

# Far Out Shorts

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A Federal judge in San Jose ruled that two freaks had been unlawfully deprived of their unemployment benefits when the State of California refused to give them the money because they had been fired from their jobs for long hair and had refused to submit to a haircut. Quoth Judge R. Peckem: "Long hair is protected by the First Amendment."

New Left statistician, J. Edgar Hoover, has summed up the totals on campus events this year: 246 cases of arson or attempted arson, 14 bombings, 462 injuries—nearly two—thirds of them suffered by police, 8 deaths—4 at Kent State and 2 at Jackson State (where were the other two?) 7,200 arrests and damage topping \$9.2 million. See you next year J. Edgar.

Dick Gregory has started a 40 day fast to dramatize the "tragic and hypocritical nature of the narcotics problem in America." Gregory linked heroin pushers with the reigning institutions in the nation: "The heroin man could not survive without the cooperation and consent of two other men—the cop and the politician."

A proposed National Strike is set for August 26, Susan B. Anthony Day. Women are massing together to protest their being fucked over legally, financially, and socially. Interested parties should contact Chicago Women's Liberation Union, 2875 W. Cermak, Room 9, Chicago, Illinois.

The Ann Arbor *Argus*, the *Berkeley Tribe*, Liberation News Service and the *Rolling Stone* are undergoing severe financial crises along with many other underground—revolutionary newspapers. The *Argus* has missed some issues in the last few months and the Tribe and LNS have asked their subscribers for additional bread—so buy more papers.

An Oregon car salesman has filed a \$1-million libel suit against the local school district because two high school girls filmed him in a documentary they made called "Sick America." The "term paper" film included a sequence in which the salesman discusses a business deal while the sound track plays "The Pusher" by Steppenwolf. The plaintiff claims he was depicted as being an unscrupulous salesman and a pusher besides. His complaint charges that -the film holds to vile contempt and ridicule the American government, American institutions, Christianity, the President of the United States, members of the armed forces and businessmen." Good review.

KLM Dutch Airlines is investigating a report that a recent charter flight flew higher than International Air Travel regulations allow. The planeload of students and "semi-hippie types" were passing out and using joints as openly and widely as alcohol is distributed on most trips. One stewardess said, "there was a kilo (sic?) of hash on board for the crew only.

The chairman of the Douglas County Noxious Weed Control Board has found a new means of controlling marijuana on his property—a goat named Clarabelle. "She eats marijuana like kids eat ice cream," says owner Ray Villareal, "she has a ball...she jumps three feet in the air and fights our dogs. One could say she really gets her kicks." Villareal said however, he didn't know if the dope caused Clarabelle's behavior.

Faith-healing evangelist Asa A. Allen, 59-year-old leader of the multi-million-dollar corporation called Miracle Revival Fellowship, died June 11 in a room at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. A 12-day coroner investigation announced the cause of death: “acute alcoholism and fatty infiltration of the liver.”

McGraw-Hill, benign liberal publishers of Eldridge Cleaver’s *Soul on Ice*, got a tiny taste of real-life protest on June 24. Over the past two months, the publishing industry has fired over thirty employees for various forms of political activity. The demonstration was called by Women in Publishing to protest the firing of Sue Davis, a 5-1/2-year employee, for union organizing and women’s liberation activity (the official complaint was “obscenity, terrorism, and interfering with the authority of the supervisor”).

Some of the above shorts were lifted from *Rat*, *Guardian*, *Ann Arbor Argus*, *Berkeley Tribe* and *Rolling Stone*. For information on where most of these newspapers can be purchased call Keep on Truckin’ Co-op at 831-1574.

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