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Dear Editor:

According to Charles Hills, Senators Yarbrough and Newman seem to disagree with my version of "police state tactics" in Mississippi. Sometimes I get "equally irked" by speeches of the estimable senators but this seldom brings fire to my eyes. In any case, while I think the able Press - Scimitar reporter misinterpreted some of my remarks about the future, I must confess that I did use the phrase "police state."

Still, I am at a loss as to the reasons for the anxiety of the senators. Perhaps this is a semantic problem, though it is my suspicion that Mr. Yarbrough and Mr. Newman see the question from their point of view as members of the police force. Or perhaps the difficulty lies in the fact that there are varying degrees of authority in the police state. If Mississippi were totalitarian, the senators, as members of the police force, might have ordered me taken away at three o'clock in the morning, and for this purpose they might have borrowed Jackson's new armored truck, the one that shoots tear gas in all directions.

Inasmuch as Senators Yarbrough and Newman have not, as yet, had this done, I am led to believe that there is no absolute police state - for whites anyway - at the moment. And if they so interpreted the meaning of my statement, I am quite humble in my apology.

While I am writing, I would like to inquire as to the outcome of the Jackson bond election of something like a half million dollars for the construction of an up - to - date concentration camp, to be used, of course, for other purposes in times of peace.

Sincerely,
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