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V.F.W. Speech - Detroit May 20, 1950

Andrew Wood - Chairman of Program

Comments on Armed Forces Day

"Unification" (stick together story) (NO attempt to "log" depending on source)

General Bradley, Gen Vandenberg, Gen Collins + Admiral Sherman - branches parading together, working together

Comments on Veterans legislation

Hospital legislation - history { original program, Executive cutback order, Appropriations

Pension legislation -

19 million vets out of population of 150 million

DETROIT

Military - 1] Basic concept - General Vandenberg + others

Flag waving - brought in armour story  
1951 Defense Appropriations -

2] History - 273 Air Force groups in 1945  
38 - 1946  
70 proposed by

President's Air Policy Commission & Congressional Aviation Policy Bd.  
- President's Budget  
- House bill

42  
48

Comment as John J. Harris  
Praise of a Phoebe  
Praise of Daniel Webster  
Magnetism + love of Truman P. Ball







1951 Defense Appropriations - 20.5 billion

Destabilizing Developments -

Cirlean brand complement - want less money.

1] Attitude you can get strong by cutting your strength  
Sec. Johnson - claimed saving \$1.5 billion  
Actual 600 million

2] Controversy between Congress & Executive branch  
Open secret in Washington  
Tripartite form of government  
B-36 Probe

70 group air force

Authorization - 1950 [395-4]

Appropriation - " 850 million [271-1]

Pres. & Sec. Johnson withheld 978 million  
in Air Force funds in 1950  
budget.

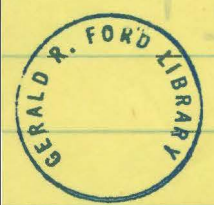
Awareness of Danger -

"The heights by great men reached & kept

Were not attained by sudden flight,

But they, while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night."



Congress & military leaders have not slept. Mastered balance between those who would have supported them who would put in whole arm