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■ In justifying his probable vote for Nader, Clancy Sigal is "into a long-term struggle" for a "progressive coalition that outflanks the Democratic Party" (Commentary, Oct. 29).

It so happens that the religious right and corporate America are masters of the long-term struggle, and if Bush is elected president, they will be rewarded for their patience and solidarity with the appointments of anti-choice, anti-worker and anti-environment justices to the Supreme Court, to say nothing of many other appointments inimical to everything Sigal says he values. Sigal wants to hurt "conservative Democratic politicians" for taking him for a sucker, but the middle class, the poor and the environment will be the true victims of his petulant, me-oriented politics.

Sigal is a perfect example of the observation that when leftists are asked to form a firing squad, they get into a circle. How sad.

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