Gettysburg

The world took special note and vividly remembers what was done at Gettysburg a century ago and what was said there a few months later. It also notes and will long remember what somber problems remained a full century after Gettysburg. The conflict of the 1860's was irressible and once under way could have only one just ending. But even as that ending began to shape after Gettysburg, there were men of wisdom and compassion on both sides who knew that war is seldom a final solution.

Now after a hundred years we are pushing in earnest to make a final solution. There is more understanding now of the subtleties involved and a larger interest in all the parties concerned to reach a just, complete and lasting agreement. The resources of the law are being deployed as never in the past, and more acutely than in the past it is realized that law must be the voice of conscience. To think in 1963 of 1863 Gettysburg is painful on any terms, but less painful than if nothing were being done about unfinished business.