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1941. Legislation was enacted adopting uniform laws as to Absent Persons, Acknowledgments, Joint Tortfeasors, Simultaneous Death and Trust Receipts, relating to Conservation. Instalment Sales Contracts, Fireworks, Roads, Standardization of Salaries, Income Tax, Alcoholic Beverages, Juvenile Court, and creating State Employees' Retirement System.
1942. In furtherance of the war effort Maryland's "Flagship" the Steamer duPont, of the Tidewater Fisheries fleet, which had won its service chevron in World War I, again entered the service. Accepting the offer of Governor O'Connor, the United States Coast Guard took over the duPont, had it rebuilt to meet present-day needs, and put it in service, presumably on submarine patrol. Likewise, the bronze bell of the old Battleship "Maryland," a prized State House possession, was turned over to the United States Navy to do service again on the high seas.
1943. The first full company of WAACS to be recruited in any State in the Country were guests at special ceremonies in the State House on January 29. Governor Herbert R. O'Connor and the members of both Houses of the General Assembly convened in the House of Delegates Chamber, together with Major General Milton A. Reckord, Third Corps Area Commander, and officials of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.
- On Friday, March 26, the House of Delegates was the scene of another colorful occasion, when the Honorable Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and descendant of the Sixth Lord Calvert and of Robert Eden, last Colonial Governor of Maryland, addressed the members of the Maryland Legislature at the invitation of Governor O'Connor. He was accompanied by Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, and other notables.
1943. Among the outstanding legislation passed by the General Assembly was a constitutional amendment to modernize the set-up and to revise the procedure of appointments of the Maryland Court of Appeals. Civilian Defense regulations constituted another important enactment, as did the recodification of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Laws. Under laws passed at this session, handling of the Juvenile Court was placed under the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City; experience rating was adopted in connection with the contribution rate of certain employers to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, authority was given for the employment of prisoners for work on farms and in the institutions of the State during the present war; and Governor O'Connor was authorized to appoint a Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development.
1944. Special Session called by Governor O'Connor, March 6th, to provide adequate absentee voting laws for residents engaged in the Military or Naval Service of the United States by reason of War. Also to provide payment of compensation to teachers and other persons employed in the State receiving annual salaries of less than \$3,000.00 per year.
1945. The General Assembly passed a number of bills beneficial to Veterans. In addition, important legislation included complete re-