



The Vice-President Honors the National Guard

WE are distinctly privileged to present, in this issue of "THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN," an article prepared for us especially by the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Hubert Humphrey.

It is but another indication of Mr. Humphrey's identification with the National Guard.

As those of us who were present at our Association's 86th General Conference, in Detroit, will distinctly recall, Mr. Humphrey—at that time a member of the United States Senate—delivered a major address on the subject of American military strength and international policy. And in that address he showed a full awareness, not only of the role the National Guard has played in the building of our Nation, but of the extremely active, vital role it is fulfilling in the defense of this Nation today.

It also was a distinct honor to me personally, and to our organization as an entity, when Mr. Humphrey a few weeks ago interrupted an extremely busy schedule in order that I might, on behalf of our Association, present him with a set of the four framed reproductions of the handsome National Guard Heritage Series paintings. The Vice-President took the opportunity to remark how well-impressed he has been by the soldierly, disciplined manner in which Guardsmen executed distasteful duties incident to various civil disturbances this past Summer; how vital it is to have a force that is responsive to State authorities as well as to fulfill its important Federal mission if and when called upon.

It is especially gratifying to know that the article appearing under his by-line in this issue is a result of his own spontaneous wish to express some thoughts which long have been in his mind. He did not have to be asked to write an article for us. The fact that it was his own idea enhances its value. We are deeply appreciative of his interest.

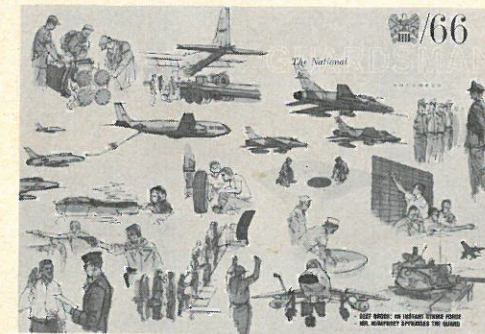
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