Are you crazy for the Red. White and Blue, as Berger and Woolf in the rock musical Hair

It's getting so that you can't walk down the streets of a city without seeing the American flag being worn in some type

of fashion. The Stars and Stripes are showing up on such varied objects as a policeman's arm, the back of a surplus army jacket, the seat of a girl's pair of jeans and even the bumpers of cars. You can see flag shirts, flag pants, flag belts, flag ties, flag vests, flag watchbands, flag

pins and patches and decals and stickers.

THE FLAG has been a costume for a long time, remember when Uncle Sam wanted YOU, but only recently has the problem of "who has the RIGHT to wear the flag" developed.

It appears as if there are three groups involved in the flag-fashion controversy: the group who supports the federal government (more specially the President and his war policies) completely on everything, the group who disagrees with and

protests against the President and his policies, and the group of Americans who are caught and confused between the two conflicting factions.

If you come down to it none of these groups have any right to wear the flag for any reason. In reality, according to protocol, the flag should never be used as a costume.

Nevertheless, the red, white and blue have almost always been used by politicians for their posters and campaign buttons, not to mention countless Fourth of July sales.

IT'S PERFECTLY fine for our policemen to wear flags on their arms, or to have flag bumperstickers "America--Love it or Leave it" on our cars, or for cowboy heros such as Roy Rodgers and Dale Evans to wear, red, white and blue cowboy suits.

But when Abbie Hoffman appeared on Merv Griffin's show last year wearing a flag shirt. CBS television blacked him out from the neck down.

Or when a long-haired young man walks down the street wearing a pair of flag pants, people suddenly stare and get mad. WHY?

The two conflicting sides, the "establishment" and the "anti-establishment" have made the flag-fashion question a very intense AND profitable situation.

Practically every youth-oriented clothing store in Lincoln has, or has had, some form of a flag-fashion in \*\*\*\*\*



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