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Violence at Kent

To the Editor:

President Nixon's cynical and hollow statement on the massacre at Kent State University is a disgrace to his office. [Editorial May 6.] There was indeed violence at Kent State, an extension of the same form of violence presently mistaken at almost every level of American government as some sort of solution. }
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It is the same violence which is destroying Vietnam and Cambodia; it is the same violence which is destroying the soul of this nation.

The real tragedy at Kent State was not Mr. Nixon's self-fulfilling prophecy but the simple fact that it is very easy for the repressive mechanism of deranged authority to turn from killing children in Vietnam to killing our own children. God help the nation which lives in fear of its young.

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