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To the Editor: What forces have been unleashed that are giving the necessary impetus to people to commit these horrible acts of violence against our nation's leaders? Might that impetus be contained in the general mood of lawlessness which pervades the national scene today? I merely raise the question, not having the insight to supply the answer.

I find myself in basic agreement and sympathy with those who struggle against the many injustices that have provoked much of the violence and lawlessness today. But having said this, it seems the tempo of the demonstrations against these injustices has reached a point of diminishing returns. We are now at a point where a problem, as perceived in the mind of an irrational man, will find its redress, its only solution, through the committing of an extreme act of violence or lawlessness. The equally violent reaction of many individuals to these demonstrations against injustice is also making its awful contribution to this national mood of violence and lawlessness.

All citizens of this troubled nation must accept their share of the guilt for this most grievous problem which grips our country today; the one who demonstrates to an excess against injustice, the one who reacts to an excess against these demonstrations and says there is no injustice, and also that vast horde of individuals who remain complacent and unmoved as the walls come crashing down around them.

If there is hope for the future of this nation, that hope would have to be in our rapid disengagement from the Vietnam war. For only as this comes to pass can we as a nation turn inward to look intently upon our own domestic problems that have gone on, largely ignored since the beginning of the second world war. Only as we direct a major portion of our collective energy in a quest for solutions to these problems, can those solutions be found. And only through the finding of these solutions and through their implementation will we be able to return to the relative calmness and serenity of former days.

Brooklyn Park. —David W. Smyth.

To the Editor: How many more shoot-