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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*The high priority the Governor gave to economic and industrial development was indicated by his pre-inauguration statement disclosing his plan to request the Legislature to establish a Department of Economic Development. The establishment of this Department, its growth and record of achievements, were regarded by the Chief Executive as among the most outstanding accomplishments of his first term. He was particularly interested in its planning activities, its assistance to local communities and its success in attracting new industry. Almost all of his many addresses on economic development highlighted the leadership and expertise of its staff, which he regarded as one of the finest in the nation.*

*The significance of a smooth working partnership of federal, state and local government was a common theme in official remarks on economic development. The financial assistance for depressed areas available from federal agencies, such as the Area Redevelopment Administration, was welcomed. Maryland was in the forefront of the states taking advantage of the new programs. Non-governmental organizations with a role in economic development were given special attention by the Governor. Rural electric cooperatives, public utilities, bankers associations were stimulated to play strong roles in planning for growth and promoting industrial expansion and tourism. Meetings of civic organizations, such as the Rotary Club of Frederick, were forums for a regular review of economic progress.*

*The Governor never tired of extolling the climate, esthetic beauty and the recreational attractions of Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore.*

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### REQUEST TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNAPOLIS

December 31, 1958

Governor-elect J. Millard Tawes said today he will ask the Maryland General Assembly for legislation to establish a new Department of