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Dealing With 'Anarchists'

To the Editor:

An answer to lawyer Joseph Kelner (Op. Ed. article Nov. 18) might point out that President Nixon referred to "bums who burn . . ." Reporters (and others whose purposes it served) conveniently distorted the phrase into the single word "bums."

Our country has neither "decayed"

nor "deteriorated" over the past decades. One need only compare today's concern with yesterday's exploitation—of land, resources and people—to see our real progress.

A "profit-hungry industry" is a fallacy—an imaginary *bête noire* by which liberals and radicals justify any action. In reality this "profit-hungry industry" has dispersed its monies throughout the country, in salaries, in dividends, in reinvestments to secure future profits. Because of this "industry" Americans enjoy the highest standard of living in the history of the world.

That "self-righteous National Guard firing squad" was a group of under-trained, scared young men not unlike those they faced across the rocks and bottles, except that the Guardsmen were at Kent legally, by command (and the violence of its "proud and sturdy" students).

America has no "shame" except in her humble acquiescence to an ignorant, unexperienced, foul-mouthed band of self-anointed intellectual anarchists. The Mississippi doctor told his son truly when he said a student's job was to learn—enough so that one day, tempered by experience, this knowledge would enable him to improve the world a small fraction.

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