

pursue our own destinies, indeed, our very lives, are dependent upon our system of law and administration of justice. The theme of the 1966 celebration is "Respect the Law — It Respects You".

We all hope and pray that the young men and young women who will study in these halls in the years to come will be inspired to strive for the preservation of freedom and of justice under law.

REMARKS, DEDICATION OF BALTIMORE JUNIOR COLLEGE, BALTIMORE

May 4, 1966

Dr. Bard, Mayor McKeldin, members of the faculty and of the administration and students of Baltimore Junior College, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I want to express my thanks, at the outset, to Dr. Bard and to the administrative officers and faculty of the Baltimore Junior College for inviting me to attend this ceremony at which we dedicate this imposing new center of learning. Observing the progress we have made in Maryland in the education of our youth has been one of the most satisfying experiences I have had as Governor, and this splendid new campus affords an excellent example of the advances we have made in the area of public higher education.

The community college movement is one of the most significant developments in education that has occurred in our country since World War II, in Maryland and elsewhere in the nation, and Baltimore Junior College is one of the pioneers of the movement here in our State. The junior college programs were begun in Maryland as early as 1935, but it was not until 1961 that the General Assembly, in a bill passed that year, recognized the community college as a legal entity, provide for its administrative structure, clarified the basis for the State's contribution to financing it and set forth its purposes.

From the office of chief executive of the State, I have had the good fortune of observing the community college movement in Maryland in the period of its greatest growth. In 1961, the year of the enactment of the community college measure which I referred to, the appropriation of the State for the support of the community colleges totaled \$431,550. In the budget which I submitted, and which the