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THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Since the U.S. entered the war in Vietnam, through the fiscal year ended June 30, 1968, the war has:

♦ Cost the U.S. more than $54 billion in military expenditures;
♦ Raised the annual rate of Vietnam war costs to $29 billion a year in 1968;
♦ Reduced the purchasing of the consumer's dollar by 9%;
♦ Added 2.3 million workers to the Federal payrolls, compared to the addition of only 1.6 million to productive manufacturing;
♦ Caused a loss in housing construction of more than 750,000 units;
♦ Raised interest rates to the highest levels in a century, causing a tight money situation;
♦ Raised the interest bearing Federal debt by $23 billion;
♦ Increased food prices by 10%;
♦ Produced a $20 billion Federal deficit in fiscal 1968 (even assuming a 10% surtax);
♦ Delayed required expenditures for the renovation of America's cities; and
♦ Increased greatly the deficit in America's balance of payments, costing the U.S. much of the gold cover for its dollar.

"Actually, I don't see the worst disrupters as being either Communists or...anarchists. They are just plain nasty."

S.I. Hayakawa

We, The Fixer staff, wish to thank our readers for hearing our plea for money and answering it.

From last week's issue we collected $26.85, enough to guarantee at least two more issues and enable us to pay our August bill at Sears.

Special appreciation must go to the person who gave $15 so The Fixer could live. We thank you all.

"Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote. The relative positions to be assumed by man and woman in the working out of our civilization were assigned long ago by a higher intelligence than ours."

Grover Cleveland
"Ladies Home Journal," 1901
CHOICE FOR CONNECTICUT BLACKS: POLUTTED BEACHES OR GHETTO REBELLION

NORWALK, Conn. (INS)--Connecticut authorities are keeping polluted beaches near big cities open to swimmers to keep ghettoized blacks from rebelling this summer.

Connecticut's strategy was revealed at a Health Department hearing by Eric Mood, assistant professor of public health at Yale University, and a former Health Department official. Mood assured people that any diseases contracted in the polluted water could be non-fatal, and that there was "almost no danger" of polio or typhoid, though swimmers might contract "polio-related viral infections that are not paralyzing." He explained that American ghetto dwellers are faced with a choice between riot and disease:

"It is a real problem what to do. The health official is faced with a calculated risk. Should he close the beach and incur the wrath of the people kept out? The long hot summer is ahead of us, and it is principally the blacks who are affected, because so many lack transportation to get to beaches away from the polluted harbor."

"As an alternative to possible rioting, the official can allow the beach to stay open and run the risk of having the swimming public becoming infected."

ACLU BREAKS WITH TRADITION CONDEMNS WAR, DRAFT AND REPRESSION

NEW YORK (INS)--The American Civil Liberties Union has called for an end to the U.S. wars in Southeast Asia, abolition of the draft, and an end to growing political repression.

In an unexpected switch from its former purely civil-libertarian statements, the ACLU Board of Directors voted 42 to 1 to actively participate in the anti-war movement. The war in Vietnam is now seen by the ACLU as "the cause of civil liberties deprivation," in America.

At the opening of a four-day conference in New York in June, the ACLU board also cited the draft and laws prohibiting the destruction of draft cards and U.S. flags as severe violations of personal civil liberties. It resolved as well to "continue attacks against all forms of Government inspired repression."

"I'd rather be dumb and clean than smart and dirty, anytime."
Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

"In Vietnam you talk to guys and you say, 'How short are you, buddy?' Which means 'How much time do you have left?' And the guy says, 'I've got 15 days,' or whatever. Well, there was this one black soldier next to me and I said to him, 'Hey buddy, how short are you?' And he said, 'I'll never be short.' At first I didn't understand what he meant. Now I know."

Buzz Torhune, New York Times

"As a result of the reduction in required English courses, it was necessary to reduce the English Department staff by at least two persons.

G. Tyler Miller, February 18.

"On the surface, all this appears to be legitimate. Any investigation, however, reveals it to be a contrivance.

The Fixer, February 11.

"Dr. Jay L. Funston of North Texas State and Dr. James L. Ruff of the University of New Mexico will join the Madison College English department for the fall semester."

Daily News-Record, July 29.

The Fixer confers the "Blind Faith" Award on those of you who believed Dr. Miller on February 18. Now that Mr. Rogers and Mr. McClung are gone, and most of us who give a damn are either gone or too terrified to breathe, Dr. Miller feels that he can tell the Madison community exactly the opposite of what he said in January. Dr. Miller must think we are incredibly dense. It is obvious to EVERYONE now that he NEVER had to reduce the English Department staff. Madison College simply wished to eliminate two professors who were too vital and dynamic to suit the constipated ivory-tower administrators of an intellectually bemused and moldering institution.

The Truth About Kent

Recently an Akron, Ohio newspaper published the findings of the FBI investigation into the murders at Kent State University on May 4. Although the report will be bypassed or whitewashed or denied, it is fortunately too late to supress it entirely.

The interesting thing about the FBI's findings is that they concur completely with the eyewitness accounts of responsible observers (cont. on page 3)
and controvert the allegations of the National Guard. It is also interesting that these accounts did not receive wide circulation in the irresponsible American press, which prefers to publish National Guard alibis and sensationalist rumors.

The substantive facts concurred in by the FBI and the eyewitnesses are numerous and important. There were no snipers. The rock-throwing were not surrounded; their lives were not in danger. They had not run by the students was minimal and ineffectual. The guardsmen were not involved should bear the responsibility for this crime. One has every right to question DelCorso, the Commander of the Ohio National Guard, General DelCorso, to discover where the culpability lies.

DelCorso has expressed the belief that every student protest is Communist-motivated; indeed, he finds Communists behind every tree and under every bed. DelCorso has harbored a low opinion of the established National Guard procedures designed to protect innocent civilians. If a guardsman fires into a crowd, he considers it to be justified: inso facto.

The young guardsmen, irresponsible and malleable in the same manner as students who would burn buildings, merely followed the atmosphere promoted by DelCorso. It was "all right" to fire, indiscriminately and without warming into a crowd. General DelCorso, by abusing his position of guidance and leadership, was responsible for the murder of four young people. It is an injustice and a shame that this nation does not hold him accountable for this brutal crime.

Lewis H. Sword

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July 22, 1970

Dear Editors:

I would like to throw my two cents worth of comments at The Fixer.

When Lewis H. Sword said, "Although I was never a writer and never shall be," (July 8, Vol. 1, No. 19) he certainly knew what he was talking about. The question is why does he keep dumping his soap opera freak in exile sages on Fixer pages??? This letter is not a personal stab at Mr Sword (no pun intended) it is a written plea from a reader to you the editor to stop wasting valuable space with stale, tedious reading material.

Another point: Why doesn't The Fixer utilize more campus writers? Many stories are too far removed from this campus situation: therefore, they unfortunately lose the readers' interest by appearing over or right by their mental capabilities.

And what about the woman on this campus? How can the paper expect to stir them up or capture their support when they are not represented in any section or portion of the paper? The Fixer is distributed to a public of 70% female readers who are smothered in all male problems. No wonder they have no comments. Give them a chance. Because I have only seen the summer version of the paper I may be sadly misinterpreting the idea or purpose of The Fixer. How about a note from the editor explaining the goal of the paper "for those of us who may not know." If at all possible could we hear from some one other than Lewis H. Sword... after all we know he can't write.

Thank you for wasting your time reading this...I appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

M.A. Moran

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Dear Editors:

I would like to throw my two cents worth of comments at The Fixer. The Fixer has no editor. Every student taking part has as much say as the next student. This has been our policy since our conception in November, 1969. If the students want this changed, then we will adopt what the students want.

We ask everyone in the Madison community to write for and to us. We are a matrix of communication, we do not judge what people write, we leave that to our readers.

We have time and time again asked students to utilize the space available in The Fixer. We welcome everyone; we cannot be held responsible for a lack of interest on the part of the campus writers. Separating women from the main body of the paper is degrading to women. I did not realize that material pertaining to the vigil in Wilson Hall and subsequent arrests of 30 persons, apathy at Madison, '72 elections, local courtroom injustices, Vietnam, poetry and recent actions taken by Miller to stop The Fixer were "all male problems." We welcome every woman on this campus to join The Fixer staff. You certainly did not waste our time. We want to hear from our readers. Thank you Maria Moran.

Jay Rainey
"College isn't the place to go for ideas."
Helen Keller, 1916

American UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. (U.S.)--The Food and Drug Administration prohibits meat from being sold for human consumption if it contains more than seven parts per million of DDT. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare, recently released figures showing that the average American contains twelve parts per million of DDT in his or her body. So even if you're tired of beef or pork, don't eat an American--you may get sick.

George B. Shaw

The government takes (or denies) which we are endlessly thankful to the system.

I do not suggest that people drop out of school who want to make changes, that would be like being dropped behind enemy lines, to be killed one by one. (Mental as well as physical bullets may result in a person's death.) First we have to fight for our rights, which we are now doing, and then see that through these rights we can effect the change we want. The right to vote means nothing if there is no choice, as it is in Russia, and the U.S. is becoming more and more like her worst enemy.

The administration (government, system or whatever you wish to call it) is keeping us from making any changes by denying us the rights necessary to make these changes. Miller will not be too upset if we win in the courts, for he knows that these hard won rights will not be in themselves, be made him alter his method of running this institution.

Look to the courts for help, but the battle is just beginning when they say, "That is unconstitutional, let that student back in school." It's like saying, "You were wronged; judgement is that you shall return to jail."

Jay Rainey

"A little rebellion now and then, is a good thing..."
Thomas Jefferson, 1787
WASHINGTON, D.C. (CFP/LNS) — The United States has for years claimed that North Vietnamese and National Liberation Front (NLF) prisoners were treated well, in accordance with the Geneva Accords, and have cited inspections by the International Red Cross to back up their contention. The U.S. made this into a major propaganda claim noting the Red Cross was not allowed to visit POW camps in the north.

But because Thomas Harkin refused to keep quiet about the tiger cages he saw in the South Vietnamese prison on Con Son Island, he has not only made liars out of the military, the Agency for International Development (AID), and administration officials both here and there, but he has cast severe suspicions on the validity and credibility of "fact-finding" tours.

Harkin, along with Don Luce of the World Council of Churches and two members of the House of Representatives, William R. Anderson (D.-Tenn.) and Augustus Hawkins (D.-Calif.), visited the Con Son prison, Harkin knew through contacts with South Vietnamese students of the existence of the tiger cages on the island.

Through both luck and cunning he managed to get the group inside one of the well-hidden cages. He described the cage as "an airless pit four to five feet wide, about nine feet long, and about ten feet deep. They are never allowed out, the food is minimal, and they are given little water. Many are forced to drink their own urine. Most of the men could not stand up, their legs having been paralyzed by beatings and by being shackled to a bar about one or two feet off the floor. There are buckets of lime dust kept above the cages and the guards throw this down on the prisoners when they beg for food or water.

There are tiger cages for both male and female prisoners, and, according to Harkin, all are political prisoners whose crime was that they "spoke for peace."

Before Harkin had seen the cages, Frank Walton, U.S. Director of Public Safety and supervisor of the prisoners over there, told Harkin that South Vietnamese prisoners were rather like a Boy Scout camp. After Harkin did see the cages, Walton stated: "Well, they're no worse than a Georgia chain gang."

Harkin resigned from the Committee, chaired by G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery (D.-Miss.), after arriving back in the U.S. at the completion of the 11-day tour, because he could not convince the majority of the committee of the necessity of making public these findings. He could not even convince them to visit the prison or to talk to South Vietnamese people. The two representatives who witnessed Con Son with Harkin have filed a minority report.

"When I was in prison, don't be shocked when I say that I was in prison. You're still in prison. That's what America means: prison," Malcolm X, 1963

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) — A Senate investigating committee headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D.-Ark.) has begun hearings into bombings which he says represent a "serious threat to the nation's safety and security."

Witnesses are expected to testify concerning the number and types of bombings, the sources of explosives, and the distribution of educational material giving instructions in the making and use of explosives and fire bombs. McClellan declared that the investigation is necessary because "political terrorists have begun guerrilla warfare on a national scale," the New York Times reported.

WASHINGTON (Fethe) — Seventy-three U.S. senators have signed a letter urging the Nixon administration to sell 125 Phantom and other jet warplanes to Israel.

The senators say in the letter that granting the Israel request for military aid—a request held in abeyance by the administration—is the surest way to head off all-out war in the area. The bi-partisan letter was presented to Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

The letter has been circulated primarily by Sen. Jacob Javits, R.-N.Y., and Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D.-Conn. Among the signers are said to be senators of such diverse political viewpoints as Barry Goldwater, R.-Ariz., George McGovern, D.-S.D., Edward Kennedy, D.-Mass., and Stuart Symington, D.-Mo.
Since we can no longer use the campus mail to deliver our "unauthorized material," to faculty members we are faced with a problem.

We know many faculty members would like to receive a copy of The Fixer and we also realize that there are some among the faculty who would care less about this student publication. Hand delivery is very time-consuming and results in distributing papers which are neither wanted nor asked for. We want to guarantee the delivery of The Fixer to the professors who want it and at the same time stop delivery of the paper to those who may not wish to read it.

Here is what we have come up with:

1. Those of you who wish to keep receiving The Fixer, both for this summer and next fall, are asked to fill out the form below. We hope this plan will benefit everyone.

2. Our lips met
   Tenderly at first, scarcely touching
   Like fingertips stroking fragile
   Face

Until mounting tension locked our
   movement together
   In tight embrace.
   Immersing breaths, darting tongues
   Drawn into an encompassing vacuum.
   Blue lights flashing from closed
   Eyes.
   Red polka dots
   Mixing chartreuse lines
   Reeling and swerving
   Flowing toward a point of disapp-
   earing flight
   Images appearing
   Chinese pagodas basking in golden
   Sunlight
   Ocean’s call to inviting waters
   Where nymphs happily play
   Dark waves bursting like lava
   From fiery mountains
   Fed by the depths of emotion
   A glance, a look, and then
   Your image appeared
   And grew, and grew
   Until it overwhelmed my senses
   And I melted into you.

Julian Ney

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To: Mr. William D. Brown
Box 444
Madison College

I would like to receive The Fixer.
Please wrap The Fixer in brown
paper. Yes No (I’ll take
my chances).
Please mail The Fixer to my home
address. Yes No .
Home Address:

Please deliver The Fixer to my of-
   fice under cover of night.
   Yes No.

(If you want to allow the admin-
   istration to abridge your rights,
   placing of this delivery request
   in an envelope is advised. If you
   feel you have the right to use the
   campus mail, whatever your purpose,
   then simply drop this form in the
   campus mail or hand it directly to
   Mrs. Moyers.)

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2. With a little help
   from our friends:
   Jim Turner, Jay & Tina Raney
   Dee Dee Eicher, Dean Brown
   Gene Bacon, Ron Santmyers
   Lewis Sword
   Trish Agresto

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Tomorrow

Yesterday gardens were in need
   Of fresh soil,
   Of fresh fruit,
   Of love and care.
   Many were afraid of failure
   Or starvation
   Or dead lives.
   New plants evolved today.
   New lives have emerged.
   New hope...
   New love...
   Soon all will be trampled
   Once again.

Trish Agresto

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