

termites because they come out of the woodwork, so to speak, every time that somebody is dissatisfied about some little thing. Don't make any mistake about what is going on in this country. Those people—those rioters, those people who destroy property, who burn towns—they are trying to destroy this Government of ours.

Mr. Commander, I hope that this Legion in the next few years will use the tremendous power of this organization to maintain law and order in this great country of ours. [Applause.]

Otherwise, Mr. Commander, the things that you and I and the rest of these fine American citizens fought for will be destroyed. Make no mistake about that. Let us uphold and make the local governments, the local law enforcement officers, uphold the laws of this Nation. Let us maintain this Nation as a nation of free men.

Thank you, Mr. Commander. [Applause.]

Mr. DORN. Next, I want to call on a good friend of ours, a ranking member of this committee, from the great American Legion State of Indiana, Ross Adair.

Mr. ADAIR. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commander, and your fine Congressmen: As others have already said, it is helpful to have the views of your organization as they are presented to us annually at these affairs.

I would commend you particularly this year. You have a rather brief statement but I think you said the things that needed to be said. You have been able in a few pages of print to give us the information that we need with respect to the position of your organization on various subjects.

I would like to commend through you, Mr. Commander, your representatives here, not only your legislative representatives, some of whom I see here this morning, but your entire staff in Washington. They have been helpful to all of us. They communicate the views of the American Legion but they do it in a fine, objective way.

I just can't pass up this opportunity of paying them a tribute for the work which they do.

In your statement, there are many things upon which comment could be made, but I should just like to mention what you have said about the national cemetery system. The chairman also made reference to it in his remarks.

This is a matter of very deep concern to all of us. This committee has just taken legislative jurisdiction of this program, and, as the chairman indicates, we are planning to hold hearings very soon. There are a number of proposals which need to be studied.

It is our intent, first, to establish some broad, general guidelines and then later fill those in with more specific details.

But, although it means more work for us and, contrary to what some believe, we in the Congress really don't need more work than we now have, I think every member of this committee is pleased that we are taking jurisdiction because we feel that here is where it belongs. We will give it some very careful attention along the lines that you mentioned in your statement.

Thank you and all the other people for being here this morning. [Applause.]

Mr. DORN. Mr. Commander, the great State of Nevada, as every schoolboy knows, has two U.S. Senators and but one Congressman. So,