

Now I do not mean to say that all of the military activities which DOD undertakes are of no value. For every major activity in which they engage there are arguments in favor of the activity and arguments in opposition. Many of their programs are worthwhile.

It is, however, not arguable that there is any military activity whatever which is more important than the direct defense of the American homeland from nuclear attack.

Until a comprehensive civil defense has been built and until a strategic defense has been actually deployed, no other DOD activity is even worthy of debate.

Six months of the current DOD budget would build these comprehensive homeland defenses - defenses which could be in place in less than two years.

Until these homeland defense are in place, the gravest threat to American freedom is posed by our own defense establishment. We must get our Congress and our President to understand this problem and correct it, or else, we must elect a new Congress and President who will do so.

RUDYARD KIPLING

One poem by Rudyard Kipling has returned to my mind repeatedly during these past two decades as I have watched America err to her peril both economically and militarily. It is a poem which, like Shakespeare, is so well in tune with fundamental human nature that its relevance will probably always be sadly with us.

In the past, students were given bound notebooks called "copybooks" into which the students copied materials designated by their teachers. Sometimes, instead of exact assigned text, the students were given "copybook headings" which stated truths about life. Often these were Biblical quotations. The students then found material in the library about the assigned "copybook heading" and copied that.

Rudyard Kipling knew war. His literary ammunition against appeasement can still help us today. He calls inescapable truths, "Gods of the Copybook Headings". We reprint below, with some especially relevant passages italicized, Rudyard Kipling's: