

each, trained in marksmanship, they will be alert and ready in case of enemy attack or invasion. They will be Maryland's own welcoming committee for enemy parachute troops.

Yes, Maryland knows there is a war, and is prepared right up to the hilt. This State can stand at attention, square its shoulders, and report "Maryland is ready, Sir," to our Commander-in-Chief, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There are other elements of "surprise" which we must keep constantly in mind besides the possibility of hostile bombing attack, or landing of troops by parachute or from the ocean. Sabotage is a word that we have heard much of during the last World War. We've read and heard much of it, likewise, in connection with the attacks upon conquered countries of Europe. More will be heard and read of it before the United Nations finally smash the military might of our enemies.

Because there has been so little sabotage in Maryland, and throughout America up to this time, let us not be misled. Let us not be thrown off guard, for that is exactly what our foes would like to see happen. The military leaders who are definitely charged with combating that phase of enemy action, assure us that *there will be* sabotage and, unless they are greatly mistaken it will strike our own State of Maryland among the very first.

Theirs is not an organization, we are told, that has been built up since Pearl Harbor, or since we first began to supply the Allied Nations with arms and war materials. No, their sabotage agents were planted in this Country years ago, for the purpose of being in a position to strike, should ever the occasion warrant. Many of these agents undoubtedly have worked for years in plants and in Governmental posts. Some of them, no doubt, have joined the Army and Navy and Police forces, just to be in the best place to inflict damage wherever their Country should call upon them.

Don't be surprised, therefore, to find persons who have worked in the factories, or on farms, turn out to be Axis agents. This is a thought to keep in mind, not for the purpose of becoming hysterical and suspecting everybody, but fery definitely with the idea of keeping your eyes open for words or acts that might indicate a desire to hamper or harm our Country at this time.

Another thought on soboteurs. We would condemn to the fullest any one who attempted to inflict damage upon one of our plane plants, or upon any of the many great industries in Maryland that are contributing so effectively to the war effort. Just as thoroughly, however, should we be on the alert against other types of sabotage. For instance, against Americans who unthinkingly pass on disturbing rumors, or who discuss movement of troops or sailing of ships. It would be a tragedy, indeed, if a brave American mother or father, who had contributed a son to the Army or Navy, would cause that son's death, and possibly the death of many of his comrades in arms by revealing information as to his destination or his movements. Yet that undoubtedly can happen, unless all are on the alert to guard their tongues against unthinking statements.

There is still another type, if not of sabotage, at least of lack of positive patriotism. Refusal too accept in good spirit the regulations laid down for our National economic guidance, is certainly one way of giving material aid and