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American troops have now swept into Cambodia, a move which the Cambodians themselves did not officially support until American troops had been there for five days. Of course, Nixon relied on the unbiased military advice of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, the expert diplomatic analysis of Attorney General John "Hang em high" Mitchell, and Spiro's astute gauging of the mood of the nation in escalating Vietnam into an Indochina War. Why not kill more Americans in combat outside of Vietnam to save the lives of other "American boys" in Vietnam. Of course, while the President is at it, maybe he should send troops into Ohio to protect America's sons and daughters from the bullets of the National Guard. But Americans should remember that President Nixon is for law and order and the presence of the governor's National Guard at Kent State was to prevent violence... Who can blame those Guardsmen from protecting themselves from rock bruises by firing into the crowd. Last, who could forget the President's meaningful expression of grief at the tragic deaths of these students, but don't forget, said the President, violence can only lead to violence.

The madness which has gripped America is not an epidemic. The cause lies in a war that the United States and her citizens have sheepishly defended as just. People have blindly committed their trust to the Chief Executive out of an understanding of why the President is acting to enlarge the Asian war, but rather as a patriotic closing of ranks to prevent the hectic fringes from selling out the country to the "Commies". It is time that Americans realize that they have been fooled by their leaders into believing that anti-war sentiment is subversive. The four students who were murdered at Kent-State are a tragic illustration that demonstration is not a subversive action; rather it is a matter of survival. It is becoming alarmingly clear to all Americans that our future, or perhaps lack of future, is determined by unresponsive leaders. It is our leaders that condone institutional violence, and at the same time suppress the individual's right to protest, based on the rationale that protest leads to violence. This rationale reflects the suicidal course the United States is following. Survival, individual and collective, demands a change in our course.

Revolutionary change is necessary. We cannot allow ourselves, though, to fall into the trap the system has laid for us. President Nixon may believe that violence breeds violence, but we must not allow the institution's violence to provoke us to violence. Change must come through peaceful means. This weekend, we must all work for change, both here at Hobart and William Smith, and in Washington. The strike at the Colleges deserves the support of the entire Community to be effective. The Faculty must strengthen the student position by supporting the suspension of academics until this crisis is resolved. There can be no academic freedom in a nation whose Administration condones dissent and presents intellectualism as an un-American activity. The stake is high at all American Universities.

In Washington, the university front will be extended, to focus on the deep concern each demonstrator feels for the future of his country. The object will not be to reduce the country to anarchy, but to again plead for sanity, change and peace.

The war is here too. Kent State was only a symptom of the growing homefront Vietnam. This time people must act... END THE WAR NOW.

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