

deceits. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. That maxim was never more true than it is today.

We need hardly be told how vital this matter is. All of us have been shown an example of home defense that must be still vivid in our minds. There is only one foe of Hitler on whose soil no German invader has laid his foot. History will tell us in its own good time how much England owes to its civilian defenders. In the dark days of Dunkirk, it was the Home Guard who stood watch on the white cliffs and patrolled the roads and seashores against attack. And behind these grim guardsmen were thousands of armed reserves and assistants—Red Cross nurses, volunteer ambulance and canteen workers, sky watchers and scouts.

That then is our example. It needs no dressing up. If we are put to the same test we shall not be found wanting. Fortunately, we have this opportunity for preparation. The better our organization, the better our chances of forestalling that fearful ordeal. There is not a man or woman in Maryland who cannot do service in Civilian Defense. Let us therefore join hands in this effort which is not only toward our personal salvation but toward the salvation of all humanity.