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Prize For Strife

To The News and Courier:

The selection of Martin Luther King as a candidate for the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize is the most patently absurd thing I have ever heard. If the implications of something like this were not so far reaching, misleading and tragic, they would be ludicrous. To insult the knowledge and sensibilities of the American people to such an extent as to suggest that this promoter of strife, chaos, violence and discord is in reality a disciple of peace, is to place us on the lowest rung of human intelligence and perception.

Perhaps a hoax of this sort is compatible with much of the world's reverse thinking these days. Neutrality is victory, appeasement is peace, disagreement is hate and disruption of law is right.

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