

1. To accomplish unity in the patriotic effort for National Defense by the citizens of the State of Maryland.
2. To enlist full public support behind military, economic and social preparedness activities and to cooperate with the Federal and State agencies.
3. To survey the resources of the State, including industries, labor, agriculture, transportation, communications, highways, housing and other interests, so as to make available for the National Government all information and data which may be necessary.
4. To consider lawful efforts to circumvent and counteract all subversive activities, fifth column, sabotage, etc., but equally important, to prevent hysteria and to protect innocently suspected or accused persons from unjust practices.
5. To consider a public information program for the enlightenment of the citizenry as to the nature and seriousness of the problems confronting the Country and the State and how the people can render assistance.
6. To consider policies to the end that profiteering or unfair practices in industry relating to National Defense preparedness may be eliminated.
7. To serve as a clearing house for any individual or group suggestions which relate to State resources or activities so that a most effective means of submitting the same to the Federal authorities may be accomplished and thus prevent loss of time and effort through needless duplication of effort.

Consideration may also be given to a study of the adaptability of industrial plants, for emergency uses, munitions, etc. Additional benefits may be derived from a study of the State Highway System and other possible means of transportation in connection with the movement of large numbers of persons or quantities of equipment and materials. It is for this reason that the Chairman of the State Roads Commission is included in the membership of this Council.

Education was referred to above as one of the possible and desirable methods by which the best results can be attained. Already educational leaders throughout the Country have assured the President of the United States that they are eager to cooperate in the formulation of plans for national defense, as well as to render the highest type of service in any emergency. They emphasize that the interests of education, democracy and of national defense broadly conceived, are identical.

Vocational instruction may become increasingly important and the guides in any such courses to be charted will be those experienced educators of the respective states. This leads to the consideration of other phases of education. It is concerning the all-important question of the dissemination of correct information relative to what the Nation is doing and why it is doing it. Through proper and accredited sources increased emphasis may be given, it is suggested, to the necessity of a better understanding and appreciation of the nature and value of a democratic form of government so that there may be more effective participation by the average citizen.

As an indication of the fact that the Governors of the United States are alive to the necessity of immediate action, I might refer to the Conference of Federal and State agencies on law enforcement problems in National Defense, to be held next Monday and Tuesday, August 5th and 6th at the Department of Justice in Washington. There will be considered topics such as—Protection and