"Defense System To Stay!"- O'Conor

FIRST STATE TO ANNOUNCE CONTINUATION

Annapolis, October 19, Heartened by assurances of Governor Herbert R. O'Conor that Civilian Defense Protective Services will be continued in Maryland for the duration, Civilian Defense officials of the Atlantic Seabzoard States expressed emphatic approval of Gov. O'Conor's decision.

Leonard Dreyfuss, State Director for New Jersey, and Chairman of the Conference, telegraphed his group's gratification over the Maryland policy which will be brought officially before a meeting of officials from all the East Coast States on Thursday.

Maryland is the first State in the Country to announce that the Civilian Protective Services, including Air Raid Warden groups, Auxiliary Police and Firemen, and medical Emergency Services, will go on, despite the Federal action in tapering off such activities.

Addressing a State-wide meeting of local defense officials from all 23 Counties and Baltimore City, Governor O'Conor made the State's position entirely clear.

"Maryland is still as important strategically to the war effort, its coastline as inviting to enemy attack, as it was when the Civilian Defense Protective Organizations were first enrolled," he declared. "There is still the possibility of disaster to our industry and our public services, even though no outside enemy may ever try to reach our State.

"With all this in mind, therefore, I say to you now that, no matter what happens to the Civilian Defense Protective Services throughout the rest of the Country, here in Maryland they will be maintained as long as our State is as necessary to the war effort as it is today. We shall continue to count definitely upon the wholehearted cooperative efforts of all the thousands who are now enrolled and have served so faithfully, in the Civilian War Services.

"Common sense dictates that we keep available for emergency use such welltrained, protective forces as have been enrolled in every part of the State. Composed of public-spirited citizens, whose patriotism alone caused them to respond to the call, they would be helpful in any catastrophe which unfortunately might take place, whether resulting from enemy action or otherwise. Then too, there is grave danger that because of the selective service calls, our police and firefighting forces, especially in the counties, might be seriously impaired in future months. How helpful it would be to have a closely-knit group upon which to depend if the situation worsens so far as our existing official agencies are concerned!

"While the Nation's over-all military statue might not be seriously affected by one or a few air raids or acts of sabotage confined to a limited area, nevertheless, that area with its citizens and its industries would in dire need of protective forces. To allow these units to disband under these circumstances is not only unfair to the citizens of our State but would be a lack of prudence and wisdom as we continue our efforts against our enemies.

"Considered from another standpoint, the fact that the Federal Government finds it strategic to curtail its civilian defense program while expanding its military and production programs, places an added responsibility upon the States to meet this requirement. In other words, while our military leaders are concentrating through offensive action, on carrying the war to our enemies, the civilian effort, through the States, must not be allowed to disintegrate.

"To the members of the Air Craft Spotter System who have been placed upon the reserve, I extend thanks both personally and on behalf of all the people of our State. We appreciate more than we can say the many hours of services rendered. We know the inconvenience, the annoyances of cold ad heat and loss of sleep, that were endured cheerfully and patriotically that the rest of the population of our State might go their way, and sleep their sleep, with more secure minds.

"To the Air Raid Wardens, the Auxiliary Firemen and Policemen, the members of the Emergency Medical Services, I say ,"Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts" You've done a perfectly fine job. You have unselfishly given many hours to training, and you now stand as component organizations that are prepared to contribute immensely to the good of all people if and when the occasion should arise.

"No sensible person can question, I know, the benefit to our State from the training that has been given our Auxiliary Firemen and Policemen, and through the Medical Emergency Services. Likewise, the excellent protective systems of our great war industy plants are to an extent the result of the Plant Protection School conducted by the Maryland Council of Defense months ago. All in all, the 96,000 volunteers of the various protective services of our State are an asset that we would be foolish indeed to dispose of. And we definitely are not going to do it.

"I would ask, therefore, that as you go back to your organizations throughout the various Counties, you carry back the message that Maryland is thankful to and proud of its thousands of Civiliaan Defense volunteers. Tell them also that Maryland still has need of them. We are not out of this war yet by a long sight. Before it ends, Maryland will be called upon to produce many a ship and plane and vast supplies of all the other war materials our industries are making. Until then our workers and our people will never be free from the menace of unforeseen disaster. While such events are a possibility, we must look to our Civilian Defense Protective Services as our first and immediate recourse.

"Let me say that the Maryland Civilian Defense Organization has fulfilled to the fullest the obligations laid upon you at that first war meeting and through later activities of your officials. It is not too much to assert I feel confident that our Civilian Defense has been at least the equal of any other State protective organization in the Country. As a matter of fact, no other State has received the national recognition for its organization that has been accorded Maryland. Not only were there two public radio accolades given to the people of Elkridge and to the civilian services of Montgomery County, but the units in Elkton and Salisbury and the Glenn L. Martin plant were deemed worthy of this recognition.

"That Maryland's volunteers were able to give such an outstanding account of themselves is due, of course, to two basic factors: First, to the high quality and the patriotic fervor of the men and women who came forward generously in this crisis; and, secondly, to the splendid type of leadership furnished by Chairman W. Frank Roberts and the officials who worked so splendidly with him in all matters pertaining to the readying of our State for possible attack or emergency."

U. S. Marines Stage A Modern Landing



U. S. Marine Corps Photo

Amphibious "Alligator" tractors reach shore with their cargoes of Leathernecks ready for simulated enemy opposition. The photograph was taken by a Marine Corps combat photographer during recent amphibious maneuvers at an Allied base somewhere in the South Pacific.

Maryland's Farm Front This Week

Maryland agricultural leaders at a conference at College Park accepted the war-food production job assigned them for 1944 by the War Food Administration.

War-food goals for the State for 1944 as adopted at the conference agree substantially with the share of the national production task assigned Maryland by the national war-goals ocmmittee.

On January 17th a State-wide campaign will be launched to obtain from the farmers of the twenty-three counties pledges to produce their proportionate shares of the State totals. This campaign will be carried to State-wide farm organizations at their Fall and Winter conventions.

State goals set by Maryland agriculturists are: Irish potatoes, 23,000 acres; sweet potatoes, 10,000 acres; corn 490,000 acres; oats, 40,000 acres; barley, 65,000 acres; rye, 22,000 acres; wheat 385,000 acres; tame hay, 440,000acres; canning peas, 16,600 acres; canning beans, 15,000 acres; canning corn, 53,300 acres; canning tomatoes, 72,400 acres; soybeans, 65,000 acres; fresh vegetables, 32,500 acres; cattle and calves, 343,000 head; beef cows, 10,000 head; hens and pullets, 3,800,000 birds, sheep and lambs, 57,000 head; milk cows, 204,000 head; sows to farrow, spring, 29,000 head, Fall, 32,000 head; milk, 953,000,000 pounds; milk per cow, 4,600 pounds; chickens raised, 8,500,000 turkeys raised, 380,000 birds; broilers, 18,000,000 birds; eggs, 34,000,000 dozens; eggs per hen, 114.

Joseph H. Blandford, chairman of the conference, named a committee to work with the State War Board on problems which may arise involving insecticides, fungicides, transportation, credit, fertilizers and containers. This committee comprises, Dr. S. H. Devault, Dr. A. B. Hamilton, Dr. Ernest Cory and Dr. W. Paul Walker.

Price Supports

Price-support requirements of Maryland agriculture and food processors will be recommended well ahead of the 1944 planting season by a committee named by Joseph H. Blandford, chairman of the Maryland United States DeDpartment of Agriculture War Board. The committee will recommend the levels at which prices should be supported, the commodities requnirig support prices and the price-support method to be employed in each instance.

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Draft boards throughout Maryland have deferred from military service 15,115 farm workers on occupational grounds. Of that number 9,280 are single men and 5,835 are married and have families. There are 36,000 war-plant workers deferred in this State on occupational grounds. The farm population of the State is only 13 percent of the total population.

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Rationing has not emptied the shelves of Kent county residents of canned foods if was revealed today, a total of 90,889 cans being used monthly, according to A. H. Nugent, general sales manager of the American Can Company.

Mr. Nugent based his figure on the government's compilation of 13,465 ration book holders in the county and the statement by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics that the per capita consumption of canned goods so far this year is .325 cans a day. On the basis of the average size pre-war can, approximately 220 pounds of pure metallic tin is reclaimble for the war effort from these cans, he explained.

Men in service eat 8,000,000 cans of food a day and millions of pounds of canned items are being shipped abroad for lend lease, he said.

Many foods strange to American palates are being packed in cans for shipment overseas. One of these is "Tushonka" for Russian consumption, this product being highly seasoned pork packed in lard. Squid, a variety of octopus, is being canned for Italian consumption. Canned foods for England are usually seasoed quite differently to those intended for American use, Mr. Nugent said.

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Advises Crab Study In Chesapeake Bay

Abe Fortas, undersecretary of the interior said this week that there was "urgent need" for developing management measures for the crab resources of the Chesapeake Bay through comprehensive studies which have been requested by Maryland and Virginia.

Such a study was cited by Mr. Fortas in a letter to the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee indorsing legislation authorizing a $100,000 appropriation for the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service to study the economic importance and food value of shrimp, crabs, lobsters, oysters and clams. The resolution passed the Senate May 20.

SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND WORTON

Mrs. Paul Steele of Wilmington spent the week-end with her father S. Tilden Cooper.

Capt. B. F. Sewell has returned to his home in Westchester after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Bowers is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kennedy in Kennedyville.

Tommy and David Williams spent the week-end with their Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Urie in Rock Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Crew of Philadelphia visited Mrs. Rachel Carter last week.

Mr. Ford Matthews of Arlington, Va. spent last week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews.

Miss Jeanette Markland of Chester is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Markland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rasin spent SuSnday in Westchester.

Mrs. James Coleman spent last week with relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Harry Rouse of Aberdeen is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin.

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