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Price We Pay

I was very disturbed that front page coverage was given the statements made by a radical leader in California, while the positive action taken by antiwar protesters in giving blood for soldiers was hidden in some other section. I don't feel the remarks made by student leader Leo Bazile are representative of the vast majority of students involved in the movement.

I am a student from Grinnell college, an insitution which recently closed its doors in protest of the war in Southeast Asia. I am part of the peace movement and wish to present several thoughts for the public to consider. I don't condone student violence, but I can understand why these tragic events are occurring.

Student violence is only indicative of the need for a change in our very sick society. We want this change to occur peacefully. We ask an end to the war now and a turning of the national priorities to the solving of our pressing social problems. We are frightened, desperate. Student violence, distrust of our leaders, increased polarization is the price America is paying for refusing to listen. We love our country—we wouldn't be protesting unless we did.

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