the wounds had not been healed and although there were many bitter memories of excesses committed in the name of military necessity, of a great city living under the shadow of the guns on Federal Hill, and of soldiers at the polls supervising the elections, nevertheless, the armed conflict had ended and we were looking forward hopefully to a future of peace and quiet, liberty and contentment, and economic and cultural rehabilitation and progress.

Today we are not at the end of a period of conflict. We are in the midst of it. We live not only in a period of great social unrest amidst all the stresses and strains produced by such unrest, but in a period in which conflict and strife are again prevalent. We are no longer a border state caught between the opposing forces of the North and South, but an island in a sea of hatred and violence We do not have armies pitted against armies in mighty battles on our soil, but more frightening, perhaps, we see all about us throughout our nation citizen pitted against citizen, in scenes of equal violence which seem to erupt almost spontaneously and perplex and plague us all. We grope blindly for solutions to problems which appear to