

U.S. Must Be Strong, Nixon Tells Veterans

President Nixon told a banquet meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last night that the key to this country's ability to play the role of peace maker lies in its strength.

He said that no other nation in the free world has the strength necessary to play the peace role.

"It is essential that we not listen to those who say we should limit or reduce our strength," the President said.

"Peace is never something that is achieved once and for all and can be taken for granted—it is continuing process," Mr. Nixon said at the

VFW's annual congressional banquet at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

As he has in other recent speeches, he again said that "in the remaining three years I have in this office one goal will be mine above everything else — to build a peaceful World."

The VFW presented its annual congressional award to Chairman George Mahon (D-Tex.) of the House Appropriations Committee. The President also paid tribute to Mahon as a man who could closely scrutinize the Defense budget but would never sacrifice the nation's strength.