

## March Madness

It's probably not a good idea to dwell too long on craziness and tears, so this piece is going to be short. And yet, there are some things which can't escape notice.

Our leaders are hesitant when it comes to making sure that every child can eat three wholesome meals each day.

Our leaders are hesitant when it comes to making sure those children are decently housed, clothed, and protected from illness.

Our leaders are hesitant when it comes to making sure that every child has a safe place to play as children should.

Our leaders are hesitant when it comes to assuring a livable climate in which those children can live and grow up.

And they're hesitant when it comes to making sure that old people can live and die in dignity.

But they're mighty quick when it comes to weapons, especially the nuclear variety.

Strange, isn't it?

And then there are the traffic stops, guns as the leading cause of childhood death, gross violations of child labor laws, and a level of depression among teen-aged girls which is so great that one-third of them have considered or attempted suicide.

It looks like our country has opened fire on its future. Thus our weapons turn on us. Nor is the United States of America alone. Every nuclear weapons state, every nuclear weapons host nation, every university engaged in the research-how peculiar for institutions of higher learning!- and every national leader around the world who fattens on savage inequalities is also on the firing squad.

Though they're currently being ignored, the better angels of our nature are waiting to be summoned. Would it be sane to test their patience?