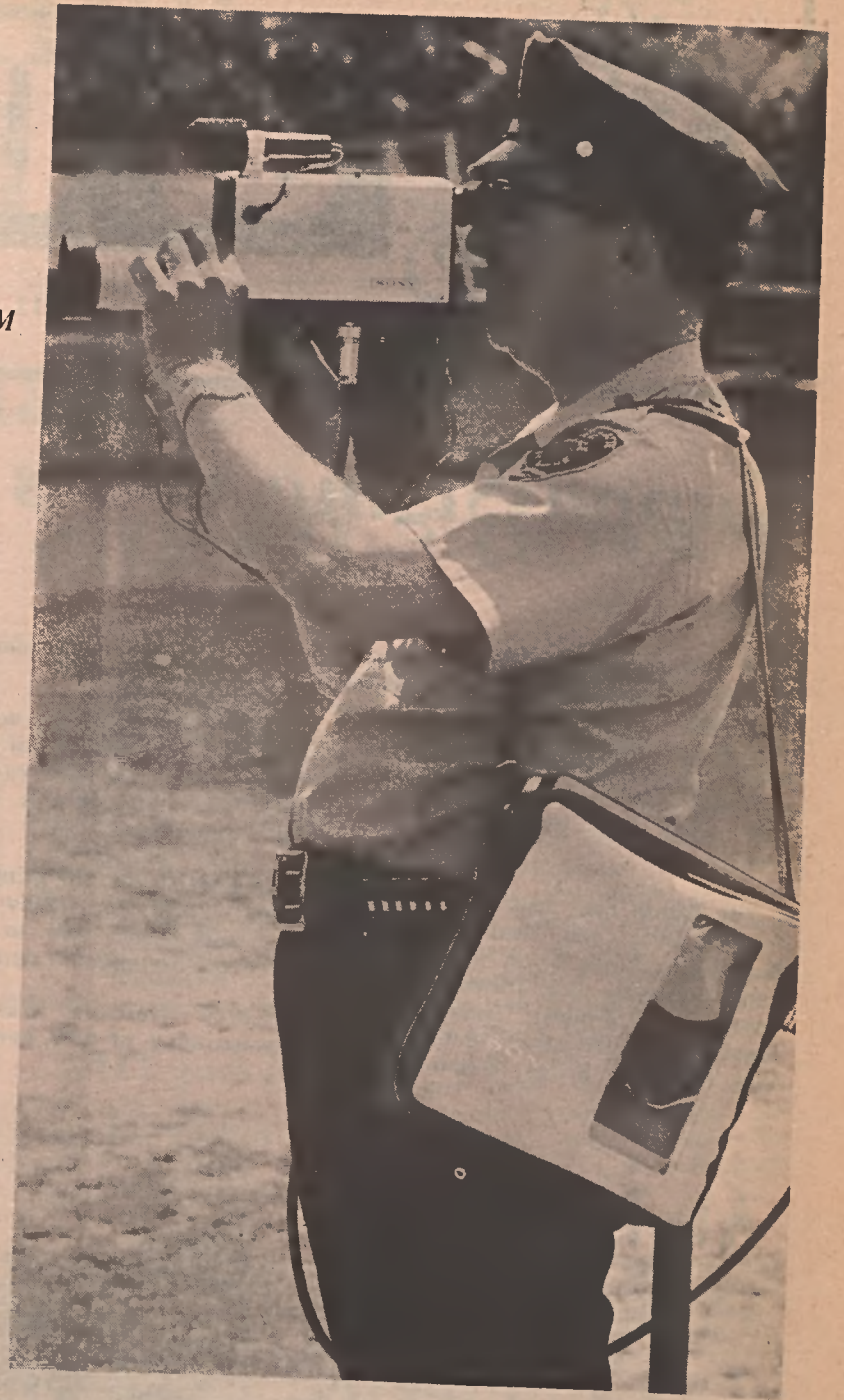




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## The War Comes Home

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The deed is done, and the tale is told.

The deed has left dead, 11 wounded, and students across the nation polarized toward the left. In fact, to be quite callous (though accurate), it can be said that the incident at Kent State, combined with the movement of U.S. troops into Cambodia has been the best thing to happen to the left in a long time. The Vietnam Moratorium Committee was dead, it has been given the breath of life again. Radicals needed a new issue to continue their campaign to polarize the student, they now have it. For it is just such incidents as these that cause the student, indeed anyone, to question the present system (rightly so) and then, because no one else speaks up, to opt to the left.

Meanwhile cries have gone up as to how the present regime (in all its supposedly imperialist and capitalist glory) is trying to destroy the youth movement. But actions such as we have seen lately, and always will see perpetrated by the state no matter what its form, have only served to abet the movement, not hurt it. Now more than ever students will rally to the call of "right on" and other useless rhetoric. Yet, somehow it will translate itself into action, that action will be accompanied by more rhetoric some of which will be anything but useless and quite blunt in its message: Bring the war home!

"Bring the war home, students have chanted, and they have been answered. Kent State is but one of many answers and but one of many battles to come. In fact, the war has been home for some time - with the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley, that allowed no opinion but its own, to the riots at Columbia, to the streets of Baltimore two weeks ago that saw a cop ambushed and killed. And that is but the start as the action continues to the chant of "right on!" "right on!"

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There can be little question that the war is home to stay, and yet it should be noticed that the battle lines have been drawn up between two factions, no matter how far apart they may look, of the same group. That group is the authoritarians, or, at the risk of being redundant, the statist. Government in the form of the Nixon regime, is recognized clearly, by many, as opposed to the freedom that we all desire. Few have had the same clear vision as regards the Left. Few have stopped to consider that the Left is offering but more of the same with a slightly different slant. In their society, the bureaucrats, technocrats, and other usurpers of freedom would wear longer hair, groovier clothes, and would command by virtue of their belief in "power to the people." And let us consider, is this anything basically different from what we have now? No. Is the philosophical premise new or even different? No. Both refuse to look upon people as rational thinking individuals; they look upon them as cattle, or so many sheep to be herded about as the shepherd, the state, sees fit. The Left is merely advocating a change in those who dictate instead of an end to the oppression of the individual. In this light, the Left appears as it really is - as reformers not revolutionaries.

These are the students and demonstrators that have said the system is at fault, when what they really mean is that they think the leaders of the system are at fault, because they do not make the

system even more powerful and far reaching. This has been shown in the attack upon president Nixon, accusing him of the deaths at Kent State. The leader has been attacked, not the system that allows force to be used against the individual, because the use of force against the individual is a basic tenant of the Left.

Consider what actions are capable by the system which the Left advocates and ask yourself this: have they set about to free people or to enslave them with another state? Do they advocate freedom for all people or just some of the people?

Take a long look. If you are advocating freedom for some then you advocate it for none. If you are fighting for the destruction of the present state only to replace it with another then you are a reformer not a revolutionary, and you will be plagued by the problems that the present system faces, and must be held responsible for denying freedom. The only way to end oppression is to eliminate the belief from which it spawns - the belief that force is justified in any instance other than self-defense. It matters not whether it is disguised as "for the public welfare" or is open coercion; it stems from the same philosophical base that says a man has a right to another man's life, liberty or property. Until the immorality of this is recognized we will have more of the same; we will have more Kent State's.

The time has come to stop the problem - authoritarianism and its child the state.

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