

what England suffered during the periods of mass German bombings, The mechanized monster, which misguided German minds conceived for the destruction of their enemies will be used, in constantly greater and greater measure, to bring about the destruction of Germany itself.

On the home front, as well, America is under full steam in the war industries of the land. Here again, there will be no let-down, no thought of stoppage until the fullest demands of the Military and Naval leaders have been met. Every soldier and sailor who is sent forth to fight for America must have better than an equal chance to fight through to Victory. He must have planes and weapons of every type not only equal, in number and quality, but superior, to those of the enemy.

Is this objective being accomplished? It is! And this notwithstanding the fact that, occasionally throughout the land - but, thank God, only occasionally - selfish and misguided groups are still aiding Hitler and his followers by interfering with the maximum production of American industries and factories.

For Maryland let it be said, with deepest satisfaction, that her people have never faltered in the good work of production. Rather, the men and women producing the ships and planes, the war supplies of every description in the plants throughout the State, have furnished an example of patriotic endeavor that has been an inspiration to the rest of the Nation. And their leaders in management and in organized labor, have stood shoulder to shoulder with State and Federal officials in every effort to maintain and to increase the efficiency of Maryland's great Army of Production Soldiers.

It was at this very banquet, at your Convention two years ago, by the way, that the first announcement was made of plans for the Maryland State Guard. With the help of Legion officials and members, the State Guard now has advanced to the front rank among Guard units in the Nation, a fact in which thee legion may well like special pride

The whole civilized world, including the German-dominated millions, thrilled to the raid last week on Dieppe, a raid which accomplished, by the way, what Hitler, with all his boastings, has never dared to attempt. Allied troops, including American, crossed the English Channel, landed and fought on enemy-held territory. It was a prelude to other daring raids, some one of which one day may develop into that long-awaited invasion, the threat of which is keeping the German-occupied Coast of Continental Europe watchful along its entire 2,000 mile stretch from France to Finland.

Costly this raid undoubtedly was. But it served to teach valuable lessons - not the least of which is the utter necessity of a super-abundance of the best planes and guns and tanks that can be produced. This again can inspire confidence in American production achievements. For the deeper American gets into this war, the better American arms and planes and tanks and fighting ships shape up.

It is significant to note that today the British are adopting U. S. tank models, because in actual combat they have proven superior to the German