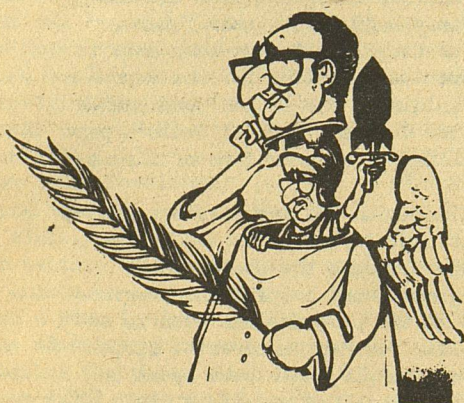


AN IMMEDIATE BAN on sales of aerosol spray products which use the propellant Freon has been urged by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). In a petition filed with the Consumer Products Safety Commission, NRDC cited reports that Freon diffuses upward in the atmosphere and can react chemically to destroy the ozone layer which protects the surface of the earth from damaging ultraviolet radiation. And a House of Representatives subcommittee holding hearings on the hazards of the sprays heard testimony from Lester Machta, director of the federal Air Resources Laboratory, that the ozone layer might be reduced by 35 percent in about 25 years unless the use of Freon is restricted.

The first showdown for one of California's new women sergeants-at-arms (see WTC vd. 3#1) has ended in a draw. When Sandra Bouressa, 23, entered the sergeants' office in the basement of the Capitol building, she found the wall covered with pinups of nude women from Playboy. Bouressa returned the next day with a nude male from the centerfold of Playgirl Magazine. She hung it on the wall alongside the other pinups, to the dismay of male sergeants. "Now all the centerfolds are gone," Bouressa said later. "They took them all down."



POLICE reportedly have rejected murder as an explanation for the death of Karen Silkwood, who died in an auto crash while en route to a meeting with a newspaper reporter and a union official. The 28-year-old employee of Kerr-McGee had allegedly been exposed to large amounts of radiation in her work at a Kerr-McGee plant in Crescent City, Oklahoma. She had reportedly told officials of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union (OCAW) of plant safety defects, and of company efforts to conceal defects in plutonium fuel made at the plant for a research facility. According to the New York Times (November 22), she was on her way to discuss these allegations with a Times reporter and Steven Wodka, an OCAW official, when her car left the road and crashed into a concrete abutment. Wodka told the Times he believed she would have been carrying documents supporting her charges, but none were found in the car. According to the paper, the union charged that a dent in the rear of the car suggested it had been forced from the road, but the state medical examiner announced that the Highway Patrol had concluded the dent was caused by a wrecker towing the car from the crash site.

War resisters challenge clemency program

Five Vietnam war resisters recently let the Ford administration know exactly what they thought of its war policies by burning official letters offering them "clemency."

The action took place in the Washington, D.C. office of the Clemency Board in the presence of its chairman, Charles Goodell, and several news reporters on Jan. 31. Ford's Clemency Act was to have expired that day but has been extended for a month.

The five young men—Jon Bach, Stan Clark, Gary Clausheide, Kevin Jones and Glenn Pontler—had served prison terms ranging from 10 to 35 months for refusing induction into the Army during the Vietnam war. They sat in at Goodell's office for three hours before he agreed to see them with the press and TV cameras

present.

The two sides exchanged views for 90 minutes, with the resisters calling upon Goodell to come out for universal and unconditional amnesty and an end to U.S. involvement in the Indochina wars. Goodell stated that he believed that Ford's "earned re-entry" clemency program was a fair one and that he advocated a "balance" of military power in Indochina.

The five are calling upon all who have received letters from the Clemency Board or the Justice or Defense Departments relating to clemency to get in touch with them so that appropriate actions may be taken on March 1, the new clemency deadline. For information: call Stan Clark - [301] 669-6265 or [212] 477-1704.

Brian Inglis, a 30 year old vegetarian from Niagara Falls, Ontario, has painfully learned the truth of the adage; "You are what you eat." In his case it's garlic, lots and lots of it, and his eating habits have already cost him his job and Ontario government welfare assistance. Inglis began eating garlic nine months ago when he found he had a "pre-ulcer" condition. He says the plant is a natural antiseptic, combatting worms, body mucus and blood toxin. Unfortunately, Inglis was fired from his job as an appliance store deliveryman because other workers could not stand the smell. The owner of the store said Inglis was "a heck of a good worker, but the smell was too much. He's been the laughing-stock of the whole city. He used to come to work on the bus and everyone else had to move and open the windows because of the smell."

Left-Handed Liberation



International Women's Day is March 8.

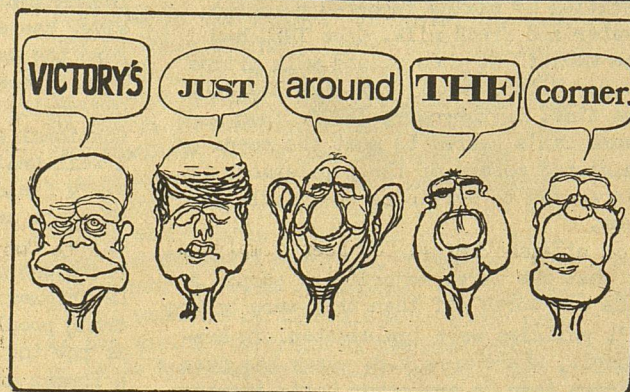
Int'l. Women's Day

(ZNS) Score another victory by the East over the decadent capitalist plastic rip-off invasion of running dog cheap chicken joints. It appears that the Chinese do not approve of the Colonel and his special recipes.

Colonel Sanders has been forced to close down seven of his eleven fried chicken outlets opened recently in Hong-Kong, and the other four are expected to fold shortly. The reason, the Colonel reports, is that business in Hong Kong has been finger-licking bad.

'What's green and white and hops? ... A frog sandwich to go!'

--Wavy Gravy



Mike Peters, Dayton Daily News

SOSTRE TRIAL OPENS IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

The state of New York opened its trial of Martin Sostre in Plattsburg, N.Y., Feb. 4. Continuing a relentless persecution of Sostre, a Black political activist imprisoned in 1967 on a frame-up drug charge, the state has now indicted him on assault charges. The charges stem from Sostre's refusal to submit to a "rectal search"—a dehumanizing form of torture used by prison guards on the pretext of searching for contraband. Sostre has been beaten for refusing to submit to the "search" on three occasions and was charged with assaulting the guards.

Selection of the jury began Feb. 6, after defense motions challenging all-white jury pool were denied.

Cracking the Bell

(ZNS) Once again the third annual International Phone Phreak Convention was held recently in New York City.

The annual phone phreak get-together, sponsored by the Technical Assistance Party (also known as TAP), features electronic experts from around the United States giving lectures on How To Cheat Ma Bell.

This year's convention featured lectures and a special seminar on "building Blue, Red and Black boxes" those illegal gadgets which enable users to make unlimited long-distance calls for free.

Admission to the TAP convention was \$1 for general spectators, \$5 to members of the Press, and \$10 to all employees of the phone company.

The extra-high admission charge levied against phone company employees was because of the previous turn-out at the First and Second Conventions. In all three conventions to date, it was noted that up to one half the audience in attendance consisted of A.T. & T. executives, dressed neatly in business suits, taking notes on everything said done or demonstrated.

At the recent Hookers Convention in San Francisco, members of the oldest profession passed a resolution refusing service to Chilean sailors in solidarity with the resistance against the Chilean tyranny. (Off Our Backs)

news briefs

SOUTH KOREA—A HOTBED OF CRIMES

According to the heavily doctored figures published by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, there were over 13,800 cases of robbery in Seoul last year alone. Noteworthy is the fact that juvenile and young delinquents are rapidly in-

creasing.

They committed more than 19,000 cases of theft in the first three months of this year.

Horrible murder cases occur in quick succession in various parts of south Korea; most of them

are committed by boys of 17 to 18.

South Korea has been reduced to a hotbed of crimes. This is an inevitable outcome of the anti-popular policy pursued by the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

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Don't Call Us

(ZNS) Columnist Jack Anderson has discovered that a 31 year old American woman was "brutally tortured last month by Chilean Air Force officers in an insect ridden prison"—yet the U.S. State Department has failed to even protest the incident.

According to Anderson, art teacher Amy Conger was arrested on October 11th/74 by Chilean Police. He states she was "threatened with death, forced to ride naked through the streets, and thrown on a bed and threatened with rape."

Anderson adds that the woman was catapulted down a stairs while blind-folded, deprived of water, denied sleep and forced to stand until she was exhausted.

All this to force her to sign a false confession. She finally signed after threats of being transported to an infamous torture centre, where prisoners have been known to have been subjected to electric shock, stretched on a rack and immersed in human excrement.

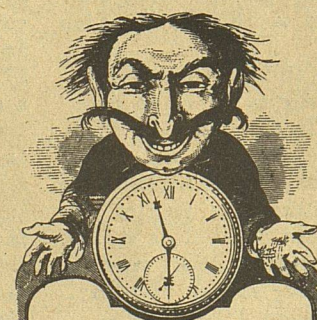
After signing the confession, Amy Conger was released to U.S. State Department officials, who have not even so much as requested an apology. Instead the American government is planning to give Chile aid to the tune of \$85 million.

Sears Investigation

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is near to legal action against Sears, Roebuck and Company, the largest retail corporation and second largest employer of women in the U.S. Sears has a poor past record of upgrading job opportunities for women.

A study by the Civil Rights Commission found that women hold about 83% of the traditionally low-paying sales and clerical jobs. Also, the corporation refuses to post job openings for women who wish to advance within the company, maintains separate job categories and pay scales for the same work, and channels women into dead-end, entry level positions.

The EEOC Sears investigation is one of five being conducted by the commission and is on a par with its suit against American Telephone & Telegraph. A.T. & T. was fined \$45 million in back wages to female and minority employees.



SCHOOL NAMED "KENT MARTYRS"

(Daily World) Two recently-built schools in Cuba are named after North Americans. One, in Havana, is "Martires de Kent"—Martyrs of Kent (State University). The other, in Pinar del Rio, is "Esposos Rosenberg" -- Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, who were both murdered by the government in a frame up trial during the McCarthy period in the '50's. The Rosenbergs were accused of leaking the "secret" of the A-bomb to the USSR.

In the press reports of the naming of the schools it was stated that the four students who were killed by the National Guard had been demonstrating in support of the Cambodian patriots.

Good news for Draft Evaders...

There's more good news for American draft evaders this week. The Committee to Aid American War Objectors now has access to a complete list of all evaders with indictments against them, committee spokesman Larry Martin told the Straight Tuesday.

The new list, which was brought the committee's attention through the services of the United Church of Christ, the

American Civil Liberties Union and Senator Ted Kennedy, is the most comprehensive list available to date, Martin said.

He added that this is a new list and should not be confused with one which the committee received two months ago. That list contained some inaccuracies in that there were some men with indictments against them whose names didn't appear and others who had no indictments against them whose names did appear.

The new list contains 4,400 names and will cut weeks off the time it usually takes to check out a draft file.

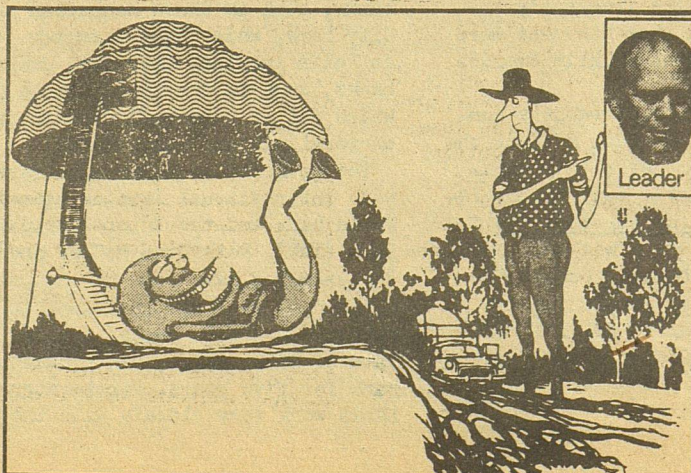
Martin said that even with an indictment against him a draft evader still has a 40 to 50 per cent chance of having the indictment dropped on procedural errors.

If you think your name might be on the list contact the committee as soon as possible at 980-4910. If you're calling from out of town you can call collect.

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PAPAL AUDIENCE

A holy year audience with His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, is scheduled, as well as a comprehensive tour of Vatican City. These are only a few of the high spots! Write or call today for your detailed itinerary!

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