

technical and medical offices have found a certain degree of impotency in workers who have to work near these machines. Similar machines are used in other factories, especially those producing rubber and steel products. Maybe there is something to the com-

plaint. Certainly around these machines in Italy they allow an electromagnetic field in excess of those indicated as normal in other countries." u

Many of the Italian workers have refused to work in the factory which uses the "anti-sex machines."



HER CHILDHOOD EATING HABITS WILL DETERMINE HER ADULT WEIGHT.

## POOR EATING HABITS

Obesity is much more common among the poor than among the rich. And the problem begins in childhood.

University of Pennsylvania researchers Albert Stunkard, Eugene D'Aquili, Sonja Fox, and Ross Filion examined 3344 children in New York, Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del. They found that by age 6, 29 percent of the girls from lower-class families were obese, compared with only 3 percent of upper-class girls.

Among boys, the figure at age 6 is 40 percent in the lower classes, 25 percent in the upper classes. Moreover, these class differences in weight persist throughout life. Among poor adult women, for example, obesity is six times more prevalent than among rich women.

In the upper classes, Dr. Filion admits, there is greater social pressure on women to be thin. But nutrition experts also know that childhood eating habits have a determining effect upon adult weight. Overeating during the critical period of childhood causes an irreversible increase in the number of fatty tissue cells.

According to one estimate, 85 percent of obese children will become obese adults. Thus the greater number of obese poor children will invariably grow up to be obese adults.

But why do so many poor children become obese? Faulty nutritional habits, the University of Pennsylvania team speculates. Further research is underway to determine if poor eating habits result from misinformation or economic deprivation.

## ANTI-SEX MACHINES

Can an electromagnetic tool cause sexual impotency?

Italian workers say yes. Italian health authorities say maybe.

In Pesaro, an Italian city on the Adriatic, a group of 24 male employees in a furniture factory claim that they have developed sex problems. All blame their impotency or lack of sex drive on machine tools which assemble furniture through high frequency electromagnetic shortwaves.

The men refer to the machine tools as "the anti-sex machines," and have filed complaints with Flavio Vignudelli of the office for the protection of workers' health.

Says Vignudelli: "Our

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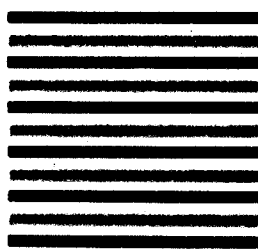
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