

minimum obligations to assume and maximum responsibilities available for those courageous enough to volunteer.

Unlike foreign wars, the State and local governments will direct the course of battle in this domestic war upon crime. The Federal government will provide support and suggest direction, but primary responsibility for community tranquility remains vested in the State government. Therefore, the relative success of combat will depend on the ability of State leadership and the intensity of community support.

There are two levels on which the government can and must attack crime. The first is the elimination of underlying causes through environmental rehabilitation. But the struggle against poverty, slums, ignorance and prejudice — by its overwhelming scope — is slow and gradual.

The second level, while no less ambitious and complex, can be achieved more rapidly. This is the strengthening, reform and revitalization of our State and local law enforcement agencies, our correctional institutions, our criminal judiciary system.

Maryland's administration is committed to a vigorous campaign to combat crime. A total war effort requires dollars, troops, modern weapons, a professional staff to analyze the enemy and formulate battle strategy. Your State government has mobilized comparable resources.

In an unprecedented action, almost \$16 million in direct State aid has been granted Maryland's political subdivisions exclusively to improve police protection. The significance of this sum becomes apparent when it is compared to the \$50 million appropriated in the President's Safe Streets bill of 1967. The Federal government has allocated an average of \$1 million per state; your State government has allocated an average of \$650,000 per county.

Automatic electronic relay equipment is the new and vital weapon. The State Police and the Baltimore City Police Department are converting to computerized systems. Consequently, manpower will be deployed where it is most needed — on the streets.

On July 1, 1967, Maryland became one of but six states in the nation to require that minimum training standards be met by all police personnel; thus we may expect uniform, effective performance from our troops.

A Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice has been appointed to concentrate upon comprehensive reform