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When Guns Are Outlawed, Only Outlaws Will Have Guns

Article II of the Constitution of the United States reads: "... the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Yet we find the Government of the United States insisting that all guns must be registered and all persons possessing a gun must have a license, even though that same Government continues to insist that all of the assassinations have been the work of lone "nuts."

Should the basic law of this land be changed because—as the Government claims—of a few lone nuts? If we are correct that the Government, itself, was involved in these assassinations, this may be the most critical time in our history for the citizens to be well armed. Yet, this is the time the Government has chosen to try to disarm the people, in spite of the constitution.

We would agree to an age limit of 18 for a person to purchase a gun. We would agree for the gun to be registered as it is required today. We would agree to a stoppage of the mail order sales of guns. But to permit the government to determine whether or not you can or cannot obtain a license to have a gun is outrageous.