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Please urge friends & neighbors to call coordinators of their district in order to volunteer help.

The Coalition will meet 7:30 p.m. on November 15 in its new office at the Holiday Inn, Augusta. Members are urged to bring supplies - paper, clips envelopes, files, folders, etc., whatever you can spare.

legislature convenes jan. 2, 1974

TEN REASONS WHY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT SHOULD BE RATIFIED...

1. Women should be first class citizens by 1976, the 200th anniversary of our country.
2. The Equal Rights Amendment will keep faith with the basic precepts set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights by ushering in a new era of rights and responsibilities for all the people of the United States.
3. An enlightened electorate is essential to a republic. Equal opportunity in education will be assured through implementation of the Equal Rights Amendment.
4. The Equal Rights Amendment can enhance the status of women as housewives and mothers: freedom to choose will reinforce the significant contribution of this way of life.
5. The Equal Rights Amendment will strengthen family life by establishing a true partnership that would be beneficial to husband, wife and children.
6. Legislative history indicates that special labor safety and health provisions that do not restrict opportunities will be extended to men rather than denied to women. Inequalities suffered by men in insurance rates, social security, pension benefits as widowers would be corrected.

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Coalition for ERA

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The Courage To Grow

We Need To Face Watergate Stories



BY JOSEPH W. GAULD

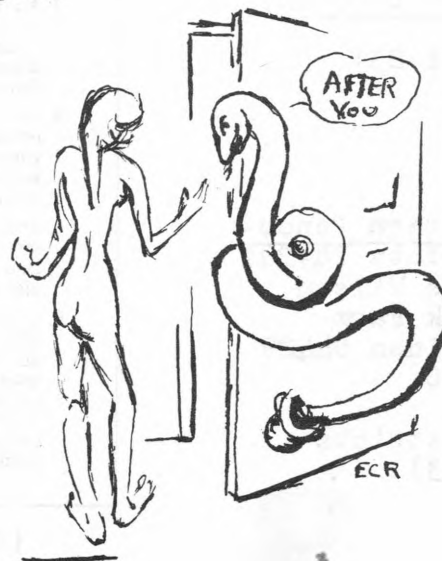
POLLS SAY three out of four people think our President isn't telling the truth, yet less than one out of four would consider impeachment. Some are sick of Watergate, saying we should turn to "more important things".

Just how were those people brought up? What "things" are more important than our country's integrity?

Webster's defines integrity: Uprightness of character, honesty, probity . . . I didn't know what probity meant, so I checked it: virtue or integrity tested and confirmed. I like that: tested and confirmed. A young radical I heard described the feeling: when you bite into a real apple, the apple snaps back at you.

The Lincoln Memorial gave me that feeling of integrity the first time I went there as a little kid. The purity and solidness of that white marble. Looking up at that powerful figure of Lincoln sitting so upright, but with a slump in his shoulders as if tired from carrying extra weight. Were his sad all-knowing eyes looking down at me telling me some of that weight was mine?

I THOUGHT BACK to being six, in a tough section of Chicago. Some older kids talked me into stealing toys at the five and ten cent store when I wasn't old enough to understand stealing. But when my stepfather discovered my thievery, he immediately marched me into the middle of the store and called out the manager. I then had to return the toys and with all the customers as witnesses, apologize, even though I couldn't get the words out because I was bawling so hard. My stepfather seemed unfair making me responsible for my actions at six. Were those penetrating eyes of Lincoln making me see now what I wouldn't see then? Yet his eyes refused to judge me.



Years later, we took our three kids to the Lincoln Memorial. I saw they were also affected, even Gigi, then six. Myself, I had a lump in my throat so big it was painful. In the strange silence, pierced only by children's voices, the figure in the chair seemed so near and yet so distant. I remember resolving to be the kind of parent the weight on his shoulders expected me to be, but questioning whether I really had the stuff.

About that time, we became uncomfortable about some of Malcolm's friends. One day I looked out the window to see the police in a cruiser talking to two boys while Malcolm stood by. When I questioned Malcolm later, he paused, then blurted out that his friends had lied to the police over a neighborhood incident, but he hadn't known what to do. I simply told Malcolm by saying nothing he had lied to the police. With that, I immediately drove him to the police station to talk to the sergeant. When he came out, I knew by his face he had learned what I learned 40 years ago in that store.

I guess that's why I'm so impatient with people's tolerance of Watergate: Lincoln's statue helped me realize you are responsible for the people you associate with, responsible for what you don't say as well as what you say, and capable of understanding wrong involvement even at six.

But Lincoln's biggest lesson to me was yet to come.

RECENTLY, Gigi, now 11, and I watched a movie on TV about Lincoln. A little girl had written President Lincoln to tell him his face was so sad he ought to wear a beard. The President visits the little girl unexpectedly and asks: "How do I look?" The maid is stunned, but the little girl simply offers the President imaginary tea,

then they both sit down for a "serious" chit-chat.

Gigi's eyes were riveted on this touching scene and there was something unusual in her attention. At the end of it, she said almost unconsciously, "I wish President Nixon was like that."

Her words hit me like a ton of bricks and made me wonder: Are we missing a larger truth in Watergate? Lincoln once said: A man is responsible for his own face after 40." Is that why that little girl understood the sadness in Lincoln's face? And is there something that little girls like Gigi are not finding in our faces?

So as I read the polls about Watergate and listen to arguments for and against, I wish every adult would climb those stairs at the Lincoln Memorial and present his views to the man sitting in that chair. Maybe then we could be sure we aren't settling Watergate just for "peace in our time", but for the sake of building a better world for our kid's time.

ERA READING LIST

It is important that you learn all you can about the amendment and the arguments against it so you can talk about it intelligently at any time. You can be particularly effective in counteracting the widely-held opinion that housewives don't want the ERA ratified.

BROCHURES

"The Equal Rights Amendment", Common Cause, 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20037. Free.

"How and Why to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment", National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., 2012 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036. Free.

"Equal Rights Amendment: What It is...What It Will Do...What It Won't Do...Right Here in Illinois!", American Association of University Women, 808 Jamie Lane, Macomb, Ill. 61455. Free.

"Answers to Questions About the Equal Rights Amendment", National Women's Party, 144 Constitution Avenue N.E., Washington 20002. Free.

OTHER

Yale Law Journal, Vol. 80, Number 5, on the "Equal Rights Amendment. Yale Law Journal Company, 401A Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. 06520. Reprints are \$1.25 each.

Citizen's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, U.S. Department Of Labor, Room 4211, Washington 20210. Various pamphlets. Free.

"The Proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution: A Memorandum"

"The Equal Rights Amendment...Senator Ervin's Minority Report and the Yale Law Journal"

"The Equal Rights Amendment...What it Will and Won't Do"

"Only the Equal Rights Amendment Will Promptly End Prison Sentence Discrimination Because of Sex"

"The Equal Rights Amendment and Alimony and Child Support Laws"

"Sex Discrimination and 'Protective' Labor Legislation"

"ERA and the Draft", Woman Activist, 2310 Barbour Rd., Church Falls, Va. 22043

"Equal Rights Testimony: A Statement of Dr. Pauli Murray before the Special Subcommittee on Education", KNOW, Inc., Box 10197, Pittsburgh, Pa. 204

"Ten Reasons Why the Equal Rights Amendment Should be Ratified", (Pocket Card), Republican National Committee, 310 First St. S.E., Washington 20003.

United States Congress reports on the ERA. Write your U.S. Senator and/or Representative.

"The Equal Rights Amendment: What's In It For You?", MS., July '72.

"MAINE MEN FOR THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT"

On November 15th the Kennebunk Chapter of The National Organization for Women has scheduled Angus Ferguson, Executive Director, Maine Civil Liberties Union to speak on organizing and involving "Maine Men For The Equal Rights Amendment". The open-to-the-public meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Rt. #1, Kennebunk at 7:45.

HOUSEWIVES FOR ERA

The well-organized anti-ERA forces have asserted that there are two types of women working for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment...the business and professional women and the "women's liberationists." The latter, they claim, "is totally radical. They hate men, marriage, and children. They are out to destroy morality and the family. They look upon husbands as the exploiters, children as an evil to be avoided." Housewives for ERA has been formed to counter this image. Specifically, the new organization seeks to prove that more housewives are for the ERA than are against it. Its stated purposes are threefold: to educate other housewives about the ERA; to make personal contact with legislators about the ERA; and last, but far from least, to get the ERA ratified in Maine.

The dictionary describes housewife as the "female head of the household". If you are married or divorced and take care of a home for others at least part of your time you can join our numbers.

Numbers count! Fill out the application blank and send it to: HOUSEWIVES For ERA, Maine Coalition for the ERA, Holiday Inn, Augusta, Maine 04330 or to: Pat Ryan, Coalition Coordinator, P.O. Box 138, So. Gardiner, Maine 04359.

"ERA for Me." buttons @ 3 for \$1.00 available through Nancy Dibner, 94 Park St., Portland Phone: 772-8743

Make copies of this sheet and pass it out to your neighbors.

NAME _____

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CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ AGE _____

CHILDREN _____

INTERESTS _____

I would be willing to speak on the ERA to:
local press and radio _____ local groups _____

I can give some time to this organization _____

I understand that my name may be used for advertising purposes.

Signature _____

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1973

State	Legislative Vote		Comments
	House	Senate	
Alabama	---	---	Pending in rules committee: a slim chance this year
*Alaska	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
Arizona	---	---	Tabled
Arkansas	---	---	Killed by amendment
*California	Yes	Yes	Ratified November 1972
*Colorado	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
*Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1973
*Delaware	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1972
Florida	No	---	Dead for this year
Georgia	---	---	Held for study: next session 1974
*Hawaii	Yes	Yes	First to ratify, March 22, 1972
*Idaho	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1972
Illinois	No	---	Court fight expected
Indiana	Yes	No	Dead for this year
*Iowa	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1972
*Kansas	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 28, 1972
*Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Ratified June 1972
Louisiana	---	---	In special session: may consider
Maine	Yes	No	Failed in Senate by 1 vote
*Maryland	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
*Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Ratified June 1972
*Michigan	Yes	Yes	Ratified May 1972
*Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Ratified February 1973
Mississippi	---	---	Held in committee: meets in 1974
Missouri	No	---	Dead for this year
Montana	Yes	---	Tabled in Senate after 13 tries failed to break a tie vote
*Nebraska	Yes		Vote to rescind ratification so far not recognized
Nevada	---	No	Meets again 1975
*New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1972
*New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
*New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Ratified February 1973
*New York	Yes	Yes	Ratified May 1972
North Carolina	---	No	Next regular session 1975
North Dakota	No	Yes	Reconvenes in 1975
Ohio	Yes	No	Failed in Senate by 1 vote
Oklahoma	No	---	Held in Senate committee
*Oregon	Yes	Yes	Ratified February 1973
*Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Ratified September 1972
*Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
South Carolina	---	---	Died in committee: meets in 1974
*South Dakota	Yes	Yes	Ratified February 1973
*Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
*Texas	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1972
Utah	No	---	Reconvenes in 1975
*Vermont	Yes	Yes	Ratified February 1973
Virginia	---	---	Held for study: meets in 1974
*Washington	Yes	Yes	Ratified March 1973
*West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
*Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Ratified April 1972
*Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Ratified February 1973

*States which have ratified

SAMPLE OF ORGANIZATIONS

FOR THE ERA	AGAINST THE ERA
<p>AFTRA Air Line Pilots Association ACLU American Jewish Congress ADA American Nurses Association AFT Association of the Bar of the City of N.Y. Brotherhood of Railway,Airline,Steamshop Clerks Church Women United Common Cause CWA Democratic National Committee International Brotherhood of Teamsters International Brotherhood of Painters,Allied Traders Inter'natl. Union of Barbaers,Hairdressers,Cosmetologists Inter'natl. Union of American Leather Workers Inter'natl. Chemical Workers Union Inter'natl. Cement,Lime,Gypsum Workers Inter'natl. Brewery,Flour,Cereal,Soft Drink,Distillery I.U.E. League of Women Voters Missouri State AFL-CIO Council NAACP Nat.Asso. of Colored Women's Clubs,Inc. Nat. Asso. BPW Nat. Asso. Negro BPW Nat.Asso. Railway BPW Nat. Welfare Rights Organization Nat. Coalition of American Nuns Nat. Council of Churches Nat. Council of Jewish Women Nat. Council of Negro Women Nat. Edu. Asso. Nat. Organization for Women Newspaper Guild UAW Unitarian Universalist Asso. United Steelworkers of America Republican Nat. Committee St. Joan's Alliance of Catholic Women Service Employees International Union WEAL YWCA Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Women's Conf. Nat.Secretaries Asso.</p>	<p>* American Party(formerly American Indep. Party) AWARE * American Conservative Union * Christian Crusade Communist Party,USA * Congress of Freedom DAR Happiness of Womanhood(HOW) * Human Events * John Birch Society KKK * Liberty Lobby * Lifeline Foundations, Inc. * Marion Forum Trust Fund National States Rights Party * National Review, Inc. * National Asso. of Pro America Society for the Christian Commonwealth Stop ERA * We,the People ! * Young Americans for Freedom(YAF) * Women for Constitutional Government * these organizations have policy statements supporting "right to work" legislation</p>

bibliography

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The girl and the woman, in their new, their own unfolding, will but in passing be imitators of masculine ways, good and bad, and repeaters of masculine professions. After the uncertainty of such transitions it will become apparent that women were only going through the profusion and the vicissitude of those (often ridiculous) disguises in order to cleanse their own most characteristic nature of the distorting influences of the other sex. Women, in whom life lingers and dwells more immediately, more fruitfully and more confidently, must surely have become fundamentally riper people, more human people, than easygoing man, who is not pulled down below the surface of life by the weight of any fruit of his body, and who, presumptuous and hasty, undervalues what he thinks he loves. This humanity of woman, borne its full time in suffering and humiliation, will come to light when she will have stripped off the conventions of mere femininity in the mutations of her outward status, and those men who do not yet feel it approaching today will be surprised and struck by it. Some day (and for this, particularly in the northern countries, reliable signs are already speaking and shining), some day there will be girls and women whose name will no longer signify merely an opposite of the masculine, but something that makes one think, not of any complement and limit, but only of life and existence: the feminine human being.

This advance will (at first much against the will of the outstripped men) change the love-experience, which is now full of error, will alter it from the ground up, reshape it into a relation that is meant to be of one human being to another, no longer of man to woman. And this more human love (that will fulfill itself, infinitely considerate and gentle, and kind and clear in binding and releasing) will resemble that which we are preparing with struggle and toil, the love that consists in this, that two solitudes protect and border and salute each other.

Excerpt from Letters To A Young Poet by Rainer Maria Rilke
Rome - 1904

1880

"In Colorado Caroline Romney had a press hauled over snow-covered trails from Leadville to Durango where she issued the first number of The Durango Record on December 29, 1880- in a tent with a saw-dust floor. As Editor she was shot at by desperadoes, and during a particularly hostile period her printers worked fully armed with rifles and revolvers. In one of her papers, she answered a fellow publisher on a more domestic issue: "The rumor... that the editor of this paper is about to be married is without foundation. In fact, we can't afford to support a husband yet."

From Newspapering In The Old West By Robert F. Karolevitz 1965

1972

Kay Graham, publisher of the Washington Post, made the historic decision to send two reporters to Florida, thus opening the Watergates.

7. Congress has the power to draft women now. In service to our nation, whether by draft or volunteer service, women should not be required to have more qualifications than men and they should receive the same benefits: G.I. education, vocational training, pension, health care, job and housing preferences. The Volunteer Army will become a reality on July 1, 1973.
8. The Equal Rights Amendment will help people to reach their potential through equal opportunity, freedom of choice and upward mobility.
9. President Nixon has supported the Equal Rights Amendment since 1951. In fact, every President since President Eisenhower has supported it. Both the Republican and Democratic Parties supported ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in their Platforms. The Equal Rights Amendment passed the 92nd Congress by an overwhelming majority (Senate 84 to 8, House of Representatives 354 to 23). In 1972, voters approved Equal Rights Amendments to state constitutions in all six states where the Equal Rights Amendment appeared on the ballot.
10. The Equal Rights Amendment will not deprive women of any enforceable rights of support and will not weaken the father's obligation to support the family.

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