

Big as our Country is, rich as it is beyond the telling in natural wealth, the fact already has been borne home to us that possibly deep financial sacrifices will be necessary before we can be satisfied that the end of adequate defense preparedness has been achieved.

Important as they are at any time, such tax reductions are doubly meaningful now, because they indicate most convincingly the readiness of our State for any development. We're liquid, we have money in our pockets. And I believe you will all agree that that's a good way to be at this particular moment, when Democracy, which means Marylanders and all other Americans, must make the supreme effort for survival.

Now, as never before, we need unity, we need solidarity, we need to have the people of our States, and the States themselves, knit in a close-working union whose purposes and aims will admit of no hesitancy or misgivings. The times call for the elimination of strikes so that full production can be had.

There are meetings like our own taking place all over the country. Wherever they convene there will be no division of purpose; no divergence of aim. Dictatorships are only as strong as the one man who rules; Democracies are as strong as the united strength of the people, bound to one another not by force—not by fear—but by the burning passion for freedom, by the emotion which we call the love of liberty.