

## 2 Packard Plants

### Get Bomb Threats

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The Packard Company plants here and in Detroit are under police guards today after an anonymous phone caller threatened to bomb both plants because the company may manufacture airplane engines for Great Britain.

Either plant would be a mark for industrial saboteurs. The Packard Company is considering contracts to make 6000 Rolls Royce plane engines for England and 3000 for the United States.

### Bomb Squad Races

The threat to blow up the N. Y. Packard building sent bomb squad detectives racing to the eight-story plant at 11th Ave. and 54th St. at 2:45 a.m. yesterday. A minute search uncovered no explosives, but a strong detail of plainclothesmen was left on guard.

Detroit police sent two scout cars and a cruiser to the Detroit plant after detectives said they had received a long distance call from C. E. Anderson, New York Packard service manager, who asked for extra guards after receiving the bomb threat.

New York bomb squad detectives, recalling that the fatal World's Fair blast had been preceded by a phoned threat to the British Pavilion, were running down all similar warnings.

So busy were they that they had to refuse aid to North Bergen, N. J., police, who had on their hands a suspicious package found Saturday midnight on the steps of Temple Beth-El. For 18 hours the package was left immersed in a can of oil in the middle of a baseball diamond, awaiting inspection by the New York bomb squad.

Eventually, the North Bergen police fired rifle bullets into the package and when it failed to explode they opened it. Inside were two red bricks, dry cell batteries and some black dirt wrapped in paper. A phone call to the police of Union City, N. J., had told them where the "bomb" had been placed.—w. r.