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## Train symbolizes apathetic citizens

I opened the Sept. 2 paper to find a legless, battered S. Brian Willson sprawled on the tracks at the Concord Naval Weapons Station, where he was protesting the continued shipment of U.S. arms to Central America.

The locomotive that ran him down, as he stood firm in the face of slow, grinding horror, perfectly symbolizes the effect of our imperialistic policies in so many regions of this planet.

The doubtless well-meaning, trustworthy engineer represents all of us who stand idly by as the distant carnage thunders on, just out of earshot.

I lost full use of my right arm as an infantryman defending the interests of the U.S. military-industrial complex in South Vietnam 20 years ago. Who has advanced the cause of human freedom more?

I urge all veterans who, like myself, have considered joining the Santa Cruz VFW Post 5888 in its crusade against our government's inane actions in Central America to join up today.

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