

a fine platitude, but I have the right to peace and a sense of security in my home and in my person this summer.

My earliest conception of a politician is one who embraces virtue and abhors sin. Certainly the condoning of lawlessness is a sin, yet who in our present crop of politicians has the guts to denounce it? Agnew and Daley are small voices in the night. Why not help them rather than do your damndest to destroy them.

ARTHUR J. HOWE.

["Letters to the Editor," Washington Star, May 17, 1968]

"BEN BROWN IS DEAD"

SIR: Benjamin Brown is dead, but it has taken the Retail Liquor Dealers Association with its full-page advertisement of May 7 to point out that he was a victim of the white racism infecting our society.

White racism? Yes—for where were the costly full page ads when young Emmett Till's body was dragged from a river? Where were the dire warnings when four Sunday School children were bombed in Birmingham? Where were the cries for "law enforcement" when the search began for Goodman, Schwerner and James Chaney? Where were the pleas for safety when Medgar Evers was shot down? Where were the calls for protection of black people when Martin Luther King was added to the terribly long list?

In the main, we in the white community were silent. Our silence shouted our racism as each tragically predictable outrage occurred. Now that we have birthed an angry black backlash, we are scared.

"As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

ALBERT LANNON, Jr.

SIR: The D.C. Retail Liquor Dealers Association must be commended for their stand against lawlessness.

Why can't the rest of society become involved in a cause for its protection instead of its destruction.

DEANNA W. KOSKIN.

SIR: The Liquor Dealers' ad on the laxity of law enforcement and the rampant crime here in the District of Columbia should have been put on the front page or at least its contents on the editorial page.

I imagine if the political and politically appointed heads of this city would come out from behind their heavily armed bodyguards and walk around this crime-infested city for a few days, they would immediately untie the hands of the policemen and instill fear in the criminal element instead of the policemen.

CARMELLA L. TILLMAN.

SIR: I would like to offer you my sincere congratulations for publishing an ad that said what so many of us cannot find the words to express.

We are witnessing the beginning of an era that will leave this great country of ours in ruins if we don't somehow find firm but just leaders to deal with the lawless. I've grown tired of listening to our churches and synagogues condone and find excuses for a small group of people that have adopted the idea that they can bully and push the masses of responsible citizens to bend to their wishes.

Let's join together as a group of concerned Americans to protect the interests of all people, black and white, that are sincerely interested in preserving the civil rights of all men. More ads like that could serve to unite people that uphold old-fashioned standards such as free enterprise; respect for country, and an enforcement of the law.

BRADLEY L. KOSKIN.

SIR: On May 7 I was on the scene of the holdup and shooting (Atlantic and S. Capitol SE) and watched the victim's life slip away. My spirits were lifted a little when I returned home to read The Star and turned to the back page of the front section which dealt with the shooting-death of Ben Brown.

Strange, to have one's spirits lifted when reading about a death? Not really, when I explain that I was encouraged by the fact that perhaps the citizens of