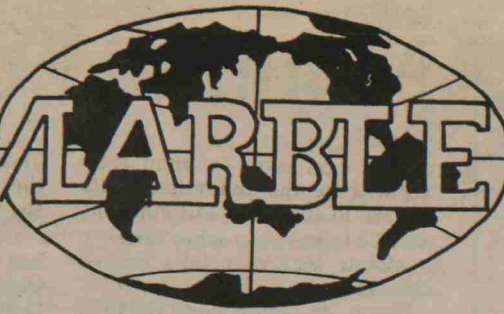


# BLUE MARBLE NEWS



## Internat'l

### US, China joined against Vietnam?

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Vietnam accused the United States yesterday of distorting recent events in Cambodia and said talk in Washington about normalized American-Vietnamese relations was "just a farce."

The Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan also claimed the United States and China were working hand-in-hand against Vietnam and that Washington was spreading word about a Vietnamese threat in order to increase its military aid to Thailand and other non-communist Southeast Asian countries.

Senior Carter administration officials are making a "frantic call" for emergency aid to Cambodia to "cover the Sino-American scheme of creating the picture of two different administrations in Cambodia, thereby lending a hand to the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique to oppress the Cambodian people," Nhan Dan wrote.

## National

### Money, money

#### everywhere, but...

WASHINGTON (AP) — With much of the federal government technically broke and government paydays fast approaching, Congress begins searching today for a solution to the internal dispute that has blocked approval of new financing.

The House Appropriations Committee scheduled a meeting this afternoon to decide how to resolve its continuing battle with the Senate over the controversial

issues of a congressional pay raise and government financing of abortions.

The House and Senate have been unable to agree on those provisions, which were attached to an emergency money bill needed to keep the government fully functioning after the new fiscal year began last Monday.

As a result of the impasse, several major government departments are struggling by on funds left over from the previous fiscal year.

The impasse also meant that congressmen, senators and top bureaucrats and federal judges automatically received a 12.9 percent pay raise on Oct. 1 — an action neither the House nor Senate wanted.

Sources indicated the House might pass its own version of the needed emergency money bill

rather than take the Senate version to the floor.

The Senate bill contains more liberal language on federal funding of abortions than the House wanted. It also contains no pay raise for Congress. The House wanted a 5.5 percent hike.

## NOW pushes gay rights, abortions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Delegates to the 12th annual convention of the National Organization for Women closed a three-day meeting after adopting resolutions supporting homosexual rights and the rights of women to have abortions.

The resolution on gay rights

was passed unanimously and created a National Lesbian Rights Campaign and called for "vigorous support of our allies in the lesbian and gay community."

The other resolution declared that "reproductive rights including abortion rights are issues of life and death for women, not mere matters of choice."

Betty Friedan, an author and one of NOW's founders, told the organization that political candidates will have to provide guarantees of commitment to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to gain support from women voters.

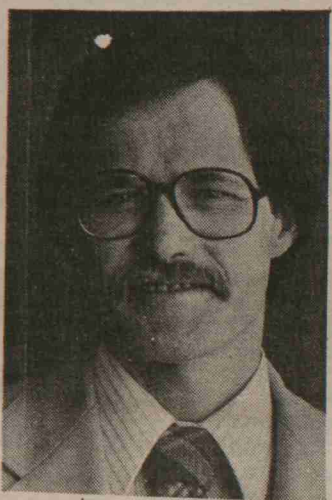
The ERA, which would outlaw discrimination based on sex, must be ratified by 38 states by June 30, 1982.

## Cost of energy will climb again

SEATTLE (AP) — Electricity rates in Washington will soar by as much as 50 percent next year.

Those likely to escape with the lowest rate hikes probably will be customers of public utilities which, like Seattle and Tacoma's municipally owned systems, rely substantially on their own hydroelectric generators.

Those likely to be socked with the biggest increases probably are served by public utility districts which, like the Snohomish County PUD, purchase all their electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration.



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