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~~ON THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENT OVERTHROW~~
ON THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF OUR PRESENT CIVILIZATION

It is very easy to be complacent and to think that we have nothing to worry ~~about~~ about. On the whole our country has been a region of law and order. We do not realize to how great an extent this has been due to two factors: one of these ~~is~~ is the Chn° background. Charles Diciens tells how he made a trip across the US° more than 100 years ago. He was not partial to this country, (to put it mildly!) He had been cheated by some publishers, and as a result we extremely critical of the country. Nevertheless, he says that in all of his travels here he never once saw a woman in any way mistreated or in any danger. He felt that there was a great idea ideal of decency in America, and of respect for womanhood. This of course is simply one of the outgrowths one of the by-products of the Chn° heritage of the nation. This ~~influence~~ ^{The impact?} ~~heritage~~ ^{influence} now is becoming much less than formerly.

~~Another~~ ^{Another} reason why American has seemed so stable and strong has been the widespread respect for law and order. This in turn might be based upon two ~~factors~~ ^{Again, one of these if is of course} factors. One of these of course is again the Chn° background. A second, however, is the fact that as a rule in past Amer° history lawbreakers knew that they would be quickly brought to judgment. They would be given a fair ~~trial~~ ^{trial}, and, if guilty, would be punished soon. Nowadays often several years elapse ~~after~~ ^{after} after a crime is committed before the criminals are examined, if ever. The Supreme Court has made ~~imposed~~ ^{imposed} all sorts of restrictions aiming at giving as much freedom and security as possible for to criminals. No wonder that the crimes of violence have been rapidly increasing ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ in cities all over the US°.

These of course are mostly sporadic manifestations of violence. If they were to be organized and directed they could become extremely dangerous.

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Suddenly last year a group of the so-called weathermen, a branch of the ^(exact title?) Students for a Democratic Society appeared in Chicago and began going down