

# Supreme Court to rehear obscenity

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court grappled Monday with applications of its most recent decision on obscenity, with at least some indication that local communities will be setting their own standards.

A decision is not expected until late June. The court heard oral argument on two obscenity cases Monday in which the question of applicable standards plays a key role.

One case questions the standard to be used when applying the federal law against mailing

obscene material. The other deals with a decision holding the R-rated movie "Carnal Knowledge" obscene by the standards of Albany, Ga.

The arguments were heard after the court announced its decisions. In one, it agreed to consider whether a person charged with selling obscene magazines may refuse to produce them in court on grounds of self-incrimination.

In a series of 5 to 4 decisions last June, the court discarded a national standard for judging obscenity but left doubt as to what was to replace it—local or state-wide criteria.

At Monday's hearing, Justice Potter Stewart said he felt the standard was local. It is, he said, "self-defining" as the area from which the jury that passes on obscenity is drawn.

Stewart's declaration came in an exchange with attorney Louis Nizer who represented the movie chain operator, Billy Jenkins, who was fined for showing "Carnal Knowledge."

To find the movie pornographic, Nizer said, was to demonstrate "cultural illiteracy." Nizer said publishers and film producers and distributors would prefer a state-wide standard to a local one.

It would be less inhibiting to worry about 50 states than to worry about standards in some 7,800 local jurisdictions, he said.

Arguing on the question of the federal law, assistant solicitor General Allan A. Tuttle said the government supports local standards.

Obscenity would be judged, Tuttle continued, by the standards of the community in which the dissemination took place.

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## States urge antibusing move

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thirteen states have passed resolutions urging Congress to call a constitutional convention to consider an antibusing amendment, an Associated Press survey shows. Similar measures are pending in four other states.

Two-thirds of the 50 states—34—are required to petition for a constitutional convention in order for one to be called.

The AP survey showed that Nebraska and Virginia have asked Congress to pass an antibusing amendment, but did not call for a convention; a similar measure is pending in Ohio. The issue of a constitutional amendment to prohibit busing has not come up in the remaining 30 states.

President Nixon, in an address in March, urged Americans to support legislation that would curb what he called excessive busing. He said parents value neighborhood schools and are "naturally concerned when the courts, acting on the basis of complicated plans drawn up by far-away officials in Washington, D.C., order children bused out of their neighborhood."

Two antibusing provisions were included in a school aid bill passed by the House on March 27. One provision restricts the power of

the courts to order busing; the other would prohibit the use of federal funds for busing to overcome segregation. The bill is now pending in the Senate.

The 13 state legislatures that have passed resolutions, either this session or in previous years, calling for a constitutional convention are: Mississippi, Indiana, Tennessee, Delaware, Georgia, Nevada, Alabama, Texas, New York, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky and Michigan.

## Candidates report election expenses

AUSTIN — It's show and tell time for political candidates, and many of them don't have as much to show as they would like for their fund-raising efforts.

Governor Dolph Briscoe ran second to Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Granberry in campaign spending up to March 25, according to the contributions-spending reports filed with the secretary of state.

Granberry reported contributions and loans of \$171,425 and spending of \$171,425 since last summer when he began his race.

Briscoe's spending—including a \$120,000 loan of his own money—was pegged at \$153,754.

Frances "Sissy" Farenthold reported some \$40,865 in expenditures and debts. The effort is far below that of 1972 when Briscoe spent nearly \$1.6 million in the primaries and Farenthold spent \$672,441.

Comptroller Candidate Bob Bullock has reported spending of about \$60,000 in his Democratic race, and Hugh Edburg said he has outlays of about \$12,900.

Edburg acknowledged he is using about \$7,000 of his own

money. Bullock said he has used \$12,600 from his own resources, and has \$38,300 in loans from his business partner.

One of the big-spending groups so far has been the Texas Citizens for Parimutuel Horse Racing, which reported a \$7,000 cost campaign to get the issue of legalizing race track betting on primary ballots.

## 'Spoiled weekend unnecessary,' IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — So you've rushed to meet the midnight deadline for filing income taxes, spoiling your Easter weekend, and worrying yourself to a physical frazzle in the process.

But what were you risking if you had taken your time and filed your tax returns a day or two late?

Not much, says the IRS, which indicates that returns filed only a little late will not result in a big penalty for the taxpayer, and perhaps no penalty at all.

Nevertheless, midnight on April 15 was the tax deadline and the taxpayer who filed late cannot be absolutely sure he won't be penalized. To be on the safe side, said an IRS spokesman, he was best off filing on time.

The IRS said five million taxpayers filed their returns after the due date last year, but noted that this included 900,000 persons who had been granted extensions for filing, plus military personnel and other persons overseas who also received extensions.

As of April 5—the last date for which figures were available—the IRS had received 55.7 million returns out of an estimated total for the 1973 tax year of 81 million.

Taxpayers with special problems making it difficult for them to meet the April 15 deadline

could file for an automatic two-month extension.

The White House said President Nixon—whose tax problems have been the best publicized of any taxpayer this year—has received a 60-day extension for his 1973 returns.

The penalties for late filing add up quickly if the taxpayer waits too long. First, there is a delinquency charge of 5 per cent a month, or fraction of a month, to a maximum of 25 per cent.

There also is an interest charge of one-half per cent a month, or 6 per cent a year, to a maximum 25 per cent.

A question in the mind of many taxpayers after April 15 is whether they will be audited, and what this means.

Again, chances are that the average taxpayer will not be audited. The IRS says that it concentrates its audits on returns where experience shows there is the highest probability of substantial underpayment, such as returns of professionals and the wealthy.

But it also routinely audits a few returns even in the low probability areas.

The IRS audited 1.8 million returns in 1973.

## Student 'Y' collecting relief funds

The Student "Y" is collecting funds for disaster victims April 16-26 at the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

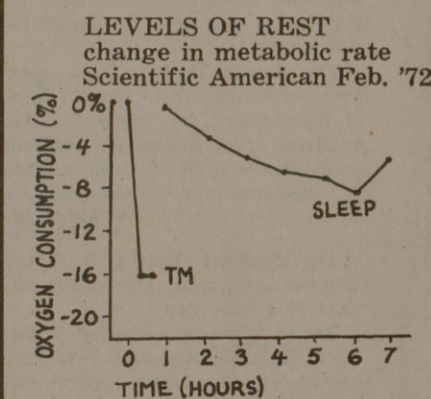
The money, cash contributions only, will be sent to regional YM-CAs in the stricken area to be distributed by them. Donations will be accepted from individuals and groups.

## SG members attend rally

A number of Student Government members attended the Texas Student Association Conference in Ft. Worth.

The annual spring convention included speakers, workshops and election of officers. John Nash was chosen as TAMU's representative on the Board of Directors for the association.

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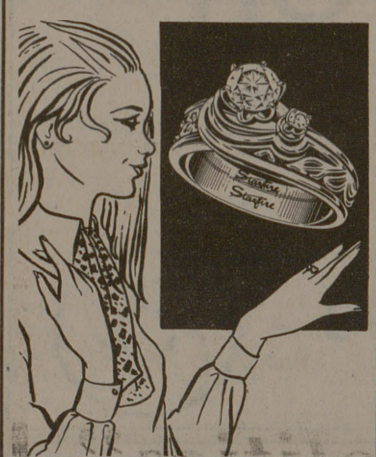
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