

For this reason, our nation cannot allow its old soldiers to simply fade away. We must re-enlist ourselves in the citizens' crusade to battle crime, pollution, prejudice and poverty — the enemy at home — with the same tenacity that has defeated our enemies abroad.

We have so much at stake, we have the resources and talent to triumph — all we need is the will to win; the fighting spirit of the U. S. soldiers who said:

“The difficult we do immediately. The impossible takes a little longer.”

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### STATEMENT ON DESTRUCTION IN CAMBRIDGE

July 25, 1967

It was with a feeling of profound sorrow that I toured the fire-swept blocks of Cambridge's Second Ward early today.

Intelligent citizens of both races, I am sure, share my grief and perplexity at this senseless destruction precipitated by a professional agitator whose inflammatory statements deliberately provoked this outbreak of violence. The subsequent rioting and burning which followed H. Rap Brown's volatile speech were limited exclusively to Cambridge's Second Ward which is predominantly Negro.

The property which was destroyed was almost totally held by Negro businessmen and families of the Cambridge area. As I toured the area by car before dawn and later on foot, and spoke to those whose homes and stores, school and church had been destroyed by fire, the Negro citizens were not hostile but were dazed by this senseless havoc.

I appeal to Maryland's citizens of both races to remain calm and reaffirm their commitment to uphold law and order; to remember the unnecessary violence which disrupted the progress towards jobs and opportunities in the Cambridge community four years ago.

I pledge to direct the full influence and energy of my office to reunify the responsible citizens of Cambridge, first, to provide emergency relief measures for those victimized by last night's outbreak; second, to rebuild the school and church and homes destroyed by fire; and third, to establish concrete measures which will permanently restore racial peace to Cambridge.