



SIX HUNDRED STUDENTS DRILL AT MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL IN SILVER SPRING, MD. GIRLS WEAR VICTORY CORPS UNIFORM OF BLUE SKIRT AND WHITE BLOUSE

## VICTORY CORPS

U. S. high schools train students  
for specific roles in war effort

This fall the War Manpower Commission requested U. S. high schools to organize their students into Victory Corps to "give them the opportunity to take a definite place in the national war effort through a voluntary enrollment plan." On this and following pages are pictures of the Victory Corps at Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Md. which was one of the first schools to mobilize students on a military basis. According to U. S. Commissioner of Education John W. Studebaker, it is also one of the best.

The student body is organized into one battalion,

divided into companies, platoons and squads. Corps members must spend an hour a day in military drill (see above) and calisthenics. The curriculum includes intensive courses for boys and girls in metal work, blueprint reading, airplane riveting, and drafting. At noon daily, 60 seniors leave classes to work in factories, stores, restaurants and on farms. Other students act as school janitors, bake and cook, run nursery schools, collect scrap, learn first aid. When they graduate, each Victory Corps member will be prepared to make a specific contribution toward winning the war.