

We may say, therefore, that our hope for peace depends on our remaining strong, and our strength, in the main, depends on the military might of our armed forces. All Americans, of course, owe a debt of eternal gratitude to patriots like you who fought in the great wars of our country to safeguard the freedom we cherish. Would-be aggressors shrink from their savage purpose when they recall the heroic deeds, the courage, the military skill displayed by men like you in facing the enemies who would destroy our Republic.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to organizations such as yours, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for keeping our citizens on the alert constantly as to the dangers which threaten us. Your experience as soldiers, sailors and marines taught you the gravity of these dangers and endowed you with unusual faculties for warding them off. You have contributed much to the safety of your country and the peace of the world by the persistent manner in which you have warned the people of the perils and pointed out the path by which they can escape them. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the other service organizations, have continued to remind the people of this country that we cannot deal with communism and other forces of aggression in peace or in war unless we remain strong.

We must never allow ourselves to lag in providing the weapons and materials needed for our defense and in training the manpower to use them. I urge you, therefore, to continue your crusade for a strong nation dedicated to peace but fully prepared to resist aggression.

It was the father of our country, who, in his first annual address to the Congress of the United States, said: "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace." And now, once again let me say it is a pleasure to be with you on this occasion. I offer you my best wishes for a successful convention and most enjoyable visit in Baltimore.

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All of us are aware that we are living in one of the most critical periods in the history of mankind. We find ourselves in a sort of twilight age in which one era of life on this globe has expired and another is just beginning. As we stand on the threshold of a new age in history, we ask