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Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is, There Is Liberty

II Corinthians 3:17

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"Let the people know the facts and the country will be saved."—Abraham Lincoln

Crime Against Us All

The senseless murder of 10-year-old Jerry Michael Bayles, the young Indianapolis Star carrier plucked off a city street near his home, stripped of his clothing and stabbed repeatedly before he was thrown into a field miles away, must not be viewed as just another crime statistic.

It is typical of a degenerate "we can play God" attitude which has spread across our city, state and nation like a malignancy since the widespread softening of prosecution for first-degree murder, the elimination of the death penalty and the peculiar consensus of higher courts that the very viciousness of a crime, through some distortion of logic, is its own excuse.

Why are such killings as that of young Jerry Bayles on the rise throughout the United States?

Because killers know they can get away with it. It is as simple as that.

Because the law, which throughout history was meant to protect the innocent, has in our time been twisted to protect the guilty.

Because crime goes unpunished. The record of malfeasance by high courts is damnable. The arrogant official attitudes that inspire and encourage crime are unforgivable.

The murder of little Jerry Bayles is a crime against us all.

So are laxities that let such crimes increase.

A stern justice is the only way to end these prevalent, constantly growing evils.

