The Fixer's first open meeting was very heartening. New and old faces blended to give the paper a good solid beginning this year. When The Fixer started last November many people flew to our meeting. At one such meeting we had a crowd of over 20 people. But strangely the staff began to shrink. When work (long, hard, tedious work) had to be done, we could count on no more than 2-5 to step forward. It seems that the people who most enthusiastically welcomed our appearance, the so-called "radicals," had deserted. The Fixer, for the most part, was supported by several hard working "straights." What happened to all the "liberated" individuals who had sounded so eager to make The Fixer a success? It seems they had more important things to do: playing marathon bridge games in the snack bar or sleeping 16 hours straight (oops), or doing dope (or looking for it or resting up after they had done it.) They never seemed to have quite enough time to type, help mimeograph or staple, or pass out the paper. It is these people, with all their speeches on personal freedoms and the lack of them, I have little respect for. Less respect than I have for the science or math major who refuses to accept a copy of The Fixer; at least, she or he is not a hypocrite.

This year I hope the "radicals" and the "freaks" will join the Fixer staff. But if they again choose to simply talk and do dope, that's acceptable also. The paper survived last year without their help and can (and probably will) do it again this year.

It is not enough to go to Washington every few months to protest the war and growing repression at home when you allow an intolerable condition to exist on your own campus.

Jay Rainey

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The Fixer needs writers, typists, artists, and people to mimeograph, staple, distribute, and collect contributions. As of this writing, we have no one to distribute The Fixer in Chippokes. If you or anyone you know wish to pass out the paper at or more of these dorms please call Dean at 433-5460, or come to our open meeting Thursday, Oct. 1, 6:30 pm, at The Generation Gap.
**Elks can be Black, but Black can’t be Elks**

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- Delegates to the convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks here recently voted 1,550 to 22 to retain the lodge’s whites-only membership requirement. The current Elks constitution requires that prospective members be white, over 20, believers in God, U.S. citizens, and persons who have never been associated with subversive organizations.

Otho Devibiss, a delegate from Chicago, stated that race is not a controversial issue with us." By way of apology, he added that there were "people with Oriental blood in the organization and snapped, "I defy anyone to define the white race."

Glenn L. Miller, installed as the new beloved and revered Grand Exalted Ruler, warned the Elks, our right to determine whom we associate is being attacked. Our right to privacy in our lodge and club rooms is being questioned."

"Miller's primary target was "the campus rebel, whose bearded visage, dirty hair, body odor, and tactics are childish and the essence of tyranny," in descending order of offensiveness."

Miller also noted that "There are people, including teachers, reaching down into our high schools to enlist our children in the assault on our armed forces, on the forces of law and order, in the attacks on our homes, our churches, and our schools."

The finale came with Brigadier General I.G. Brown, chief of the Air National Guard, who declared to a standing ovation from the throng, "We are at war with the Communists and the sooner every red-blooded American realizes this, the safer we will be."

"Total tonnage dropped on Vietnam exceeds the total dropped in all theaters of WWII by 60%. By February, 1969, 3,200,000 tons of bombs had been dropped on Vietnam. This amounts to 180 pounds of bombs for every man, woman and child—we have dropped 25 tons of bombs for every square mile of both North and South Vietnam."

from a report by Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam

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**Fight Inflation**

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**Special to the fixer from Washington**

In a recent issue of Congressional Record, Representative Gerald Ford received permission to reprint "An Open Letter to College Students" by J. Edgar Hoover. Ford described this letter as one "which deserve ranks as an historic document." Read historic as hysterical.

Hoover's letter opens with glowing praise for the college student
My feet at a Meeting

At an ecology meeting -- voices sitting stiff in a circle, aching toward the middle void, in vain --

I took off

my shoes!

O my feet, my original feet, briefly cool and breathing a breeze of their own creation!

There are no personal solutions but who can give up private devices getting us by?

Todd Gitlin (LNS)

"The peaceful and indifferent are forgotten; they never know the fighting joy of living."

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
the "Rebel Girl"
Eight months ago, the Fixer published my first article concerning the Vietnam war. At that point, President Nixon had had a year in which to end the war and had not done so. Now he has had eight more months and, to no one's surprise, the war is still with us.

It is true that President Nixon has withdrawn some troops from Vietnam, but it has been nothing like a majority of them, or a half of them or a third of them. It looks as though the "withdrawal" will take a month to end the war.

That Nixon certainly is a slow fellow!

Nixon is still maintaining that he needs more time to "Vietnamize" the war, however, and that takes a LOT of time. We have to train all those little yellow chaps to fight by themselves, and we all know how dense they are, right?

Still, isn't it odd that the South Vietnamese Army outnumbers the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army and is also better equipped than either and "ready" better trained than either and they still aren't "Vietnamized" yet? An American soldier can undergo three months of training and be ready for combat, yet the South Vietnamese are not ready after twenty months of "Vietnamization." That REALLY SEEMS ODD...

What a charade all this is!

Anybody with eyes can see that the South Vietnamese have the military capacity to burn their own adversary to the ground almost at a moment's notice. But the problem in Vietnam is not military. The problem is political.

What I mean is this: the South Vietnamese Army cannot defeat anyone unless they represent a government that is respected by its own people. It cannot fight the Viet Cong if it must contend with a locally popular one which has taken up arms against its own government. The Thieu-Ky regime is an utter travesty that is feared and disliked by the South Vietnamese; as long as the army represents that regime it will have most of its problems at home and even within itself.

One must suspect that the real Nixon policy is not to provide the South Vietnamese Army with the power to defeat the Communists, but to invent the South Vietnamese GOVERNMENT with enough power to defeat its own constituents.

It is not beneath the United

Stater to prop up unpopular government. The U.S. is still playing the '50s game of cold-war world politics. We think, as a government, only in terms of a Communist-world (bad) vs. Free-world (good) dichotomy.

In this game, it matters not whether a particular government (e.g., Thieu-Ky) is despotic or not; the U.S. is only concerned that the government be anti-Communist. We play the game of Communist versus non-Communist ostensibly because it is to the advantage of the countries involved, but we are actually protecting what are supposed to be our own best interests.

When the interests of the U.S. and those of the Vietnamese are in conflict, however, when they want freedom and we'll settle for anti-Communism—don't be surprised if we lose in the long run.

The South (Vietnamese) shall rise again...

We live in a country which, ideally, is a participatory democracy. You can and must work for peace in Vietnam, peace in the cities, peace on the campuses, and peace in the hearts of all men.

Lewis H. Sword

"Actually, you can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." —Malcolm X
Phoebe

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Are we Americans or are we not? Do we believe in the rights of the individual or do we flock like blind birds after vultures to eat the flesh of freedom? The other night a group of students met to discuss the running of the Fixer Press Free. So as not to be a bother to anyone these students gathered on the sidewalk of Doc's restaurant. A short time later, one of the waitresses called the manager to let the students to disband. It was obvious that we were being ostracized and persecuted. If this is an example of American freedom and democracy then I think it is time that all of us begin to respond as responsible human beings and not act as neurotic sheep to silence the voice of truth before it is even written. Either the students begin to hear the cries of liberty or soon liberty in the United States will be over. It is easier to sit tight and not become involved until one day we find ourselves in the grasp of a tyrant. America is slowly being sold into the slavery of mass conformity. The Brave New World which means death not only to a free society but death to every individual. The choice is yours! You have to make it! But as for me in the name of Patrick Henry, "Give us liberty or give us death!" Or as Jesus of Nazareth once proclaimed, "Seek ye the truth and the truth shall set ye free!"

Julian Ney

Oceanside, Calif. (LNS)---Four white marines from Camp Pendleton were arrested Aug. 19 for flashing peace signs at an MP at the gate to the base. The four marines were returning from liberty and were sitting at the back of a bus. After the MP saw the sign he flagged down the bus and forced the marines to lie face down in the dirt for half an hour.

The next day the marines were charged with making "obscene gestures." Two of the four are Vietnam vets.

"The peace symbol was designed in 1958 in London by the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War as a nuclear disarmament symbol. It was a graphic composite of the semaphore signals for the letters "P" and "D," standing for nuclear disarmament, and was first displayed at peace marches in England that year."

It skulks between lovers at the dinner table;

it is in the soup. No one speaks of it

any more -- what is there to speak of

the unspoken news, the not news, the news

no one hears on the radio any more, it has been with us as long as life, longer than seasons, longer than the wind.

The weight -- the body adjusts, the frame bends--

has settled on the eye, it is behind the glasses, it is on the retina, it is before everything, it is no longer seen, we do not live it, it lives us.

Todd Gitlin (LNS)

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THE WHOLE WORLD REVOLUTION WILL BE KICKED OFF...

AN INTERVIEW WITH JULY F. BENTON

LIBERATION News Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (LNS) -- The following interview was conducted by John Bancroft and David Fenton of Liberation News Service on Aug. 21 in New Haven. Huey had just spent the day in court; he watched the close of the Lonnie McLucas trial, and met with Bobby Seale for the first time in three years. Charles Garry, Huey's lawyer, was also present.

LNS: Do you think there's a revolutionary potential for youth culture, or do you think that it is a kind of sidetrack?

HUEY: Well, I think that the drug culture and the drop-out movement is in a transitional stage. I think that the youth will drop out and then they'll start dropping in again after they see they can't find any peace by separating. I think that

the youth movement at this time is another manifestation of the separatist idea that many black nationalists preached just a few years ago. The youth drug culture is another manifestation of this -- you know, like "we'll get out of the whole thing."

But we're starting to find out that we don't separate, because imperialism won't let us separate. Imperialism won't allow us to separate. Imperialism won't allow developing countries some 10 or 15,000 miles away to live in peace, and they're already separated even on a geographical level. If imperialism won't let those countries be free, 15,000 miles away, it surely won't let a group of people right here in North America separate.

We won't find any salvation until we're rid of the small ruling clique within this country. Then there won't be any need to separate at all anyway -- matter of fact the whole concept of nationalism will be settled.

Right now the Black Panther Party supports all nationalist wars of independence, because we feel that these countries haven't exploited any one, and they are nationalistic on a self-defense basis. They have a right to independence. But we view them as no more than liberated territory or a base to separate from in order to destroy imperialism.

After imperialism is destroyed, then there won't be any need for nationalism, so we won't support it. At this point we take a stand that we think that blacks within this country have a moral right to separate. The revolutionary nationalist idea is a moral thing. After so many years of abuse we have a right to do this. On the other hand I feel, the party feels, that history has bestowed an obligation upon us. And that obligation is to transform the whole society, and as a matter of fact, the whole world.

Because if this society is moved, then the whole world will be transformed. While we have a moral right I don't think the political strategy is correct, because if we don't serve as the vanguard in this transformation then someone else will. So the party accepts this role as the vanguard -- not with any arrogance that we feel that history has bestowed this task upon us. In many...
The people are looking for salvation not from the past really but always to the future. So we're progressive by necessity -- a very pragmatic people. You're less likely to have ethnocentrism when your history has been destroyed. So we end up being a very dynamic people. We end up being a people that's been dispersed all over the world. So therefore we're internationalism by our very heritage. Because we're not hung up in this national chauvinism, not really historically, because after the break. By slavery again, it's only natural that we'll be internationalist and it will be easier for us to give up those chauvinistic ideas of nationalism.

(Rev. Joseph H. Plchter)

We shall witness the complete removal of discrimination in the Catholic Church on the day when there is a pregnant pope who is either African or Asiatic.

Rev. Joseph H. Plchter

NEW YORK (LNS)—Liberation News Service has a new supply of colorful posters published by the Havana-based Organization of Solidarity of the People of Africa, Asia, and Latin America (OSPAAL). You can have these posters free of charge, but there is a 25% charge for postage and handling. Limit four posters per person. Send to: OSPAAL Posters, c/o LNS, 160 Claremont Ave, New York, N.Y. 10027

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS)—A well-known Bay Area radical who insists upon remaining anonymous recently went into a bookstore, picked up a copy of William O. Douglas' Points of Rebellion and walked up to the counter to pay for it. "Do you give these away free to revolutionaries?" he asked the clerk, smiling.

"No," replied the clerk sternly. "Revolutionaries rip them off."

The embarrassed "revolutionary" slunk out of the store, the paid-for book under his arm.

Don't you feel "Loved."

A poll conducted secretly by the U.S. embassy in Saigon, the results of which were withheld from the American press on the orders of Ambassador Bunker, has revealed the depth of the anti-American feeling even in the "unliberated" area of Vietnam.

The poll was taken in Saigon itself, and the results, which were made public by Senator Stephen Young, showed that 5% of the Vietnamese want the Americans to stay, 30% expressed no opinion, and the remaining 65% want the Americans out now or sooner. (LNS)
Mind has no sex

"Harsh-drug laws have been used not only against helpless individuals, but are increasingly being utilized as a means of political repression and control against two potentially powerful forces for social change—the third world community and the white, radical youth."

---From the June 1970 Bulletin of Health Pac, a group of radical medicos in New York City. For more information write to Health Policy Advisory Center, 17 Murray Street, New York, N.Y.

Ode to Realists:
Supersensitive people deserve medals.
They know both the beauty and the beast.
They contend with both, shutting out neither.

K.L. Duncan

She wasn't so blind

"The country is governed for the richest, for the corporations, the bankers, the land speculators, and for the exploiters of labor."

Hellen Keller, 1911

"The policeman isn't there to create disorder. He's there to preserve disorder."

Richard J. Daley
Mayor of Chicago