

unless they are buttressed by triumphs and progress at home. Often our causes are less glamorous but they are no less just. Often our immediate objectives are less clearly defined but they are no less real. Often our triumphs receive less notoriety but they are no less gratifying.

Each day the citizen must fight against abuse and apathy at home to give his victories as a soldier abroad real and vital meaning. We must fight a war against pollution of our air and water which menaces the physical health of our society at home as much as totalitarianism threatens the security of our democracy abroad.

We must fight against the frustrations of ignorance, prejudice and poverty at home lest our cities become victims of perpetual violence and siege.

We must fight against the carnage on our highways which each year claims more lives than have been sacrificed by American soldiers in any single year of war — lives of noncombatants whose slaughter we have accepted with an appalling apathy.

We must fight for domestic security on our streets with the same intensity and passion that we have brought to the defense of our national security.

For too long, we have ignored crime — the corrosive enemy within — and as a result we have suffered. Lawlessness has become a plague preying upon our people, creating a climate of pervasive fear. The national crime rate has increased almost six times faster than the national population. A recent survey made in the nation's largest cities revealed that 43 percent of those interviewed stayed off the streets at night; 35 percent refused to speak to strangers; 21 percent used only cabs or cars at night; and 20 percent desired to move to another neighborhood.

Crime is estimated to cost the national economy \$3 billion each year. The cost of operating the nation's correctional services exceeds \$1 billion annually. What is the freedom that you as soldiers fought for abroad worth, if you are afraid to walk alone at night at home? What value can be placed upon your contribution as a citizen to our national prosperity if your person and property are menaced?

Crime — organized crime, crimes of violence and crimes of opportunity — has grown to such a proportion that we must declare war and mobilize our national human, technological and financial resources toward its defeat. As in all wars each of us has a role to play,