

I will be glad to discuss Jackson and Kent with the "anonymous" scribbler. I think it is a mistake to couple them. Kent was an atrocious blunder ("There was no order to fire"- Scranton Comm. Rep.) of the kind the radical militants gloat about; the Guardsmen were as much victims as the students. It aroused an enormous outcry, and certainly is not accepted as part of our governmental process.

Jackson was and is a symptom of a serious totalitarian disease. It is founded on a racist doctrine, including the notion that all blacks are militant, gun-carrying pig-hunters. We will end up in a Hitlerian regime if we do not find a way to contain it. Shoot-outs and bombings and other provocations will tear apart the fabric of mutual accomodation that makes democratic society possible. It is still true that police and federal doctrine is to contain violence with the minimum injury to the crowd; the exceptions are deplorable and dangerous, and there will be the more of them, the more we condone the rhetoric of violence and of its exemplification.

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