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"OUR COUNTRY" CELEBRATION HELD AT FT. McHENRY ON JULY 4TH

1973 Independence Day ceremonies at Ft. McHenry featured a program entitled "Our Country."

According to Richard Hoffman, chairman of the program, the purpose of the show was to emphasize "pride in our heritage so we may become more aware of the positive things that exist today in our country."

Commission members of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission participated in the ceremonies and were introduced individually to the audience by MBC Chairman Louise Gore.

Miss Gore read an Independence Day Proclamation by Governor Marvin Mandel.

Various exhibits were shown, including the famous "Spirit of '76" mosaic. The 11 foot high, eight foot wide 1,500 pound mosaic depicts the "Spirit of '76" in 150,000 carefully fitted, gleaming tiles was created by 41 year old Santo Navarria, the son of a Baltimore ceramics worker, who constructed the mosaic as "My gift to America."

The mosaic has been valued at some \$50,000 just in materials and for man hours of construction time however the artist has rejected the sale of his creation. "Of course not," he says. "I made it as a birthday present. You don't sell presents. You give them because they come from your heart."

MBC Chairman Gore indicated that plans for utilizing the mosaic

in connection with the Bicentennial are being studied.

Music was provided by the U. S. Marine and Bugle Corps and the "Sweet Adelines," a women's choral group.

A grand procession of the 50 state flags, along with the raising

of a huge replica of the original flag was a highlight of the program.

Harry L. O'Bryant is superintendent of the Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and participated in the ceremonies.



PRESENTATION CEREMONY — Harry Allendorfer (right) director of special events and ceremonies for the ARBC presented this banner to MBC Chairman Louise Gore, who in turn gave it to Mayor Wm. Donald Schaefer and President of the City Council Walter S. Orlinsky. Harry L. O'Bryant, superintendent of the Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine participated in the ceremonies. He is standing between Mayor Schaefer and Miss Louise Gore. Mr. Orlinsky is standing next to Mayor Schaefer, while Lou Corbin, WFBR, who was master of ceremonies is on the left. Former Governor Theodore R. McKeldin gave a stirring address.

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EDITORIAL

Three years from now, we will commemorate the bicentennial of the birth of this republic in 1776.

On July 3, 1776, John Adams said, "... this great anniversary festival ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports. . . ."

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission is actively considering a number of plans for statewide involvement in various observances commemorating major Maryland events which helped to shape the Revolution. These events and programs will be announced when further details are known.

In the meantime however, the Counties, Cities and Towns of the State, together with schools, organizations and individuals are encouraged to develop additional local plans as appropriate.

The success of the Bicentennial depends on "grass roots" participation, and you are cordially invited to "do your thing."

The Editor

NOTE

The Press is cordially invited to use any material contained in this publication.

THE SPIRIT OF '76

MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ADOPTS THEMES

Objectives adopted recently by the Maryland Bicentennial Commission comprise three major themes which are in keeping with those recommended for the Nation by the national American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

HERITAGE



'76

Focuses on activities which recall our Nation's heritage and give an historical perspective to the Community. In the thirteen original States, the Heritage Program would relate more directly to the events of the American Revolution than in other States. All areas however, have their own heritage which, at least in part, reflects the basic principles upon which our Nation was founded. Specifically, Heritage includes those values and traditions established by our founding fathers and supplemented by succeeding generations of Americans.

Heritage '76 is also concerned with what Americans can see, touch and feel in their historic past, with the houses, churches, bridges, parks, documents and decorative objects that form a panorama of their man-made environment.

HORIZONS



'76

Covers activities through which Americans can commemorate their past by looking to the future as the challenge and the opportunity for all individuals and organizations to define and dedicate themselves to worthy purposes and goals, and to proceed with the attainment of these goals through various activities intended to improve the quality of life.

Specifically, Horizons '76 will concentrate on citizenship, community development, communications, transportation, learning, health, leisure, the environment, the economy, and human

values and understanding to assure a better future for "all mankind."

FESTIVAL



USA

Sharing with other Americans and the peoples of the world the traditions, the culture and the hospitality of the United States and its people.

Festival USA includes the arts, athletics, education, travel, hospitality, exhibits and fairs involving all members of the community.

These activities may include community craft shows and workshops, folk music and dance performances.

All Americans should take a thoughtful look at themselves and their communities and share their knowledge by means of home hospitality, exchange programs, and at visitor information centers.

Speakers Available

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission has formed a Speaker's bureau and the Chairman, together with many of the Commission members and Staff members have spoken at meetings of service and civic organizations and patriotic societies throughout the State.

Organizations that would like to arrange for a speaker are cordially invited to write to the MBC, c/o The Department of Economic and Community Development, 2525 Riva Rd., Annapolis, Md. 21401 (telephone (301) 267-5046).

MISCELLANY

With the July 1973 issue, *Ford Times* begins a series of articles relating to the American Bicentennial. Over the next few years, the magazine plans to publish one or two articles each month and at the conclusion of the series they hope to have presented a summary of events, men and ideas associated with the beginnings of the United States.

Governor Marvin Mandel Gets First Copy Of Newsletter



FIRST — Governor Marvin Mandel reviews first copy of The Contemporary Maryland Continental presented to him by MBC Commissioners William E. Brown and J. H. Cromwell.

In the absence of MBC Chairman Miss Louise Gore, Commissioners William E. Brown and Joseph H. Cromwell recently presented Governor Marvin Mandel with the first copy of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission's new newsletter, *The Contemporary Maryland Continental*.

Governor Mandel congratulated the Commission members on publication of the newsletter and said he was looking forward to receiving copies of subsequent issues.

Since then, a number of commendatory letters and telephone calls about the new publication have been received.

QUOTES

Archibald MacLeish, poet and playwright, and former assistant secretary of state in the Roosevelt Administration, recently expressed his thoughts on the Bicentennial. In summary, he said: "What we need precisely at this moment of our history is something which will compel us to face ourselves as we once thought we would be and as we are, and the celebration of our bicentennial can give us such a time. Not a year of self-congratulation and outdoor advertising boasting to the world that the U. S. A. is Number One, or overflights of bombers or TV shows marked P for Patriotic or Hollywood spectacles with colored lights..."

Books and Publications of Interest

A series of eight feature articles about specific incidents related to Maryland's role in the Revolutionary War begins with the Summer, 1973 issue of *Maryland* magazine, published by the Department of Economic and Community Development of Maryland.

The first article, "The Day They Burned The Peggy Stewart," by Geroge A. Gipe, reports one of the many acts of revolt that occurred in Maryland in the years immediately preceding the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. Ronald Hoffman, assistant professor of history at the University of Maryland prepared the introduction, setting the stage historically for this era when loyalties to the mother country were stretched to the breaking point.

Dr. Hoffman is author of the first in a series of monographs being published under the joint sponsorship of the Johns Hopkins Press and the Maryland Bicentennial Commission. The book, "A

Spirit of Diversion: Economics, Politics and the Revolution in Maryland," is due out in the fall.

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The current issue of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* (Summer, 1973) published by the Maryland Historical Society, features four articles of interest about the American Revolution.

One of these articles, "Economic Analysis and Loyalist Strategy During the American Revolution: Robert Alexander's Remarks on the Economy of the Peninsula or Eastern Shore of Maryland," was written by Edward C. Papenfuse, Jr.

Mr. Papenfuse, a member of the Historical Committee of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, is assistant editor of the *American Historical Review*, published by the American Historical Society, Washington, D. C.



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Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States Meets in Wilmington

The June meeting of the Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States was held in Wilmington, Delaware from June 14 to 16, 1973.

At the meeting, Dr. J. Duane Squires of New Hampshire, was elected president, J. Moreau Brown of New York, vice president and Senator P. Bradley Morrah of South Carolina, secretary. Clifford M. Clarke, of Georgia was elected executive director.

The MBC has been represented at all meetings of the Council since it was organized, and is an active participant in the Council's decision-making process.

Commission members B. Floyd Flickinger and J. H. Cromwell were delegates to the Wilmington meeting, while MBC acting director Ned Symes participated in a meeting of executive directors.

Mr. Flickinger is a member of the Council's Heritage Committee, while Mr. Cromwell serves on the Public Information Committee.

The Bicentennial Council is an independent group, formed in 1971 to focus specifically on the interests of the thirteen original states and to develop cooperative programs of common benefit.

MBC Gets a Gift from Bank

John G. Warner, assistant vice president and manager of the Maryland National Bank's Church Circle office in Annapolis recently presented a check in the amount of \$900 to Miss Louise Gore, MBC Chairman and Commission member Mrs. Ruth King Keith. This sum of money was raised in connection with the sale of prints which were offered for sale to the public at the opening of the bank's new building in Annapolis.



CONTRIBUTION—John G. Warner, assistant vice president and manager of the Maryland National Bank's Church Circle office in Annapolis presents a check in the amount of \$900 as a contribution to the Maryland Bicentennial Commission. The check was received by MBC Chairman Louise Gore (right) and Commissioner Mrs. Ruth King Keith. The money was made possible from the sale of prints of Annapolis offered to the public in connection with the opening of the bank's new building.

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