

likewise makes use of all available tools and machinery to the fullest extent. Such a distribution is an example of Democracy at its best. This plant, here at Chestertown, is evidence of just that.

The workers who set such a splendid example in completing this new plant, two months ahead of schedule, have laid down a challenge which I am sure the employees of Kent Defense Corporation will accept gladly. Production, and more production, is the eternal cry from Washington, because only production and more production will make it possible for America to smash the bold attempt which Japan is making to bar us from the whole Far East. Any extra effort made by a single worker or by a group of workers in any war industry, help to put America just that much further on towards the goal of final victory. The quicker this plant gets into full production, the sooner our men, our sons, our quicker this plant gets into full production, the sooner our men, our sons, our brothers will have the necessary implements with which to crack down hard upon the cowardly Japanese whose treacherous attack forced us into a war which none of us wanted.

What a change it is, from the peaceful agricultural pursuits of the early Colonists to the Industrialized Maryland we know today, with war products being turned out in explosives plants in Elkton, and at the testing ground at Indian Head, while other hundreds of plants from Cumberland and Hagerstown in the West, to the highly strategic Baltimore Area, are providing America's fighting men with sinews of war in ever-increasing amounts.

Residents of the Eastern Shore don't need to read of sinkings just off the Coast, or to be told of the blacking-out of our entire Ocean shoreline as a precaution against submarine activity, to know that we are in the war of our lives, a war that conceivably could spell the end of American Democracy.

Our Maryland boys by the thousands and tens-of-thousands are serving in the Army and Navy throughout the seven seas. There isn't a community on the Eastern Shore, I am sure, which hasn't sent some of its boys to the service, which doesn't have others of its residents now in training camps preparing to do their patriotic duty in the defense of American rights and freedoms.

It is gratifying to the extreme to be able to say that, in proportion to population, Maryland leads the Country in enlistments in the Navy. Likewise, it makes one thrill with pride to be told by draft officials in one of the counties that so many had volunteered from their area that no calls were being made on them for Selective Service men. Their quotas were filled completely.

It seems, at times, that we at home are doing little towards winning the war, and that we should be able to contribute more towards the active support of the boys we are sending to these far-off battle fronts. It is the nature of Americans to want to do more than is asked of them, rather than less. In this war, let it be said, there is more opportunity than in any previous struggle of our Country, for everyone of us to assist to the limit of our ability.

The many phases of Civilian Defense activities, in which more than 128,000 of our people already are enrolled, afford opportunity for everyone to help in the capacity in which he or she is best qualified. Anyone who can participate in such Civilian Defense activity, and who hasn't volunteered, owes it to him-