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## A Job Well Done

IT was unquestionably a distasteful job, often dirty, and sometimes dangerous, but the valiant, restrained efforts of National Guardsmen to restore law and order during the April civil disturbances have received—and roundly deserve—accolades from all levels of America. From grateful individual citizens, to the President; from the news media to officials of Government and the Military, the words ring loud and clear; “. . . a job well done!”

Adding my personal thanks for your commendable performance, let me pass on to you, on this and other pages, the appreciative remarks of some other Americans who are thankful that you, the National Guard, were alert and ready:

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*From President Lyndon B. Johnson, to Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford:*

“The people of our Nation share with me a great pride in the responsiveness, the restraint, and the superb discipline demonstrated by Federal and National Guard troops during the recent troubles in some of our cities.

“By assisting civilian law enforcement officials to restore and maintain law and order, where necessary, the officers and men of the Active and Reserve forces fulfilled with distinction an assignment that was regrettable but unavoidable. Active, National Guard, and Reserve forces must be, and are, available to help civilian authorities meet emergencies, such as those which occurred following the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“During those days, military commanders and their superbly prepared men carried out their orders with calm professionalism. The orders, which were issued to each military man, emphasized the necessity to provide maximum support to civilian authorities in putting prompt end to lawlessness and disorder.

“As the Commander-in-Chief, I am particularly proud of the expeditious manner in which this mission was accomplished. The effectiveness of this wise and restrained use of force is attested by the fact that law and order was restored in each city without a single fatality caused by Federal and National Guard troops.

“I ask that you communicate to all military personnel who participated in these operations the appreciation of our citizens and my personal gratitude for this splendid adherence to the highest principles of military readiness and service.”

*(For additional comments from other personalities and media, please turn to page 39.)*

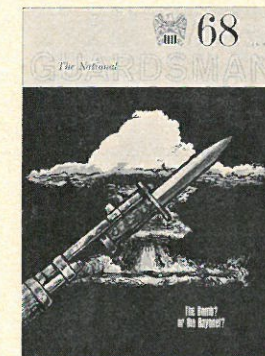
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