

our heritage of brotherhood, our responsibility to care for each other not through impersonal government programs alone but through the giving of ourselves with love and compassion.

In the field of foreign policy, right now there are differences of opinion about how best to restore America's power and status in the world, and how best to meet the threat of totalitarian aggression. And there is disagreement over how best to deal with volatile, challenging problems in Latin America and the Middle East.

But while we may disagree over tactics in all these areas, we stand united as Americans in our underlying commitment to basic principles -- economic stability and growth at home, peace, freedom and a better life for peoples everywhere. Those of us who have been selected by the American people to serve in government have the bottom-line responsibility to put these principles into practice, to foster an economic recovery program at home and a national security policy that will give America the strength we need to survive in a dangerous world and to stand by our friends on the frontlines of freedom.

In the Middle East, in particular, a strong, credible America remains the best guarantor of Israel's integrity and survival as a free nation. A strong, credible America is also an indispensable incentive for a peaceful resolution of differences between Israel and her neighbors. America has never flinched from its commitment to the State of Israel -- a commitment which remains unshakable. But for our commitment to be taken seriously, American strength and American integrity must also be taken seriously -- by friends and potential foes alike. Restoring both our strength and our credibility is a major objective of this Administration. It deserves the support of all those who share concern not only for our own country's security, but also for the security of our friends and allies...

Every American, every citizen from every walk of life -- rich or poor, black, brown, or white, Jew, Christian or Moslem, northerner or southerner -- has a full right and obligation to participate in shaping these policies and the programs designed to implement them. Our national dialogue should reflect the rich diversity of our free, pluralist society. And that diversity should be one of our greatest prides.

Our democratic process is strengthened by the free flow and free competition of ideas. In the words of Thomas Jefferson: "We are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate any error so long as reason is left free to combat it."

In the final analysis, under the Constitution, the President and the Congress must determine national policy and the national interest. But every citizen and every citizens group is guaranteed the right to speak out -- and must be encouraged to do so without fear of reprisal or defamation. No group should be bullied into silence by racial or ethnic slurs, or the fear of them. The language of hate -- the obscenity of anti-Semitism and racism -- must have no part in our national dialogue.

In the office I hold, and as a recipient of this award, I pledge to you that I will continue to

do everything in my power to enhance and protect the freedoms we cherish as a pluralist society. (Applause.) The rights of all of all citizens are sacred -- in the eyes of God and under the Constitution of the United States. It's the Federal Government's responsibility to protect those rights for each and every citizen wherever that citizen may be, at point of bayonet if necessary.

In one of the most poignant entries in her diary -- and in a far more tragic context than anything we face today -- Anne Frank wrote on July 15, 1944: "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart." To those who see only the problems and shortcomings of American society, I say, "In spite of everything," our land and people are not only good but strong of heart.

America has already succeeded where so many other historic attempts at freedom have failed. Already, we've made this cherished land the last best hope of mankind. Its up to us, in our generation, to carry on the hallowed task. It is up to us, however we may disagree on policies, to work together for progress and humanity so that our grandchildren, when they look back on us, can truly say that we not only preserved the flame of freedom, but cast its warmth and light further than those who came before us. Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great honor that you've done me. I shall do my utmost to be deserving of it. I thank you; God please you.

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UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- As the Security Council continued in an effort to address the situation on the West Bank, the Palestine Liberation Organization suffered a setback when United States Ambassador to the UN, Jeane Kirkpatrick acting as head of the Security Council, turned down a request by a PLO

JEANE REFUSES TO MEET WITH PLO

representative for a meeting.

The PLO observer to the United Nations, Zehdi Labib Terzi, made the request for a meeting with Kirkpatrick in her capacity as President of the Council, which she held for the month of March.

Terzi, who dis-

closed the requested meeting with Kirkpatrick, complained that "it was not fitting" that the President of the Security Council should refuse to meet with him when he asked for a meeting.

He said Kirkpatrick should have "the courage and the decency

to honor" his request and accused her of not performing her duty as President of the Council. Kirkpatrick did not respond to Terzi's accusation.

Sources at the UN maintained that since the PLO is not a member state, she was not obligated as President of the Security Council, to meet with its representative.

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