

AP News Analysis

No Radical Change Expected In Supreme Court Rulings

By BARRY SCHWEID Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) — The resignation of Abe Fortas doubles President Nixon's opportunity to change the personnel of the Supreme Court in his first year.

and retiring chief Justice Earl Warren. Contrary to a widespread belief, the court's active liberalism does not hang on a 5-4 thread. More importantly, many of the Warren court's major decisions are largely irreversible.

unless the Constitution itself is changed, and the states cannot escape the force of the Bill of Rights. The rights of criminal defendants could possibly be shaved by the appointment of "strict constructionists." But here, too, it would be extremely difficult to undo much of what has been done.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY On the front page of the University of Oklahoma Daily last Saturday was a photo depicting a violent scene, with tanks, soldiers, fire, smoke, and all that kind of stuff. The caption under the picture read: "DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS—Black students seized the president's office at Southern Methodist University in Dallas Friday morning. But this picture has nothing whatsoever to do with the action in Texas. It depicts a scene from one of the two movies which are being shown by the Kenetic Arts series May 9-12 in Dale Hall." Now that's real journalism.

start off the celebration. Said the chairman of the observance, "I am pleased with the opportunity that this annual observance provides for the community to make known more forcefully and dramatically its support of this fine institution." Meanwhile, closer to home, it is rumored that Friday marks the organizational meeting of the Society of Cheery Waitresses, Helpful Store Clerks, and Merry Merchants of Bryan-College Station. Plans presently call for a 1 o'clock luncheon in a North Gate phone booth.

The University of Minnesota's Students for the Preservation of the American Republic (SPAR) had a flag-burning of their own last week. The target in their literal fighting of fire with fire was a Viet Cong flag, while a tape recorder played "God Bless America" and the American flag waved behind the speakers at the rally, the other flag was placed on a flag pole and wood alcohol was poured on it. A member of SPAR then struck a match to the flag. Fragments of the flag were caught in the wind and blown toward the wooden doors of the building where the display was being held. When the Student Activities Bureau counselor ran over and started stomping out the flames of the stray pieces, the wind blew more pieces onto his slacks and his "whole right side" became engulfed in flames. After the flames were extinguished, he turned to the SPAR leader and commented, "I'm afraid you've had your last rally."

The College Star reports that "A loose coalition of the campus activists at Stephen F. Austin State College are picketing the Skataram a Roller Rink at Nacogdoches for its segregationist admission policies." When representatives tried to enter the establishment, they were turned down by the owner because their group contained Negroes and "long-hairs." Said the Star, the owner "openly admits" segregationist policies. At Southwest Texas State (now University, not College, incidentally), the Art Department has come up with a way for harried students to ease their tension-distorted minds during final week. It is a psychedelic "environmental chamber," begun last semester by an art design class and finished by this semester's class. It will include rooms of mirrored surfaces and flashing lights, op art, a slide, a revolving platform, and black-light displays, all accompanied by recordings of weird sounds in the background.

May 4 begins TCU/Ft. Worth Week up in that area, in which the university and the community "celebrate their dependence upon each other." Several businesses have donated billboard space to advertise the fact, merchants are using window displays to show off their own "purple and white spirit," and many civic clubs are sponsoring luncheons to properly

At this time of the year, I'd like to just settle back and reminisce about the good times I've had and wish everyone a hearty goodbye like other columnists in school newspapers across the country. That's what I'd like to do, but I'm not going anywhere, so it would sound kind of stupid.

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NLF Avoids Rejection Of Nixon Peace Plan

By MAX HARRELSON Associated Press Writer PARIS (AP) — The Viet Cong's National Liberation Front delivered a mild-sounding attack Thursday on President Nixon's proposals for a Vietnam solution, but appeared to be carefully avoiding rejection of the President's eight-point plan as a whole. At the same time, North Vietnam's official radio also attacked the Nixon program, saying that the plan "is not to end the war of aggression, but to replace the war of aggression fought by U.S. troops into a war of aggression fought by the puppet army of the United States" — meaning the South Vietnamese. IN BOTH cases, the attack centered on that section of the Nixon proposals which insisted upon mutual withdrawal of all outside troops from South Vietnam. There was a hint of caution in this, suggesting that Hanoi and the NLF might explore the Nixon

proposal further at or after the 17th full-scale session of the Paris talks Friday. U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Nixon's chief negotiator, was flying back from Washington to present the President's plan formally to the other parties in the talks and to repeat the President's statement that Washington welcomed the NLF initiative in putting forward its comprehensive 10-point plan at last week's session. ALTHOUGH THE variety of proposals — the Hanoi "4 points," the NLF "10 points," the American "8 points" and the Saigon "6 points" — left the opposing sides as far apart as ever on some key issues, conference observers said the initiatives might at least get the talks off dead center. The sides remain at opposite poles on such questions as the mutual troop withdrawals and an eventual political settlement. Hanoi radio, using a "special interview" commentator to get

across its rebuttal, underscored the gulf between the sides by insisting that if Nixon wants peace, it could be achieved "by the United States ending its aggression against Vietnam and unconditionally withdrawing all U.S. troops from South Vietnam." This illuminated a major snag in the talks — the insistence of Hanoi that the Americans pull out unilaterally, without any conditions.

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Bulletin Board

TONIGHT Aggie Christian Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. in rooms 3-D of the MSC. Topic: "A Freudian Psychologist Looks at Christianity." MONDAY Industrial Education Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Medallion Room of Bryan Utilities. All members are requested to be present to elect the new officers for next year. Margaret Groves will present a program on her collection of foreign dolls. Each member is to bring a favorite prepared recipe for a Tasting Bee. TUESDAY American Veterinary Medical Association Student Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Medallion Room of the Bryan Utilities Building, 300 S. Washington Ave. in Bryan. Dr. R. H. Davis, of the Department of Phy-

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