

Judge forbids sterilization of retarded child

Associated Press
LONDON — An English judge ordered doctors Wednesday not to sterilize an 11-year-old girl they say is mentally backward, declaring that it would deprive her of the basic right of a woman to reproduce.

Judge Rose Heilbron, 61, who is married to a physician, said some doctors felt the operation was necessary because the girl was mentally backward while her "physical development had advanced at an

exceptional rate."
Her mother, a 51-year-old widow and cleaning woman with two other children, had consented to the operation. But an educational psychologist, Margaret Dubberley, who works at a special school attended by the girl, brought legal proceedings to stop it.

The girl never has been named and Judge Heilbron ordered that no hint be given of her identity.

At the end of a five-day private

hearing in high court, Judge Heilbron said she was announcing her decision in open court because of the controversy the case has provoked over whether English law adequately protects the rights of children.

She said the operation was "neither medically indicated nor necessary, and it would not be in the girl's best interests for it to be performed. The girl's behavioral condi-

tion had improved, and the operation would "deprive her of a basic human right — that of a woman to reproduce," Judge Heilbron said.

The judge praised the "courage, persistence and humane concern for this young girl" shown by Mrs. Dubberley and her colleagues and described the girl's mother as "excellent, caring and devoted." The mother had "courageously faced various problems over her daughter" and had consented to the opera-

tion on medical advice, the judge said.

Doctors said the girl suffers from a rare condition called "Soto's syndrome," which results in large bone growth, behavioral problems and often some degree of mental retardation. However, Mrs. Dubberley had said she did not consider the girl retarded, though she is somewhat clumsy and of below-average intelligence.

The case has similar parallels to

one in the United States.

The U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity reported two years ago that 11 minors may have been involuntarily sterilized by a federally funded birth control clinic in Montgomery, Ala., after an investigation prompted by a lawsuit filed on behalf of two sterilized girls.

There was no indication that mental retardation was involved in

these cases, but a U.S. federal judge issued guidelines early last year prohibiting the sterilization of any institutionalized mental patient in Alabama under 21 years old except in cases of "medical necessity." Earlier, a three-judge federal panel had declared unconstitutional an Alabama law which provided for the sterilization of residents of mental institutions.

Executive orders written in blood

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Former CIA Director Richard Helms testified Wednesday his employees were trained to accept oral commands as "orders written in blood" — and therefore he had spurned ink and paper when relaying a directive from the President of the United States.

Helms said the CIA's failure to destroy its cache of poisons in accordance with former President Richard M. Nixon's order was an "odd aberration" unlikely to recur.

He told the Senate Intelligence Committee that while he issued no written backup order he had assumed the shellfish toxin and other poisons had been destroyed.

Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Minn., told Helms and Thomas Karamessines, the CIA's former deputy director for plans, that their responses pinpoint the difficulty the committee has had in accessing responsibil-

ity inside CIA for a wide variety of questionable actions, including the alleged assassination of foreign leaders.

"The situation always is something happened and nobody did it," Mondale said.

Shortly after Helms testified, it was announced that Sidney Gottlieb, a former CIA scientist whom Karamessines identified as the person to whom he relayed the order to destroy the toxins, has told the committee through his lawyer he will invoke the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer questions.

The committee is seeking to question Gottlieb, former head of

the agency's Technical Services Division, in connection with both the retention of the shellfish toxin and the destruction of records about the CIA's testing of LSD and other behavior-modifying drugs.

Frederick A. O. Schwarz Jr., the committee's chief counsel, said the Justice Department has been told that if Gottlieb does invoke his constitutional right to avoid self-incrimination, the committee will seek to compel his testimony by granting him immunity for whatever he might say.

Both Helms, now U.S. ambassador to Iran, and Karamessines testified that Gottlieb appeared to agree fully with them that the order issued early in 1970 by former pres-

ident Richard M. Nixon was valid, did apply to the CIA, and should be complied with.

The order renounced the use by the United States of chemical and biological weapons and directed that they be destroyed.

Dr. Nathan Gordon, the CIA scientist actually in charge of the agency's chemical weapons division — operation MK Naomi — testified Tuesday he and two associates decided on their own they need not comply with the order.

Gordon said he never received any orders on the subject from his CIA superiors but came to the conclusion he could ignore the Nixon order after analyzing news stories about the decision.

Gordon testified he concluded shellfish toxin was not intended to be included and that in any case the order applied only to the Defense Department, not the CIA.

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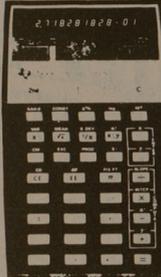
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Amidst raised fists students chant 'quit'

Associated Press
AUSTIN — About 4,000 University of Texas students — a tenth of those enrolled — declared a classroom boycott Wednesday to protest the selection of Dr. Lorene Rogers at UT-Austin president.

A black student from Amarillo, Tom Collier, climaxes a sun-baked rally with his motion to stay away from classes until Dr. Rogers resigns.

"Quit! Quit! Quit! Quit!" the students chanted. Many shot their fists into the air, a gesture reminiscent of the 1960s when anti-war demonstrators were frequent events on the South Mall at the foot of the Main Building. Wednesday's rally was at the same site.

Dr. Rogers, a 61-year-old biochemist and nutritionist who was named to the post Friday, declared she will remain on the job even though the general faculty demanded Tuesday that she resign.

Speakers at the rally insisted their main objection was that UT regents had ignored a student-faculty advisory committee, which had refused on four separate occasions to include Dr. Rogers on its list of recommendations for the presidency.

But participants in a "guerrilla theater" play mocked Dr. Rogers' statements that she is characterized by openness and has not been handicapped in her career by the fact she is a woman.

Rep. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, called for an investigation by the Texas House Higher Education Committee "to clear up all this crap."

Rep. Sarah Weddington, D-Austin, said the regents had ignored the "representative process

. . . I am here to say with you, 'Listen to us. We matter.'"

Texas Observer publisher Ronnie Dugger, author of a book of political and business control of universities, noted that three of the five regents who voted for Dr. Rogers are bankers and referred to her as "the bank teller who is now president of this university."

"You are now ruled by bankers," Dugger said. ". . . Basic change will not come until you get new regents and you do not get new regents without a new governor."

Gov. Dolph Briscoe's present term does not expire, however, until January 1979.

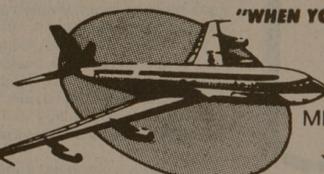
Dugger said of the regents' alleged disregard of faculty and student opinion: "If it is not stopped here, the example will spread to every boondocks state university in this state."

The rally was sponsored by a new coalition called Students Helping Academic Freedom at Texas (SHAFT).

Some students carried placards. One said, "Lorene, You Give Us Shivers All Over," a play on the name of regents chairman Allan Shivers, a banker who supported Dr. Rogers for president.

Several young people stood along Guadalupe Street at the edge of the campus with signs urging passing motorists to honk if they wanted Dr. Rogers to resign. Reporters driving along the street heard few, if any, honkers.

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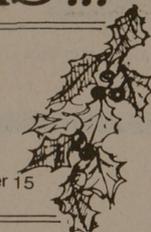
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