

praise and lasting gratitude of all his fellow-citizens. In today's highly mechanized warfare, however, where speed and overwhelming armaments have upser in a few short months the whole international situation, the eyes of the Nation will be upon the men on the production lines as well as the men on the firing lines.

With this feeling very definitely in our minds, therefore, as we are privileged to participate in these stirring ceremonies, I bring to the officials and workers of the Naval Powder Factory at Indian Head, the confidence and congratulations of the people of Maryland. We appreciate that your work is of the utmost importance to the continued security of the Nation. We congratulate you on your achievements to date, and bid you God-speed in your future efforts to help consolidate our Country's all-important defense preparations.