

possibility, and in view, further, of the present inadequacies of United States-Canadian air defense, the need to develop our capabilities to operate effectively in the Arctic is *imperative*. Time is of the essence—and to again quote Colonel Fletcher, "It may be later than we think." It is certain that *only* the fullest and most dedicated effort on the part of both military and scientific-technological personnel will successfully off-set the problem posed by Soviet Russia's tremendous trans-Polar striking capabilities.

### *What Civilians Can Contribute . . .*

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subordinate personal interest for the good of the whole.

You must insure that our young men are not living in a vacuum aloof and oblivious to the great moral issues confronting us. Do not let them be too busy with their academic studies or too preoccupied with the ease of our current way of life to exercise their ability to think and to reason and to be aware of the inescapable fact that the actual survival of their country and their own freedom is at stake today. Make our youth constantly aware of the great efforts in behalf of freedom which have been undertaken by this country solely in the interest of freedom and which have been based primarily on our belief in the rights and the dignity of the individual human being.

We must endow our youth with an extinguishable faith in God and an unquenchable love of freedom under God. As long as they harbor a burning determination to preserve their heritage of freedom, then no weapons—material or spiritual—can conquer them. We would like these young men to come to us with pride in service. We would like them to have been imbued with a sense of privilege, not of obligation. We would like them to come with the spirit of those hundreds of thousands of gallant men who, in each of our crises, saw the shape of things as they were, and stood up to them in defense of their faith.

The road ahead of America is very simple and very clear. It is whether our country will survive as a free nation or disappear.

We have the best weapons in the world, and the Army and other elements of the Armed Forces will do everything within their power to insure that this Nation does survive. The choice, however, does not lie entirely within the grasp of the Armed Forces. The Armed Forces are no stronger than the conviction and the understanding of those who create them, support them, and depend upon them for protection.

The real decision will not be made on

the field of battle. The decision will be made in our homes, our churches, and our schools where the weapons of the spirit are made. The weapons of faith and honor must be forged from the very outset at home and, if necessary, in the woodshed; they must be tempered and edged in the school and in the church. Without marked improvement in these fundamental weapons, our men will continue to succumb to Communist pressures, whenever and wherever they are exposed to them. A morally strong America will never be defeated.

If you will give us men, we will make them soldiers.

### *The Democratic Whip . . .*

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In a purely personal way, there is no question but that my new duties have made this the most satisfying year I have yet spent in Congress. As the conclusion of the current session draws near, I already find myself looking forward to the opening of a new session next year, and to the new experiences that I know lie ahead.

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