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MUSKIE CONDEMNIS PATTERN OF VIOLENCE

The bombing at the University of Wisconsin's Mathematics Research Center was a vicious and contemptible act. It follows by eleven days the fatal shooting of the third policeman to be killed by sniper fire in Chicago, Illinois, in less than a month. And it follows by seventeen days the tragic slaying of a Superior Court judge in San Rafael, California.

There is no evidence to indicate that these acts are directly related.

But a pattern of violence has been developing in this country that is clearly alarming.

It is a pattern we can not tolerate. It is a pattern America cannot long endure if it is to remain an open society. And it is a pattern that free men must condemn in the strongest terms.
