The people want changes

(Continued from page 4) for a small donation, and throughout the demonstration, loaves of bread were passed among the crowd. Several women's groups were represented among them the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. One woman's sign depicted a broken hang- hanger and read, "Get your claus off our bodies!" The chant was often heard, "Not the Church, not the State, women will decide our fate."

The police officers moved us all onto the sidewalk. We assumed that it was to let a car — possibly the President's — pass. After more than a half hour of standing, this proved not to be the case. One officer's explanation was that the demonstration was making people nervous. As one demonstrator put it: "Yes, but demonstrations are supposed to make people nervous."

Near me, a woman in her fifties or sixties began to cry softly, "I lost my job and they won't give me Social Security." In front of me a young man wearing a "Support Ronald Reagan" button said he had received six job offers, why couldn't everyone? Three people pointed out that he was young, white, male, and had no family to support. He remained unconvinced. The demonstration was a strong outcry against the myth that those who are not white, male, and rich simply aren't worth a damn.

Most of today's economic hardships are not caused by people's unwillingness to work, but on the government's insistence on funneling a huge percentage of the budget to arms. Reagan was sent a message January 26. The people are angry and want changes. Watching the news that night, we saw a smiling Reagan reassuring corporate America of its eternal sanctity. The people can not be ignored for long. In the words of one of the chants, "The people united will never be defeated!"