free government lies in having all the States do so.

We have drifted too far down the stream of Federal centralization. Government should not be a master but a servant. If the people are to be interested in government, they must govern by being close to those who ministrate for them. There is no political education like exercising the rights and duties of self government, and there is no surer way of destroying political vitality than to yield these rights.

I do not mean to elaborate. My only point is that the right of self-government goes to the very foundation of things. It is the very essence of organized administration. It is our task, as builders of Maryland laws and Maryland resources, to protect it and to maintain it.

In many ways a government can go wrong and still right itself. If a tariff is discriminatory or burdensome it can be changed. If it is a mistake to apply a treasury surplus to tax reduction instead of to debt reduction this can be remedied. If our attitude to the World's Court or to the League of Nations does not conform to the national welfare, we can adopt another that will.

But if you let the inherent and historic character of your government change; if you let the States yield their vitality and become anaemic and dependent things; if you look on while centralization breeds its bureaucrats, its petty tyranny and its incompetency; if unprotesting you stand by while the rights of citizenship are confiscated; then do not say the fault lies in the stars when liberty and equality of opportunity fade and tolerance bids the land farewell.

I am deeply conscious of the responsibility of this moment. No man could stand just across the threshold of his third term of Governor of Maryland without being so. Nor do I stand here with mingled feelings or emotions. Beyond an humble, an intense and an enduring sense of gratitude to the people of my State, at this moment I thrill to but one emotion, and it is an absorbing one.

It is the determination to do my honest best, within the limits of my ability, for the State and the people who have honored me infinitely beyond the measure of my deserts.

I believe that requires more than high administrative resolve, more even than working to upbuild the resources of the State. It demands also, in the interest of our people, the affirmance in a practical and effective way of those eternal political truths upon which justice and liberty among men depend.

Specifically, it demands recognition of the fact that the Bill of Rights was not written into the Constitution as the mere expression of a political theory. It was intended to be the Charter of American Liberty, the living, working governmental creed for the people of all the States, and I am becoming strong in the conviction that not much longer now will Maryland stand almost alone in her fight for the preservation of its guarantees.

But whether we stand alone or not, the guarantees of the Bill of Rights are still ours; and as Governor of Maryland, so far as in my power lies, I shall continue to demand, in the name of my State, and as the vital heritage of her people, the protection against every form of despotism which that great Charter promises and the liberties it covenants for mankind.

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