

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Looks like a good day to get some sun, but I'll be ready for anything!"

New safety devices required by 1974

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Department of Transportation has ordered auto makers to install automatic safety devices in the front passenger compartment of all 1974 model cars, and in rear seats by 1976.

In its final ruling Friday on passive restraint systems—adapted because not enough Americans use seat belts—the department told the manufacturers they must keep passengers from injury in a head-on crash with a wall at speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.

The four major U. S. auto producers had no immediate comment on the ruling. They had requested two more years to design the safety systems.

The announcement by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe marks the end of several years of private and public spar-

ring on the issue between government and industry. The order applies to all new cars, foreign and domestic, sold in the United States.

The ruling requires also improved, roll-up belt systems—with a dashboard light and buzzer that signals when front seat occupants have not buckled up—to be installed on autos produced after Jan. 1, 1972.

Volpe acknowledged the design problems by applying the passive restraint order to 1974 and 1976 models, a year later in each case than previously proposed.

"This delay in requiring complete passive protection has been found necessary because of the difficulty the industry will have in designing their vehicles to meet the new tests for passive protection in angular, lateral and rollover collisions," he said.

Court says objections must apply to all wars

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court barred Monday draft exceptions for men who claim conscientious objections to the Indochina war but not to all wars.

The 8-1 ruling, based on what Justice Thurgood Marshall called a straightforward reading of Selective Service law, closes the door on Roman Catholics who subscribe to the "just war" doctrine as well as to other selective objectors.

Marshall said they are subject to the draft, however sincere or religious they may be. He said Congress intended to exempt only persons who oppose participating in all war.

Justice William O. Douglas dissented. He said the exemption provision is unconstitutional in that it discriminates in favor of religious persons and against humanists and atheists with similar scruples against war.

The decision upheld the conviction of Guy P. Gillette, 26, of Yonkers, N. Y., a self-described humanist who said he would help defend the country or fight in a United Nations peace-keeping effort but not in Vietnam.

At the same time, the court ruled against Louis A. Negre, 23, of Bakersfield, Calif., a Roman Catholic who was refused a discharge from the Army. After completing infantry training Negre declared his participation in the Vietnam war would contradict "all that I had been taught in my religious training."

Both men said the war is unjust and the court did not question their sincerity.

Marshall, delivering the court's opinion in both cases, said "We hold that Congress intended to exempt persons who oppose participating in all war . . . and that persons who object solely to participation in a particular war not within the purview of the exempting section . . ."

A Justice Department source said the ruling opens the way for the government to seek indictments against several alleged draft evaders who have raised similar arguments.

In a second major ruling the court prohibited employers from using job tests that do not really measure a man's qualifications but serve to block Negroes from promotions.

The 8-0 decision, given by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, said Title VII of the 1964 federal civil rights law prohibits all employment practices that operate to exclude Negroes and cannot be shown to be related to job performance.

Jack Greenberg of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, announced that civil rights lawyers will invoke the ruling in behalf of thousands of workers who claim to have been denied jobs or promotions because of such tests.

The Fund carried the issue to the court for a group of Negro workers at the Duke Power Co. generating plant at Draper, N.C., who said they were frozen into lower-paid jobs by requirements that they either pass two intelligence tests or obtain a high school diploma.

Burger said the court was not charging the company with discrimination. However, he said, the 1964 law "proscribes not only overt discrimination but also practices that are fair in form, but discriminatory in operation."

The ruling was the first by the court to interpret Title VII.

The U.S. Circuit Court in Richmond, Va., had ruled that the Negroes would have to prove the company was practicing racial discrimination in order to invalidate the tests and diploma requirements.

In a third ruling the court tied 4 to 4 and thereby upheld a ban in Maryland on public showing of the movie, "I Am Curious Yellow." The justices said nothing about the issues involved.

Grove Press Inc., the importer and owner of American distribution rights to the Swedish film, had challenged Maryland's movie censorship law and asked the court to rule that no movie may be put off-limits for adults.

Francis B. Burch, Maryland attorney general, argued that each state should be free to decide which films are to be banned.

The tie vote was produced by the self-disqualification of Justice William O. Douglas. The president of Grove Press, Barney Rossett, publishes the Evergreen Review, the magazine that printed excerpts from Douglas' latest book.

The tie vote and absence of an accompanying opinion left in force the court's current stand-off on obscenity.

In other actions the court: —Agreed to hear an appeal by Francis Haines, a 69-year-old prisoner in Illinois who challenges the authority of officials to consign prisoners to solitary confinement.

—Granted a hearing to John Adams, a Chicago man convicted of an unlawful narcotics sale, who is seeking to expand the right of defendants to have lawyers at preliminary hearings.

Hunt for Playmates involves almost 'x-ray' scanning of field

In search of future Playmates, Playboy magazine photographers are roaming beaches, watching high school graduations, and even attending weddings, where they scan, with something approaching X-ray vision, not only bridesmaids but also brides themselves.

This network of professional peepers is generally looking for "virginal quality," buxom types no younger than 18 and no older than 21, according to Thomas Meehan, who offers a rare inside study of "The Playmate Process" in the premier issue of Audien, a new hard-cover magazine published in Boston.

Finding girls who are willing to be Playmates isn't at all difficult, Meehan writes. Those chosen are paid \$5,000, and a Playboy photographer is quoted as saying, "You have to fight them off with a baseball bat."

Photo submissions from amateurs, in fact, have proliferated since the advent of the color Polaroid camera. Boy friends and husbands are now flooding the Playboy offices with nude photos of their lady loves that for some quirky reason they wish to have the whole nation view.

The actual process of producing a Playmate gatefold — "the girl with the staple in her navel," as Meehan puts it—costs upward of \$20,000, the Audien article notes.

A time-consuming procedure comprising thousands of studio shots as well as rather extensive and tricky lithographic work is involved. Hugh Hefner, Playboy's publisher, is also heavily involved, issuing such instructions to the reproducing technicians as "Take off the hair on her upper lip," or "Clean up the shadows around her underarms." The article quotes the lithographer on Hefner: "When it comes to the gate-

fold, he's a perfectionist."

"Most of the Playmates," Meehan writes, "seem to have done little of public interest in their entire lives," a fact that can drive the writers of the accompanying stories about them "to climbing walls." Playboy's managing editor told Meehan that he rotates the writing assignment to save wear and tear on his staff.

As to the Playmates themselves, Meehan's interview with last year's Miss December, Carol Imhof, who's a Playboy Bunny in Chicago, turned up the point that she "never looks at a newspaper . . . too depressing." Neither her boyfriend nor her mother went for the idea of her posing nude, and she didn't tell her father beforehand.

Unlike most Playmates, however, Miss Imhof used her real name, the article says. Moreover, with very few exceptions, most Playmates of the Month drop swiftly back into their former obscurity. "Many of them today are plump housewives with children, Excedrin headaches, and worries about whether their wash is getting white enough," Meehan asserts.

And he adds that many of them are relieved that, like most Playmates, they didn't use their real names in Playboy.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT Texas A&M Collegiate FFA will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chemistry Building. Dairy Science Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Heep Building. Ag Eco Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 112-113 of the Plant Sciences Building. TAMMBA will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Building E. Society for the Advancement of Management will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Ralph's Pizza at Eastgate to elect officers.

WEDNESDAY Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Physics Building. Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2B of the MSC. Sailing Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 105 of the Geology Building.

Junior Class Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 113 of the Hall.

THURSDAY Model Airplane Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. in room 202 of the Physics Building to discuss plans for the April meet.

Chemical Engineers Wire will meet at 7:30 p.m. at home of Mrs. Ron Darby, Center Creek Pkwy. in Bryan. Hear a representative from Norman speak.

Host and Fashion Man will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Ball's, 3905-A Aspen to plan for the women's fashion show. Pecan Valley Homemakers will meet at 8 p.m. in room of the MSC to hear a speaker plan the Easter party.

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