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By a vote of fifty-two to thirty-five the Senate today turned down a proposal that would end the military draft and establish an all-volunteer army. The amendment would have ^{proposed a way to get} ~~sought~~ thousands of new recruits by raising the military pay scale with an appropriation of more than three-
BILLION dollars. ^{But, the} majority opposed it as too expensive - dangerous to the national security in time of war - and ^{some contend} unfair to the poor who would be lured into the army to fight for the rich. The vote ends the Senate's anti-draft campaign for this year. But several members predict a new fight if the President asks Congress to extend the Selective Service Act- which expires June Thirtieth of next year.

BUDGET

The ~~Nixon~~ Administration has decided it would be a gamble with national security to cut the defense budget for the next fiscal year, below this year's level of seventy-three-BILLION dollars. This was disclosed ^{today} by Caspar Weinberger, Deputy Director of Management and Budget, who says ~~however~~ efforts will be made to keep the Pentagon budget from going any higher.

NIXON

American workers ^{were saluted} ~~honored~~ today ⁱⁿ a special
tribute from President Nixon - who also announced ^{that he will} ~~he would~~
be the host for a Labor Day extravaganza at the White
House on September ^{Seven.} ~~Eight~~ In his statement, issued from
the Western White House, ^{said} the President: ~~said~~ - "The working
man and his family are grateful for what America has
provided them in the past. They are loyal to what America
stands for in the present. And they are determined to help
America achieve an even brighter future."

FAR EAST

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To meet what^{is} described as the "heaviest Communist attack so far", Cambodian military commanders have moved additional troops into the marshes nine miles north of Phnom Penh, the capital. The fighting is centered around the village of Prek Tameak - on the Mekong, upstream from the capital. A communist force - estimated at five to six battalions^{is} striking at government positions there.

In Saigon, South Vietnamese President Thieu says he has asked Washington to increase American economic aid to his country - while U-S troops are being withdrawn. This, he says, will enable South Vietnam to resist any future Communist aggression.

North Vietnam's chief peace negotiator - Xuan Thuy - definitely plans to return to Paris tomorrow. But a Hanoi spokesman says it's not immediately known whether Thuy will attend Thursday's session of the peace talks - which he has^{been} boycotted^{ing} for eight months.

And in Seoul - the capital of South Korea - Vice-

President Agnew and President Park Chung Hee talked
for eight hours today. ^{We hear} ~~but~~ they ~~reportedly~~ failed to reach
an agreement on the ^{future} American role ^{to} ~~in~~ defending South Korea
against Communism. President Park had protested ~~the~~
announced plan to withdraw twenty-thousand American
troops from his country. Current U-S troop strength there
is about sixty-thousand. Spokesmen for both sides described
the talks as "frank and friendly," but ^{give us} ~~discuss~~ NO details.
One Seoul newspaper says ^{Pres.} Park is asking three-BILLION
dollars in American aid to modernize the South Korean Army.
The two leaders ^{are to} ~~will~~ resume their discussions tomorrow.

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WOMEN

Tomorrow - on the Fiftieth Anniversary of women's suffrage - leaders of the Women's Liberation Movement are calling for a "strike for equality." And Betty Friedan - head of the National Organization of Women - predicts millions of women will demonstrate across the nation in parades, rallies and other activities. All this to dramatize the strike's three demands - equality in education and employment - free child/care centers - and free abortion on demand.

In Washington, eighty-five-year-old Alice Paul - former leader of the National Woman's Party - has her own ^{special} ideas on "women power" ^{for us} ~~here~~ ^{that is} in Nineteen-Seventy. She believes one of the two senators from each state, should be a woman. In her opinion, women will never have real equality until they match men - one-for-one - in the Senate - House - ~~and~~ state legislatures - ^{everywhere.}

And in Des Moines, Iowa, - on the eve of Women's Liberation Day - Mrs. Vera Kuh won the State Fair's annual rolling pin contest by heaving ^{a rolling pin a distance of} ~~one~~ ninety-eight feet and one inch!

RACE

The Great Transcontinental so called Clean Car Race is underway, from Massachusetts to California. Thirty-nine low-pollution-emitting autos - heading west. But no - now there are only thirty-five. Two already are out for repairs - troubles with exhaust systems. And at least one gasoline-burning car - low consumption that is - having unusual trouble. It's team has to keep looking for service stations that accept credit cards, because their car is running low - on both fuel and cash.

QUENTIN

Demanding in a manifesto that all condemned men be sent to Communist countries, several hundred convicts today started a fire in San Quentin Prison, California, and staged a strike. Guards moved in - subdued them with tear gas - and locked them in their cells.

MOTORCYCLE

A youth on a motorcycle - who calls himself "Agostini the Mad" - is keeping the Italian city of Naples in a turmoil. Riding his motorcycle, he chases policemen - does acrobatic tricks - leaps over cars - and weaves his cycle among sidewalk cafes - his siren screaming and muffler popping. At least thirty-nine persons have been injured in two wild nights of fighting between police who're trying to trap Agostino ^{- the Mad} - and thousands of Neapolitans who're just trying to see ^{the show} ~~him~~. Twenty-one were injured in one night - when Agostino ran wild in the middle of Naples - bowling over policemen - chasing pedestrians off sidewalks and kicking dents in pursuing automobiles. Some police believe ~~this~~ ^{is a mad} wild man ^{who} ~~of a~~ cyclist is on the payroll of a gang of thieves - his job being to keep the police busy ^{- diverted -} while they burglarize cars and apartments.

Former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev -
is reported ^{to have} ~~fully~~ recovered from a heart ailment which kept
him hospitalized for ~~nearly~~ three months. Members of his
family in Moscow say two top Kremlin physicians plan to
release their seventy-six-year-old patient within a few
days. By all accounts, Khrushchev is again hale and hearty
and ready to resume what ^{himself} he once termed the "life of a
pensioner." For such a figure as Khrushchev this means total
public silence and a preoccupation with such hobbies as
photography - hydroponics^h (raising vegetables on water)
- and painting. ^{How can,} Can you visualize Khrushchev
who pounded desks with his shoe, painting
flowers?

FLIGHT

A Swissair training flight came to an end with a crash landing on the railway tracks at ^{a place called} Allstetten - and police call it ^a "masterpiece of flying." While in flight with a student pilot at the controls, the single-engine plane caught fire. The instructor took over - put out the fire - and steered the plane toward a nearby athletic field. Flying ⁱⁿ between two poles supporting high tension lines, he guided the plane under a highway bridge - then landed on the railway tracks in a shower of sparks. The instructor and his two shaken students were helped from the plane ^{virtually} - ~~unhurt~~ - a few ~~except for~~ minor bruises.