

PREFACE

THE STUDENT UPRISINGS of the late 1960s and early 1970s continue to stir controversy. The causes of those events remain the subject of debate, and there is frequent speculation as to whether they could recur. I have no intention of ending these controversies, only a desire to contribute my perspective to them.

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