

did National Guard outfits, Maryland will have instantly available her full quota of potential defenders of our State and of our Country.

With preparations for administration of the Selective Training and Service Act well behind us, the next important phase of defense activities facing the administration will be the formation of a State defense force, to take over when the Maryland National Guard units go into Federal Service in January. Under war as waged today this State defense becomes infinitely more important than in any previous war because by the very nature of offensive warfare today it would be possible for an attacking force to send its bombers cruising over our cities and our countryside, pouring a hail of bombs on strategic military posts and industries. It is for this reason that the projected State defense force becomes of great importance, and must be worked out in a way to assure the maximum in effectiveness and mobility.

Fortunately for Maryland, and for America, there are available hundreds of thousands of veterans of the last war, many of whom, though above military age, are still vigorous enough for any demands of State defense, and thoroughly capable, because of their previous military experience, to meet the exacting demands of modern defensive warfare.

You and I, and all of us, are earnest in the hope and the prayer that war may not come to us, while we put our trust in God, let us not neglect to keep our powder dry.

Economically there is cause for gratification in the splendid financial position of our State at this important moment. Financially, we are better prepared from a fiscal standpoint than many other states in the Union about us. Maryland has ceased living on borrowed monies, has stopped the dubious practice of leaving to future generations the cost of present-day government. Maryland is living within its income. More than that, it is effecting savings from its income. In the twenty-one months since this present administration can into office, more than \$1,000,000 has reverted to the State Treasury from departmental appropriations, and the State surplus has risen, as of September 30th, to the very gratifying total of \$5,400,000. Yet we have not spared doing the things that Maryland needs to meet modern requirements. We have extended facilities for the care of our aged and infirmed, our feeble-minded and our tubercular. We have improved educational facilities for normal, as well as the sub-normal children. Our roads have been allotted every penny of the millions collected and earmarked for road purposes, for a net gain in such expenditures of nearly \$5,000,000 during 1940 over the preceding year.

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Baltimore

THE slogan of this 1940 banquet—Maryland Means Navy to the Nation—is one to capture the imagination of every Marylander, and particularly of everyone, who, like myself, has had the good fortune to live in Navy Town itself. From the days of the old Baltimore Clipper, Maryland always has had