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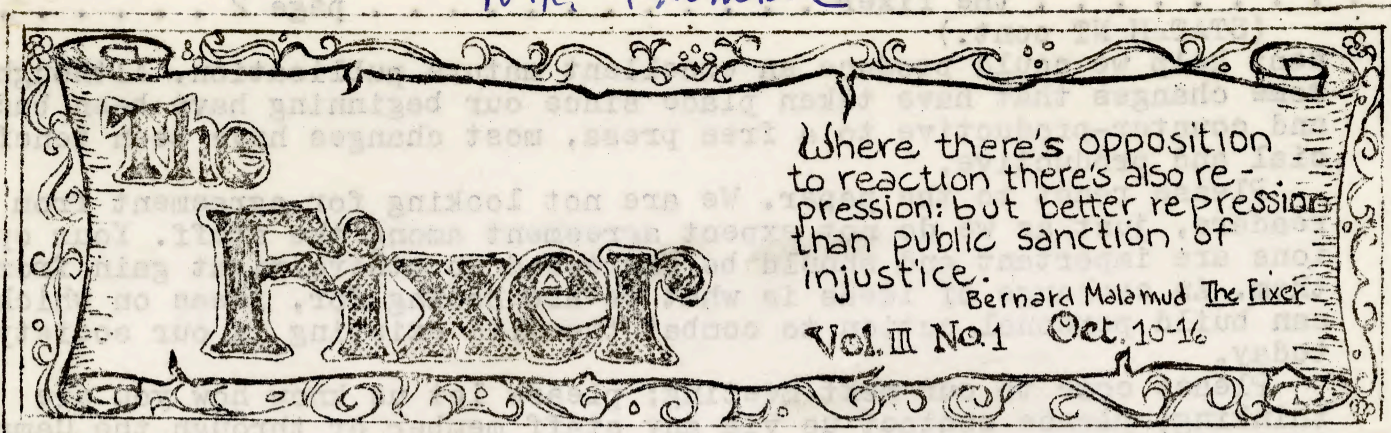
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Mr. Palmer



With this issue The Fixer marks the beginning of its third year of publication on the Madison College campus. We begin this year with a very small staff and a big financial problem. But the staff there is determined to make a paper such as The Fixer work. Our purpose is to establish a free medium of expression in our community. We are supported only by the contributions we receive from our readers and supporters. We receive no funds from the school or the Student Activities Committee. This may explain why we have less than \$36 to begin this semester.

We want to provide Madison's population with campus, national and international news and opinions. Of course most of you receive news from either a daily paper or via the broadcast media. We hope to present news and articles which are seldom, if ever, presented in these profit-oriented or ideologically controlled mass medias; a balance of ideas, to allow you to make up your own mind.

We are a free press. We print all student or faculty articles sent to us, providing they are signed (the name need not appear in print) and comply with the national copyright regulations. We have no editor, articles from other publications are selected by the staff and appear only if the majority of the staff feels that they hold some merit to Madison's community.

Although our former president attempted to stop publication of The Fixer we continue to exist because not even the President of Madison has the power to deny us our Constitutionally guaranteed rights of free speech. We strongly feel that a paper such as The Fixer is needed at Madison, especially when one stops to consider the conservative nature of our local press.

We desperately need people who want to work on a paper dedicated to free expression of all ideas, regardless of being right or left. Everyone is welcome to join the paper's staff. All Fixer meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Everyone has equal rights and responsibilities. One vote is allotted to all, new and old workers alike. Presently we are really short-handed in every type of work, typing, writing, drawing, distribution, etc. Nothing regarding the paper is permanently established; anything can be changed except for the very general goal of providing a free press to this community. The content of many of the articles which appear in this paper are contrary to the opinions of the staff. But presenting these various viewpoints to you for your thought and opinion is exactly why we exist. If a certain article represents the staff's feelings the article will be so signed, as this one is.

We realize the almost impossible task we face in trying to publish a paper (we hope to appear weekly in the near future): especially when one considers the recent fate of the Genesis II (the "official" school newspaper, backed by thousands of student dollars.) We realize that this type of paper demands much more from those participating, but in return we feel that the benefits received are well worth all the struggle, both for the reader and the worker. Work is never ending on The Fixer. Our methods are simple, inexpensive and very time-consuming. To produce 1,000 copies of an eight page paper requires about \$20 and well over 100 working hours for the staff. Hopefully we will soon be able to publish more copies of the paper. Until then we depend upon you to pass the paper along after you have finished reading it, remembering not to litter when the paper is to be discarded.

We always hate to ask you for money (we would much rather have you contributing to the paper in more personal ways--writing, distributing, so forth,) but we do really need your money to continue. If we operate in the future as we have in the past, we will always be asking you for money. If you have some extra money when the paper is being passed around please donate what you can, if not please take a copy of the paper, read it, think about what is said, pass it along and maybe sometime you may have a little extra jack for the paper.

We realize that the quality of The Fixer needs improvement. With stu-
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dent help we could produce an excellent mature publication. Although some changes that have taken place since our beginning have been bad and counter-productive to a free press, most changes have been beneficial and productive.

Please react to the paper. We are not looking for agreement from readers, just as we do not expect agreement among the staff. Your opinions are important and should be expressed so others might gain from them. An exchange of ideas is what we are hoping for, ideas on which one can build personal action to combat the ills existing in our society today.

Please come to our next meeting; please let us know how you are thinking; please contact us via any staff member or through the Campus Mail, PO Box 4255.

the staff collective

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POEM

by Kay Lindsey

I'm not one of those who believes
That an act of valor, for a woman
Need take place inside of her.

My womb is packed in mothballs
And I hear that winter will be mild

Anyway I gave birth twice
And my body deserves a medal for th
But I never got one.

Mainly because they thought
I was just answering the call of
nature.

But now that the revolution needs
numbers
Motherhood got a new position
Five steps behind manhood.

And I thought sittin' in the back
of the bus
Went out with Martin Luther King.

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MINIATURE RESPONSE--We've been mus-
ing over the recent report that the
U.S. government has dropped an est-
imated 10 billion leaflets over
Vietnam. Some military personnel
dump bundles of as many as 100,000
on a village of 125 people. But
they're not wasted. Vietnamese use
them to wrap food or stuff in the
holes in their roofs. Restaurants
find them handy for wiping off
the chopsticks. But what intrigued
us was the report that children
sometimes use them as toilet paper.
Apparently as they get older, they
get fussier. The Militant

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DANDELION WINE RECIPE

LNS--Combine and let stand in a covered crock nine days: 4 qts. water and 4 qts. dandelion blossoms. After nine days add 3 lbs. honey, 3 sliced lemons, 1 cake of yeast to the water extract. Let this stand for nine days in the crock. Then strain into jug. Leave it, cork off until it stops working, then cork it up. HAPPY DRINKING!

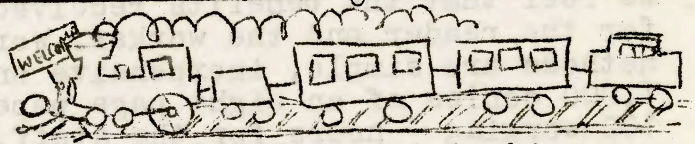
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"Women played an important but not spectacular part on the (American) frontier."

Encyclopedia Britannica, 1961

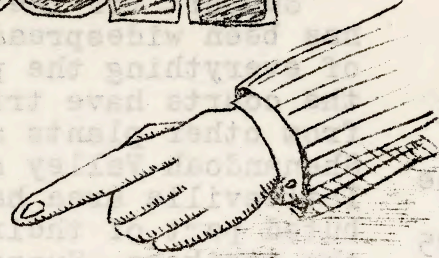
Berkeley

Tribe



PALM BEACH--A jet turbine powered train capable of reaching speeds up to 180 miles per hour struck and killed a boy in Palm Beach, Florida last Sunday. The train was on a 31 state tour to test public reaction to this type of public transportation.

LOOK



The Virginia abortion laws make it a misdemeanor to simply relay information--verbally or in print--about abortions. On May 15, six persons were charged with violating this section of the law. Three were allegedly on the staff of an underground newspaper, the Virginia Weekly, and three were former student managers of the Cavalier Daily. The basis for the charges against the Virginia Weekly people was an advertisement for a New York abortion-referral service run in the paper.

The Virginia Weekly, in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, is challenging the constitutionality of this law, which infringes upon freedom of speech as well as freedom of the press. For further information, write: Virginia Weekly, Box 336-X, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, Va. 22901.

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Women

Free birth control and abortion counseling is available through Charlottesville Women's Liberation. Virginia's new "liberalized" law now allows women whose mental and physical well-being will be impaired by bringing a pregnancy to term to have an abortion. We also have information about the availability of abortions in other states. Call Barbara at 296-9009 or Dianne at 296-4403 if you need help or want information. Lack of money can be overcome.

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NIXON'S "PRICE FREEZE" IS A FRAUD

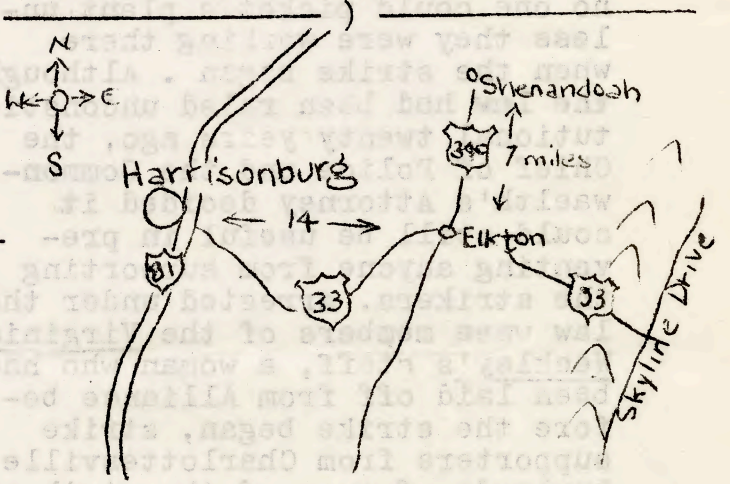
Price increases due to the tax surcharge on imports were announced by the following companies last week: Volkswagen, Nissan Motor Corp. (Datsun), British Leyland Motors (M.G., Triumph, and Land Rover), and four major Japanese electronics manufacturers, Sony, Sharp Corp., Sanyo Electric and Matsushita Electric Industrial

Company.

The following new price-freeze exemptions will allow price increases: Fees for licenses or legal penalties, such as traffic tickets, imposed by local governments may be increased...Seasonal increases in hotel rates will be permitted...A manufacturer who adds a pocket to a shirt or who sews a monogram onto a garment can raise prices...Electric utilities can raise their prices to compensate for an increase in imported fuel costs due to the import tax surcharge.

"Q. Can an individual institute an action to recover an overcharge? A. Not under the executive order." (Cost of Living Council question and answer, New York Times, Aug. 18.)

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SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S STRIKE SOLID

The striking women workers at the Alliance Manufacturing plant in Shenandoah, Virginia, are still holding out, after three and a half months of militant struggle against this subsidiary of one of the world's largest monopolies, North American Phillips.

The women have been subjected to a company that refuses to negotiate, to courts that operate at the whim of the bosses, to police who have used every trick they know to try to scare the strikers and encourage the scabs, but they are far from giving up.

The strike began on June 2, after the newly-organized Local 174 of the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) was unable to get the company to agree to a contract that would guarantee what should be basic human rights--decent wages, a grievance procedure, seniority, and fair working conditions.

The Alliance workers in Shenandoah were getting a top wage of \$1.76 an hour, after the company (Cont. on page 4)

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had been there for eleven years. Alliance workers at the parent plant in Ohio, who do the same work, average \$3.10 an hour. Alliance has justified treating the Shenandoah workers this way by calling them "hillbillies" and "dogs".

From the beginning, the police were used by the company to try to break the strike. More than 25 state troopers were there the first day. After that the company obtained an injunction preventing mass picketing within 100 feet of the plant and began hiring scab labor, mostly young high school students. More than 30 people have been arrested so far as a result of the struggle to shut down the plant. There were also eleven arrests under the old "stranger picketing law, which said that no one could picket a plant unless they were working there when the strike began. Although the law had been ruled unconstitutional twenty years ago, the Chief of Police and the Commonwealth's Attorney decided it could still be useful in preventing anyone from supporting the strikers. Arrested under the law were members of the Virginia Weekley's staff, a woman who had been laid off from Alliance before the strike began, strike supporters from Charlottesville, husbands of some of the strikers and the head of the Virginia AFL-CIO. After threats of false arrest and conspiracy suits, the charges were dropped and the police stopped using the law.

Many of the arrested strikers were less fortunate, however, and had to go to court in Luray and Harrisonburg. In Luray, both strikers and scabs were on trial on a variety of minor charges. Many of the charges were dropped, but some people from both sides were convicted and given light fines.

In Harrisonburg, the story was different. Judge John Paul dealt out the kind of justice so often experienced by poor and especially black people in the U.S.A. Although all the prosecution's evidence was contradicted by several witnesses, Judge Paul convicted William and Randolph Merica of disorderly conduct and William Merica of reckless driving. William Merica was sentenced to four months in jail, although his case is being appealed. Strikers who were up on other charges decided that being tried by Judge Paul was no bet-


ter than having an Alliance executive as the judge and decided to plead guilty to get lighter sentences.

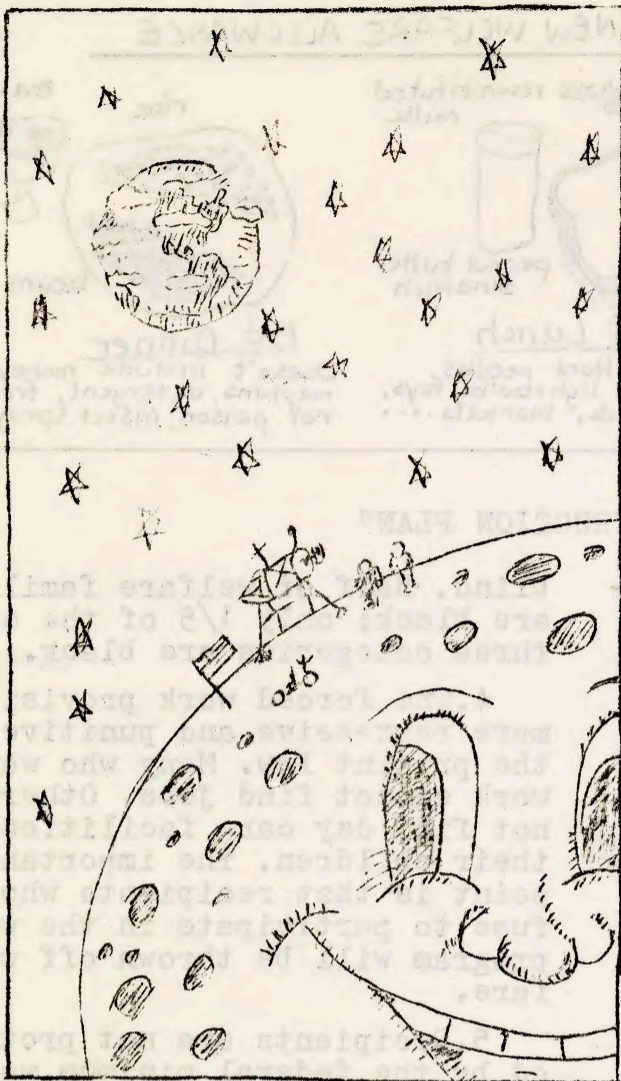
Support for the Alliance strikers has been widespread, in spite of everything the police and the courts have tried to do. Workers from other plants all over the Shenandoah Valley and the Charlottesville area have contributed part of their wages to help the strikers. Supporters from General Electric, Westinghouse, Dupont, Dunn and Bush, and University of Virginia workers and students have all been on the picket line with the strikers. A Women's Support Group formed in Charlottesville has held a car wash to raise money for the strikers and has joined the picketing. The Strike Support Committee has publicized the strike all over the state and in many other parts of the country.

The strike is now in its crucial weeks. Most of the scabs have gone back to school, putting even more pressure on the company. Yet Alliance seems determined not to treat the southern women it has been robbing and exploiting for a decade as they were human beings. Sooner or later, before the strike ends, the Alliance Company will be forced to understand that the days are over when companies come into little southern towns and force these conditions down people's throats. The Alliance women, like so many workers, have decided to fight back.

"I went to the bank and borrowed \$500 to give that company, expecting that it would do some good for the town. Now I just wish they would give me my money back and get the hell out of here."

a man in the street, Shenandoah
Virginia Weekly

<p>OPEN </p> <p>MEETING</p> <p>TUESDAY</p> <p>6:00 p.m.</p> <p>STUDENT UNION</p> <p>ROOM C</p>



The astronauts left \$83.9 million worth of equipment on the moon. LNS

ican Civil Liberties Union of Virginia Legal Panel Chairman.

Dwoskin and John Lowe were attorneys in the case. The ACLUVA is preparing to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Civil Liberties in Virginia
ACLUVA

(As a result of this reversal, at least three students were denied readmission to Madison this semester. They are Judy Reed, Lewis Sword and Jay Rainey. Both Miss Reed and Mr. Sword plan to return to Madison second semester. Mr. Rainey is under an indefinite suspension.)

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Alone I walk amid the shades,
With people all around
That watch police on panther raids,
And hear the screaming sound.

At home they watch the Dragnet show;
Applaud the men they see
That conquer evil so they know
That they may sleep with ease.

Awake they live in Love of Life;
At night they live in dreams.
The life of pain and wars and strife
To them cannot be seen.

The mind escapes reality
By living fantasies.
It knows the harsh futility
Of changing things it sees.

Judy Reed

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JESUS CHRIST
SUPER★STAR

GREAT JESUS! According to a recent item in the Washington Post, the Mexican government is planning, as a gift to the US on the 200th anniversary of the first American revolution in 1776, to erect on the Texas coast, overlooking Corpus Christi Bay, a gigantic steel and marble statue of Christ. Similar to the statue of liberty, the structure would be hollow inside and contain a stairway leading to an observation tower in the crown of thorns.

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MADISON COLLEGE: MERHIGE REVERSED

The cause of students' rights suffered a serious setback in the recent opinion handed down by the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court reversed and remanded a lower court decision which held that certain Madison College regulations governing demonstrations were "unconstitutionally invalid as overboard and vague and as impermissible restraints on freedom of speech and assembly."

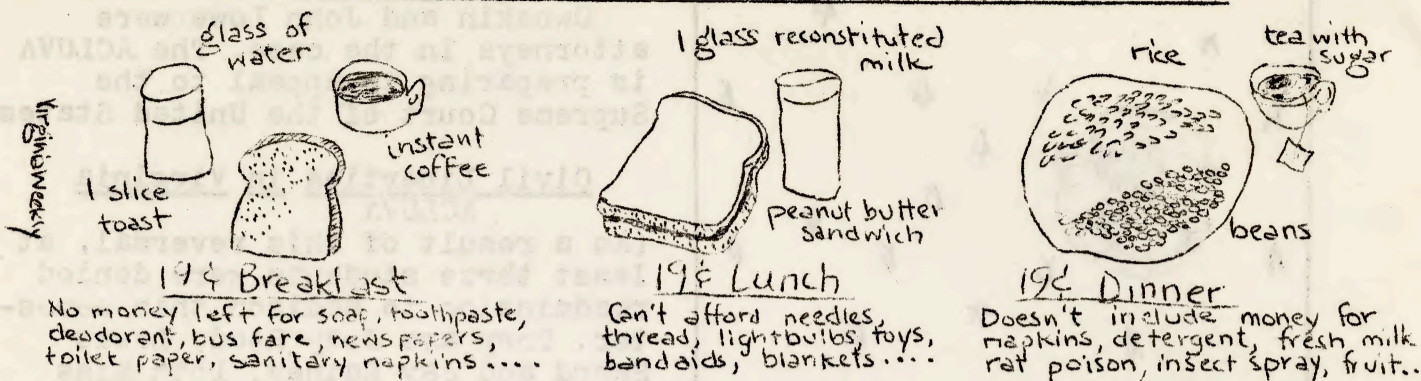
The case arose when Madison students attempted to protest the dismissal of several popular professors in May, 1970.

"We had hoped that any reversal of Judge Merhige would be on a narrow ground of standing or even reasonableness of a given rule, without an adverse finding on the important broad issue of the applicability of 1st Amendment standards to college regulations," said Robert Dwoskin, Amer-

Fixer Open Meeting - Tues. - 6:00 - Student Union - Room C

iii ROLLER DERBY CAN SET YOU FREE!!!

TRY A DAY ON NIXON'S NEW WELFARE ALLOWANCE



"FAMILY DESTRUCTION PLAN"

"Be it resolved that the National Welfare Rights Organization opposes Nixon's Family Assistance Plan. N.W.R.O. opposes any legislation where any poor persons would be worse off than they are now." All of Virginia's 36 delegates to the National Welfare Rights Organization Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, joined on July 31 in a resolution against what they call the President's "family destruction plan."

The bill, H.R.1, has some good points. It provides aid to families with an employed father in the home for the first time. It raises the level for recipients in states which now pay the least. And it provides substantial benefits to the aged, disabled and blind.

However, according to N.W.R.O., which has made a careful study of H.R.1, the bill is a "giant step backward," an act of political repression which will cruelly affect the poor and promises lower job conditions for all working people. The Family Assistance Plan has the following features which make it worse than the current inadequate welfare system.

1. The payment is totally inadequate. The Department of Labor says a family of four needs \$6500. to provide the basic necessities. The Family Assistance Plan payments would never go above \$2400 for four, and there is no commitment to maintaining present payment levels in the 45 states where payments are now above \$2400. Ninety percent of the families now on welfare could be cut back.

2. Cost-of-living increases are not provided for.

3. The Bill discriminates against single individuals, childless couples and against blacks. FAP provides only for families with children. Others receive no benefits unless aged, disabled, or

blind. Half of welfare families are black; only 1/5 of the other three categories are black.

4. The forced work provision is more repressive and punitive than the present law. Many who want to work cannot find jobs. Others cannot find day care facilities for their children. The important point is that recipients who refuse to participate in the work program will be thrown off welfare.

5. Recipients are not protected by the federal minimum wage. They must take whatever work is available unless it pays LESS than \$1.20 an hour or 3/4 of the minimum wage.

6. Mothers with children over 3 years old will be forced to work.

7. Recipients may be referred to any type of job. They may not be forced to break a strike, but provisions against jobs that endanger health or safety or that are too far from home have been removed.

8. The federal government will not provide jobs. H.R.1 assumes that the rolls are filled with employable people, H.E.W. reports that 20.1% of welfare mothers are in the labor market. 33.5% are unemployed--looking for work but unable to find it.

Governor Reagan of California wrote 309,485 employers in the state asking each to hire one welfare recipient--a total of 26 jobs resulted, with an average weekly salary of \$71. Only 31,000 employers bothered to respond.

9. Poor people would have fewer legal rights under FAP than they have now. Rights to hearings, trials, adequate representation in welfare offices and advisory committees, and the like are sharply curtailed.

10. Basic principles of the present Medicaid Program are undermined in a separate part of the bill, Title II. Recipients would

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 have to pay for services now completely paid by the government and the quality of the services, already poor in many communities, would be cut back even further, For example, FAP recipients must spend a third of their earnings on medical bills before they become eligible for medicaid coverage.

FAP represents another in a string of Nixon administration attacks on poor, oppressed Americans. At the same, it poses dangerous threats to working people and to all who hope to see justice in this society. Everyone should join together to help defeat this bill and other government attacks on the poor.

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The cost of Tricia Nixon's wedding cake would feed a family of three for two years.

Virginia Weekly

NIXON FREEZES INEQUALITY

Nixon's wage freeze automatically freezes the inequalities of this society caused by racial and sexual oppression. The second-class status of the underprivileged is frozen with wages. Here are the latest government figures:

Annual Incomes	
White male	\$5,980
Black male	\$3,829
White female	\$2,019
Black female	\$1,688

(See U.S. Dept. of Commerce, statistical abstract of the United States 1970, p. 326)

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*Well, She Was
 Just a Chick*

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ANNAPOLIS, MD (LNS)--The Maryland House of Delegates adopted a resolution to honor the birthday of pioneer suffragist Susan B. Anthony. The resolution begins: "For a woman, Susan B. Anthony made outstanding contributions to the history of our country." In a similar vein, the Atlanta Journal's headliner titled the item, "She Did Fair Considering Her Handicap."

LNS

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**SUPPORT WIDENS in
 ABORTION
 CAMPAIGN**

WASHINGTON, D.C. The new national office of the women's National Abortion Action Coalition has been enthusiastically received in Washington, D.C. National offices of many groups have already indicated an interest in WONAAC's Nov. 20 demonstrations and about other activities for the repeal of all antiabortion laws.

Among the most interesting of those organizations to pass resolutions calling for the repeal of all antiabortion laws is the resolution passed July 1, 1971, by the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association. It reads in part: "Whereas a responsible position concerning abortion should be based on the rights of the individual woman, her family and society, and whereas the present legal structure in many states fosters illegal abortions under hazardous conditions; therefore be it resolved that the American Home Economics Association support the repeal of laws restricting or prohibiting abortions performed by a duly licensed physician."

Since the development of the women's abortion movement, many organizations have passed resolutions calling for the repeal of all abortion laws. These include the American Civil Liberties Union, The American Friends Service Committee, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Public Health Association, Church Women United, the District of Columbia Commission on the Status of Women, Unitarian-Universalist Association, The United Auto Workers, the United Christian Church, the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., the Christian Association, the United Church of Christ, the Student American Medical Association, and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

New education and publicity materials are now available, including stickers, posters, brochures, and leaflets, buttons, endorser cards, and a new national newsletter. Questions, literature orders, and contributions can be addressed to WONAAC, 917 15th St. N.W., Suite 502, Washington, D.C. 20005, phone (202) 347-0946.

Kipp Dawson
The Militant

THE LUNCHEON COUNTER

My friend, the waitress, passes
 my table.
 She sees me here behind my tray.
 We (she and I) don't know each
 other.
 We wave a lazy hello.
 The fish swim, the fish swim,
 the water she moves,
 "How are you?" The fishes glide,
 swim, swimming.
 Is there no answer?
 The fishes turn, mouths agape,
 Is there no answer?
 Still the fishes, still, silent.
 Is there still no answer now at
 all?
 "Fine."
 The fishes swim, the fishes
 glide— Mabel,
 My friend, the waitress, passes
 my table.

Oliver de Thomas-Aan

WILMINGTON, DEL. Delaware
 state representative, Thomas
 Little, has been fined \$100 and
 put on probation.

His crime was that he felt that
 some questions on the 1970 census
 form were an invasion of privacy,
 so he wrote "none of your business"
 in the blanks.

Berk. Tribe

The Fixer now owns its own
 mimeograph machine. The machine
 was finally paid off through the
 help of Mike Holms. We will allow
 any student or organization to use
 our machine, providing they fur-
 nish their own supplies. If any-
 one wants to run off any material
 please contact us, PO Box 4255,
 Madison College or talk to any
 staff member.

this paper was conserved
 preserved and embalmed,

"With a little
 help from our
 friends"

Judy, Wendy, Jay
 Sarah, Patty,
 Tina, Jean, Karan
 Susan, Va. and John.

MURDER is 7 Times
 BETTER than DOPE

FT. MCPHERSON, GA. (LNS) -- with
 his sentence reduced to 20 years
 on an appeal, Lt. William Cally
 may be released on parole in 7
 years. That's 107 days for each
 of the 22 civilians he is convic-
 ted of killing. (Consider: possibly
 107 days for murder, while Bill
 Massey might have to serve the 730
 days he was sentenced for the pos-
 session of LSD. Misplaced values?)

TEXAS--If you had your picture
 taken every three minutes, six-
 teen hours a day for five years,
 you'd have 500,000 pictures.
 There are 500,000 pictures of
 Lyndon Johnson in the new Johnson
 Library in Houston.

Berkeley Tribe

We are in special need of per-
 sons who will pass out the Fixer
 in their dorms. The paper will be
 brought to you if you cannot come
 and pick them up. If you would
 like to help the paper, but do
 not have too much time to spare,
 this job is appropriate. Please
 call 4061 or 4275 or any
 staff member if you would like to
 aid us in this very important job.

Since the Fixer wants to fulfil
 the necessary function of keeping
 students informed, we would greatly
 appreciate any student or organi-
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 make to please send the announce-
 ment to us at PO Box 4255, campus.
 All campus announcements and news
 will be given immediate attention,
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This country, with its ins-
 titutions, belongs to the peo-
 ple who inhabit it. Whenever th-
 ey shall grow weary of the exis-
 ting government, they can exerci-
 size their constitutional right of
 amending it, or their revolution-
 ary right to dismember or over-
 throw it. --Abraham Lincoln
 First Inaugural Address