

I'm delighted to be here this evening to have this opportunity to welcome you to the testimonial banquet in honor of our distinguished State Comptroller, Louis L. Goldstein. As you know, in 1958, and again, in 1962, I had the pleasure of campaigning throughout Maryland with Louis Goldstein so I am keenly aware of the many friends that he has in this State. However, I am confident that even he is pleasantly surprised at the unusually large turn-out this evening. It is, indeed, a fitting tribute to a dedicated Democrat and certainly a hard-working public servant.

Louis Goldstein has been active in political campaigns since he first sought public office in Calvert County in 1938. It was in that same year that I first won the high office that Lou Goldstein now holds. So I speak from experience when I say that he is the most energetic campaigner the State of Maryland has ever known. As a matter of fact, it is surprising to me that the members of the committee responsible for this affair this evening were able to convince Louis to stay in one place for more than two hours. Those of us who campaigned with Louis Goldstein in 1958 and in 1962 soon recognized the impossibility of trying to keep pace with this man. Many of you I am sure recall the phrase that became so familiar during the war years — "Killroy was here." During the 1958 and 1962 campaigns, the phrase that was heard repeatedly throughout Maryland was "Goldstein was here."

In a very true sense, Lou Goldstein has been preparing himself for the responsibilities of high office for most of his adult life. As many of you know, he has served in both the House of Delegates and the State Senate. In the State Senate, he served with distinction both as Majority Leader and as President of that legislative body. For more than five years, he has served with me on the State Board of Public Works, the highest administrative agency in State government. In so doing, he has played a key role in the development of improved programs for higher education, conservation of natural resources and economic development, to mention but a few.

As State Comptroller, he bears a heavy responsibility for the administration of the financial affairs of Maryland and, as a man familiar with the burdens of that office, I can say that he brought to that office great energy and independence of mind. Perhaps a better indication of the character of the man can be gotten from his pleasant disposition and the sunny smile that always seems to grace his countenance.

As I have previously pointed out, Louis Goldstein and I have campaigned together for many years and never during the course of