They're mad.
They're absolutely mad.
Everyone can see that things at home are getting worse all the time, and that little or nothing is being done about it.
The last thing in the world we need is to spend six or seven thousand million dollars for the down payment on an anti-ballistic missile system.
But what can you expect from the type of mind that got us into Vietnam in the first place, and that keeps plunging us back in for one-last-victory-try every time it looks as though we might finally extricate ourselves.
Mr. Nixon and Secretary Laird and their advisors in the Pentagon seem to have lost touch with reality.
There are bombs going off in our cities, but they're not coming from China or the U.S.S.R.
The air we breathe is being poisoned, but it's not being done by enemy agents.
Many Americans no longer believe what the Government tells them, but it's not because they listen to Radio Moscow.

The war and weapons people have become so obsessed with International Communism, they fail to see that they themselves are laying the groundwork for a state of home-grown anarchy.

A few observations on the A.B.M.
The figure they use is six or seven billion dollars. But this is just the well-known foot in the door.
Experience with Pentagon procurement in the past indicates that actual costs run two or three times the original estimate.
Furthermore, there is every likelihood that the "light" A.B.M system will get heavier and heavier as it goes along, and would ultimately cost over fifty thousand million dollars.
All this for a "Maginot Line in the Sky" (as the N.Y. Times described it in a recent editorial), that would most likely be obsolete by the time it is operative, and wind up as surplus electronic junk on Canal Street.

Meanwhile, back in the U.S.S.R., do you think "their" hawks would be standing still for this?

Unfortunately, the Pentagon doesn't seem to be able to learn from experience, but we wouldn't give up hope for the U.S. Senate.

There are a lot of Senators—including conservative Republicans—who feel they were "had" by the infamous Gulf of Tonkin resolution, and this time they don't seem to be buying the Pentagon's big public relations campaign on the A.B.M.
This thing can be stopped in the Senate. But it will take the kind of grass roots' effort that did so much to change the political climate on Vietnam last year.
Our marching song has come again.

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