## TOWARD PEACE AND ORDER

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ON the fifth anniversary of our system of aggressive military operathis year, the HMB has lost, in a to- What other things the current camindependence, force of arms still Twenty-four battalion combat teams now hear the brunt of communistinspired and communist-led depredations in our towns and barrios. The 10th BCT, which is now of internagonal reknown and the 20th BCT. which is scheduled to relieve the Philippine Expeditionary Force, make up the contribction of the Republic to the struggle abroad for the perpetuation of our way of life. Prior to our assumption of the responsibility to maintain peace and order in the country, there had been statements that the "situation is under control." Those declarations were from the military point of view, sound but premature.

Since the first of April, last year, we have followed a two-pronged attack which did not leave the problem of peace and order discussible only in military terms. We have adopted two general principles: the policy of attraction, aimed to bring back the dissidents into the folds of the government; and the policy to meet force with force, aimed to destroy the HMB diehards who, unyielding, seek to overthrow the government by armed means.

It is pursuant to the policy of attraction that we founded the ED-COR (Economic Development Corns) a land settlement project designed to give repentant dissidents as well as needy families in congested regions an opportunity to de- to resort to the employment of navote their time and energy to pro- palm bombs of our own manufacctive pursuits and to acquire lands

can call their own and cultivate. To supplement this project, we have established a carpentry shop wherein ex-Huks with optitude in this craft are induced into productive effort. Now in operation, the shop has become the source of tables, chairs, and other office equipment of the Armed Forces. It is manned entirely by former dissidents, among whom are former high-ranking Huks. I am National Defense purchased and isglad to observe that they, like those sued to the AFP's combat units a now engaged in our land project in total of 2,000 cameras for the pur-Kapatagan, Lanao, are happy in their pose of documenting the Huk cawork and are becoming useful citi- sualties inflicted by our forces. Ofzens. We have been helping the fa- ficial records compiled by the Armed

tions by using the military might of tal of 1,286 encounters, an aggre- paign has so far succeeded to accommakes up the government's basic the Republic coupled with tact, di- gate of 5,269 men, as follows: Killed plish is probably for the oublic to policy in its fight for existence, plomacy and human understanding. -2,794; Captured-1,458; Surren- say. I shall merely add that in this

> In our psychological warfare, which the department is pursuing with progressive intensity, we have reached the people not only through the press and the radio. We have also gone direct to the people through community assemblies held even in remote towns and out of the way barrios. We have not stopped there. The government's long-drawn project of collecting loose firearms is now in full swing, through congressional authority, to purchase them,

ways of life, and to sacrifice even to the fullest extent of the law. life itself to regain the confidence of the people in the Armed Forces and in the government.

By its organization and training, the Armed Forces of the Philippines is primarily for stabilized warfare. To adopt it for the type of enemy it is engaged with, we have resorted to various tactics, including the unorthodox, and had to organize such special units as the Commandos, Scout-Rangers, and even canine units. In the aerial phase of our operations, we likewise have found it necessary

In the naval phase, the Philippine Navy has formed the nucleus of a Marine Combat Battalion to fight the dissidents and at the same time our naval patrols actively guard our coastlines and sea lanes against the smugglers, either of contraband goods or

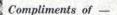
Sometime ago, the Department of milies of captured Huks by giving Forces with the help in many inam food, clothing, money and me- stances of these cameras, show that ne. In fact we are following the from April 1, 1950, up to June 22,

total of 3.137 firearms, all of which bat. We have, as the people know Forces.

fice, being the legal arm of the arm- ing of the huge dollar smuggling syned forces and servant of the people, dicates and the breaking of organized has been vigorously championing the arms smuggling rings. cause of the tenants in the operation of the 70-30 crop-sharing tenan- our policies. This movement which cv law. Representatives from this has been masquerading as a campaign office in cooperation with Civil Af- for agrarian reforms has been com-The Armed Forces of the Phil- fairs Officers in the field render the pletely unmarked by our Armed Forippines has undergone radical changes maximum assistance within the ces. Our people now realize that it in what many consider is a sweep-bounds of law to all tenants who are is a movement that must be stopped ing reorganization. The purpose aggrieved, one way or another; by if our freedom is to be preserved. should be obvious; to eliminate dead- their landlords. Complaints of the With every Filipino citizen who woods, throw into operation the ener- people against the armed forces have treasures his liberty helping the Armgetic and courageous men who are been investigated expeditiously with ed Forces in the restoration of peace ready to give up everything they no attempts at "whitewash." The and order, we can expect to conhave in defense of the democratic guilty parties have been punished to clude the military phase of the

derees-1.017. During the same pe- campaign we have not confined our riod, the HMB has likewise lost a work to engaging the HMBs in comwere either captured or confiscated today, also conducted a drive against by, or surrendered to the Armed the local Communist Politburo and against the country's economic sabo-The Judge Advocate General's Of- teurs which has resulted in the bust-

> We do not intend to deviate from problem in one course.



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