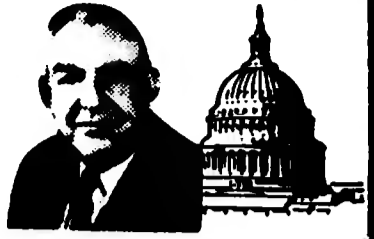


SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



The Senate has been considering the House-passed Equal Rights Amendment which seeks to abolish certain unfair discriminations which society makes against women. Although I firmly believe that unfair discriminations against women ought to be abolished in every case where they are created by law, I have

strenuously opposed the submission of this Amendment to the States for several reasons. First, in my judgment, this Amendment is not needed to achieve women's rights. I say this because the Constitution already protects the rights of women under provisions of the 5th and 14th Amendments.

I have pointed out to the Senate that women are not enjoying the full benefit of their rights, it is due to a defect in the enforcement of Federal and State laws, and Executive orders of the Federal Government, rather than a lack of fair laws and regulations. Moreover, where unfair or discriminatory laws still exist, these can be repealed by the respective legislatures or challenged in the Courts under these Amendments so as to make our laws more equitable.

In essence, then, the proper remedy for such grievances is to secure the enforcement of existing laws and the enactment of new statutes where needed.

Second, if this were all that were involved, there would be little reason to object to the submission to the States of the House-passed Constitutional Amendment to merely supplement a worthy purpose. Unfortunately, there is far more at stake than this. The House-passed Amendment is imprecise in its language and obscure in its meaning when one seeks to interpret it as a part of the body of law of this nation.

Professor Paul A. Freund of the Harvard Law School, one of America's greatest legal scholars, recently made these indisputable observations about this Amendment:

"If anything about this proposed amendment is clear, it is that it would transform every provision of law concerning women into a constitutional issue to be ultimately resolved by the Supreme Court of the United States The range of such potential litigation is too great to be readily foreseen, but it would certainly embrace such diverse legal provisions as those relating to a widow's allowance, the obligation of family support and grounds for divorce, the age of majority, and the right of annulment of marriages, and the maximum hours of labor for women in protected industries."

For this reason, I have offered several amendments to this House-passed Amendment to clarify its language and to prohibit the nullification of laws which are reasonably designed to promote the health, safety, privacy, education, and economic welfare of women, or which are reasonably designed to enable women to perform their duties as homemakers or mothers.

This House-passed Amendment has been oversold by its advocates and until

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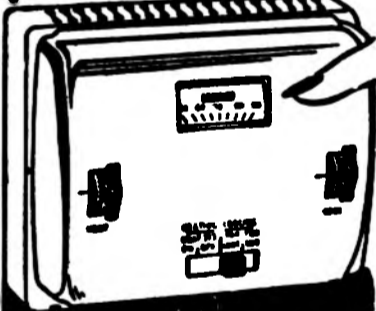
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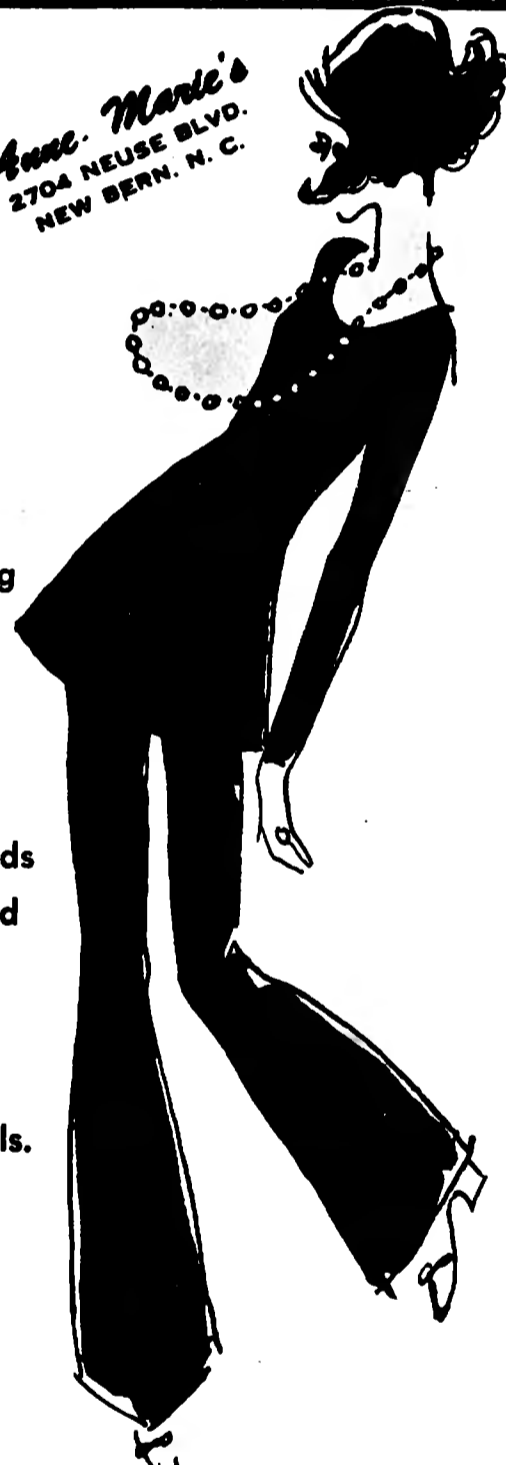
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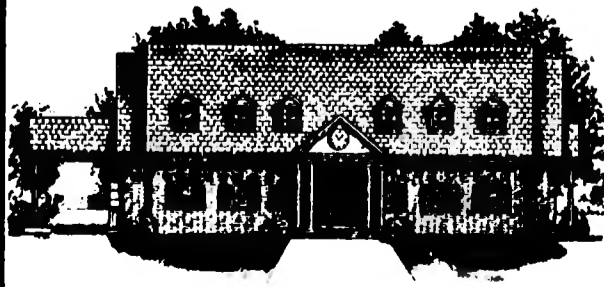
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