

Editorial: Safe and Sane Campaigns

..... Americans are an armed people. One authority estimated a year ago that some 24 million handguns were privately owned and a new one was being sold every thirteen seconds. The Federal gun control law, in effect since 1968, is full of holes and poorly enforced at that. Representative Bingham of New York recently found in a spot check that of ninety persons who bought handgun ammunition in this city, 23 had F.B.I. criminal records, supposedly a legal bar to such purchases. Even the little that is publicly known about Governor Wallace's assailant includes an arrest on charges of carrying a concealed weapon.

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