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administration by being put on social probation—which amounts to being told to stand in the corner for an hour. The student body was quite aroused by the assault and was most sympathetic and yet all were afraid to raise a hand or even a word against the trained assassin. Perhaps this is an insignificant sidelight to an often frightening situation, but it is one which we may all feel personally as the ranks of the assassins grow.

Pensacola, Fla.

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AN ALLEGED PACIFIST ON GUEVARA

Apropos of Curtis Zahn's deprecating letter (May TMO) on John Gerassi's article about Ernesto Guevara, I wish to say that yes, Ernesto Guevara was a dropout. He was a dropout from a venal, repressive and depressive oligarchy. He was a dropout from a decadent, rapacious social system. He scorned the parasitic life of the misnamed upper classes which was his for the asking, and he devoted all his strength to the overthrow of a corrupt ruling class.

Zahn's letter reveals his total ignorance of Guevara's selfless and revolutionary zeal and it manifests Zahn's own pitiful and absurd view of the dynamic forces at work in Latin America. Mr. Zahn would like a reconstruction of Latin-American society, but he wants it without dislocations, rough stuff, or upsets of the status quo. His revolution would come in a neat little package with a blue and white ribbon and marked, "Fragile," "Handle with care."

Los Angeles, Calif.

FRED KLEIN

The letter of Curtis Zahn of Malibu Beach, Calif., (a lovely place) reads like a beach-boy William Buckley. It indicates considerable expertise on the general futility of all things, including being an expert on same. He seems to be (pathologically?) averse to any leftist bestirment. (It's never right!) He invokes twisted psychology (wouldn't you guess it!)—the reason for anything is always other than the obvious! His long diatribe is asinine beguilement.

Vista, Calif.

CHARLES FONTANA

A VITAMIN

The Minority of One constitutes one of the necessities of life for us these days; it is one of the vitamins of our culture, for which I am grateful.

Los Angeles, Calif.

PAULINE C. SCHINDLER

THE PRESIDENT TOPPLED?

Regardless of the ultimate conclusion of the American adventure in Vietnam and despite eventual happenings on the local political scene, no one can deny that the President of the "richest and most powerful" nation on earth has been toppled. I know of no similar situation in the brief history of this nation.

There will come a time when historians will record the event and they shall doubtlessly be chauvinists who will refurbish this miracle with trappings to tax the imagination of even the most gullible. It is, therefore, my suggestion that The Minority of One immediately undertake an exhaustive research study into the events leading to the overthrow of the Establishment, and when completed, run it in serial form. Our progeny are entitled to know the entire truth and to have named as many as possible of the heroes of this Second American Revolution.

I am sure that the greater proportion of the glory belongs to the brave Vietnamese who thus far have thwarted the aggressors. Nor can we overlook the handful of courageous Congressmen, the youth who faced imprisonment for the fulfillment of their ideals, the protesters who risked beatings by the police and the many who gave of their time and money in unstinting amounts. It took, perhaps, millions of axes all over the globe to bring down the mighty oak. Their reward is the knowledge that society has not yet been foreclosed of all morality.

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