

that this is essentially a just world and that, while the forces of injustices, for God's inscrutable purposes, often are permitted to attain their end temporarily, in the end justice and decency prevail.

On behalf of all our people in Maryland, I give voice to the hope that is in your hearts, that the delivery of Lithuania will not be long delayed, and that before many years have past, not only your loved fatherland, but all the once-free peoples of Europe, will be restored to that freedom and equality among the nations that is their just and God-given due.

As long as that beacon still flashes forth the message of liberty to oppressed peoples, throughout the world, so long will the self-proclaimed rule of dictators be subject to overthrow.

As long as America and its democratic form of government survives, there will be hope in Lithuania, in Poland, and in all the ravaged countries of the world, for a better day to come. And with that hope, there will be a resurgence of patriotic fervor that will sustain the sturdy men and women of these down-trodden countries, that will pass on to their children and their children's children, until that day, and it is sure to come, when liberty again will be in the ascendancy and the rights of mankind again will be recognized.

With these thoughts in mind, it is an extreme pleasure for me to extend to you a very formal welcome on the part of all the people of Maryland, and a very cordial welcome for myself. Every resident of our State joins with me, I know, in expressing to you our sincere sympathy over the tragic fate that has befallen your fatherland, and in voicing the hope that the present unacceptable situation will quickly pass away.

In thus voicing the sentiments of the people of Maryland, I am speaking not only for those who had America for their birth place, but I know that I truly represent the feelings of those among us who came from Poland, Lithuania, France, Finland, or any of the conquered nations of the world, or who are descendants of former residents of those countries.

America glories in the fact that the people of other lands, while they have been assimilated into the great "melting pot" that is America, nevertheless retain a love for, and a continuing knowledge and appreciation of, the customs and traditions of their fatherlands.

We glory in it, I say, and we would not have it otherwise, for we believe that the man or woman who comes to us from a foreign land and who retains his love for that land, while giving his first loyalty to America, is the better citizen therefor.