

1 country, and they are today in the jungle outposts, in
2 the front line of battle defending the principles for
3 which we stand as a nation and as a state.

4 Some of them will never return to their home-
5 land. Some will return with wounds that will prevent
6 them from being a productive part of society. Others
7 will come back full of hope and expectation that their
8 country will assure to them all of the great ideals that
9 they have been fighting to preserve in the far corners of
10 the world, the ideals for which our nation stands.

11 We can honor the dead, we can thank the wounded,
12 but this Convention can reassure the living that in
13 Maryland we are determined to make a proud and meaning-
14 ful contribution to the protection of all persons without
15 regard to race, religion or national origin.

16 The Federal language presented by the majority
17 of the committee is a good faith attempt by sincere
18 persons to place the state on record in support of equal
19 rights and the language is fine as far as it goes, but it
20 looks backwards to the kind of state in 1868 when the
21 14th Amendment was enacted in which segregation by custom