

Under such conditions it is remarkable that we were able to make as much progress as we did, that we would arrive at such an advanced state of preparation throughout the 23 counties as had been achieved when the long-dreaded onslaught materialized at Hawaii.

In the Pacific Ocean two weeks ago death came to some of our Maryland sons who were the targets for the treacherous assaults of the Japanese. We will be untrue to the memories of the Maryland boys who made the supreme sacrifices last week if we do not use this opportunity to prepare for defense and to avenge their deaths.

In this war to turn back invasion, we at home shall be facing the invader, be hearing the thunder of his bombing, be receiving his fiercest blows.

Now is the time to prove that Democracy can wage war as successfully as it can survive peace.

We, as a Nation, are fighting today, this very hour, for our national existence. We must conquer or perish.

All our energy, all of the resources, all of the treasure of this Country must be dedicated to the supreme task of defending our Nation. With God's help, we shall continue to fight until victory crowns our banners—whatever be the cost, in blood, in treasure, in tears—that liberty may retain its habitation among the nations, and that freedom shall not perish from the earth!

I am now giving you a ten second standby, your "blackout" signal is about to sound.