

countries, had the demoralizing experience of seeing clouds of enemy parachutists dropped from the skies, forces against which they had no adequate defense.

If we prevent it, no such thing will ever happen to Maryland. Certainly no such attack will ever find us unprepared. Many of the leading men in Maryland, men of the highest standing in their communities, have joined the Minute Men, and are assisting vigorously in the organization of new units, because this service gives them a real opportunity to devote to the defense of their State and Country special talents and abilities which they possess.

To every person here tonight, and to every Marylander in this county and throughout the entire State, I repeat again, because it cannot be said too often, that Maryland and the Nation have need of your services, no matter what capabilities you may possess.

If you cannot join the active armed forces of the Nation, you can enroll either in the Minute Men or some phase of Civilian Defense. If, through physical disability or otherwise, such service is not open to you, you can contribute to the financing of our Country's war burden, directly in the ratio of our ability to buy. Generous response in the matter of purchasing Defense bonds and stamps, will help to assure sufficient quantities of the guns and tanks and planes and ships that your sons and brothers or your neighbor's sons and brothers, will need to win through to Democracy's greatest Victory.

I wish every person present here, and every citizen not only of our State but of the entire Country, could see and understand the full implication of a communication that came to my desk only yesterday.

It was a draft of a proclamation that has never been issued, one that, with the help of Divine Providence, we can all hope will never be issued. It is a specimen of the type of proclamation that would be issued in this Country should Germany or its Axis partner ever gain dominance here. The reason we can be sure such a proclamation would be issued here is that this draft is a composite of Axis proclamations that actually have been issued in occupied France, Belgium, Norway, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Can you imagine going to your Court House some morning and finding posted on the outside thereof a huge proclamation declaring that all powers of State are now in the hands of the Army of occupation; that all executives, office workers, laborers, who disregard German orders will be executed; that anyone attempting sabotage, or refusing to go wherever he is sent to work, will be put to death; that in all occupied territory, Axis money will be the medium of exchange; that all political activities must cease; that all public meetings are forbidden; that anyone trying to leave the United States without permission will be deported or shot; that all males from 16 to 60 must register, giving all data as to education and vocational aptitude, and that all females between 16 and 45 must do likewise; that school children must be registered by their teachers as a first step towards transfer to National Socialist Youth camps; that weapons of all kinds, radios, cameras, must be turned in; that the death penalty will be invoked against all persons who listen to foreign broad-