

Supreme Court looking into case

# Sick leave for pregnant women?

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WASHINGTON — Women's rights advocates see only a small ray of hope in the Supreme Court's agreement to look into sick-leave pay and seniority rights for pregnant women workers.

The high court Tuesday refused to reconsider its recent General Electric Co. decision that employers may lawfully exclude pregnancy from worker disability insurance plans. But the justices accepted two cases dealing with denial to women on maternity leave of accumulated sick leave and loss of seniority for job-bidding purposes.

Kathleen W. Peratis of the American Civil Liberties Union said anything different from the GE decision is bound to be a gain because the justices "couldn't do any worse" than they did in that opinion.

"We all get a little nervous when the court takes a civil rights case these days," she said.

Linda Colvard Dorian, general counsel for the International Women's Year and a former attorney at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, spoke in the same vein. She said legislation to overcome the effect of the GE decision will soon be introduced in Congress

and backed by a broad coalition of labor and women's interest groups.

The court's actions, before recessing until Feb. 22, included another refinement of the "Miranda warning" requirement for criminal suspects. It held that a suspect who comes voluntarily to the police station to discuss a crime need not be told of his right to silence and to an attorney, even though he is lied to and interrogated in private.

The justices ordered reconsideration of decisions involving school busing and housing in Toledo, Ohio, and Indianapolis respectively, to determine whether there was intentional discrimination against blacks. Intent is the key, since the court has ruled that a constitutional violation may not rest on effect alone.

The court also:

— Denied a request by Indiana to reconsider last year's ruling that parents may not veto abortions for unwed minors.

— Refused to schedule a quick decision as to federal court jurisdiction in the government's giant anti-trust suit against the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. The issue of whether such a regulated company is immune from antitrust attack goes to the U.S. Court of Appeals here.

— Agreed in a New York case to decide whether city officials can be sued under federal civil rights law if money sought as restitution comes out of public funds.

— Agreed to decide whether federal judges may authorize FBI agents to record numbers dialed at a particular telephone and whether the telephone company may be ordered to cooperate.

## Language classes planning summer overseas studies

The modern language department at Texas A&M University will be sponsoring three summer foreign study programs in 1977.

Foreign language students in Spanish, French and German are eligible for the six week courses and may earn six hours of Texas A&M credit.

The French department is planning a combined study and sight-seeing trip to be headquartered in

La Rochelle.

A two week tour of Spain and then concentrated study at the University of Compostela at Santiago will complete the Spanish course.

Dr. Richard Costa will be the adviser during the Spain trip and Gretchen Schmidt will guide the French group.

A similar program is planned for German students.

— Laura Brockman

## Soviet rebel Sakharov threatened with arrest

By EMIL SVEILIS  
United Press International  
MOSCOW — Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet Union's leading dissident, is under threat of arrest and prosecution if he continues to issue

"slandorous concoctions" against his country, Soviet authorities said.

Sakharov, 55, was called Tuesday before Soviet Union's deputy general prosecutor in the most serious confrontation ever between the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize-winner and Soviet authorities.

It came in response to his statement of possible official involvement in a Jan. 8 Moscow subway explosion. Reportedly a bomb killed between five and seven persons and wounded 20 others.

The charges stemmed from a letter Sakharov released a week after the blast calling for an international investigation into its cause. Sakharov maintains the explosion may have been staged to discredit the dissident movement.

Sakharov, known as the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, said he was given an "especially serious warning" by Sergei Gusev, the Soviet Union's deputy general prosecutor.

According to Tass news agency, the prosecutor accused him of disseminating "deliberately false slanderous concoctions" about Soviet involvement in the subway explosion.

Sakharov told Western journalists he did not directly accuse Soviet secret police of setting the explosion, but expressed fears the blast may have been sanctioned by high officials.

Tass said Sakharov's letter contained elements "which smear the Soviet state and social system and is therefore punishable according to the criminal code."

## Names in the news

### Mayor Beame standing tall

New York City Mayor Abraham Beame's visitors generally tower over his 5-foot-2-inch frame, but yesterday the mayor stood even with a guest — except for the ears. Mickey Mouse, about 5-foot-4 counting the distinctive black ears, gave Beame a globe depicting Disney World scenes.



BEAME

### Second Lady rejoins co-op

Second Lady Joan Mondale plans to continue participating in a fruit and vegetable cooperative

she started several years ago. The vice president's wife missed her turns in the co-op during the campaign but resumed participation around Thanksgiving and plans to continue, according to press aide Bess Abell. There are about 30 families in the cooperative, each paying \$5 a week for fresh fruits and vegetables which would cost twice as much in a retail store. Mrs. Mondale will be on duty every eighth week. She will price available produce, place an order for the entire group and pick it up at a fresh air market in northeast Washington.

### Author Haley honorary Texan

The Black Caucus of the Texas Legislature will make Alex Haley, the author of "Roots," an honorary Texan today. The black legislators will give Haley a Texas flag and a commendatory resolution at a noon reception in Austin.

### Sen. Byrd still 'a hillbilly'

Robert C. Byrd is the Senate's new majority leader but he still pictures himself as a hillbilly. Following an address on the nation's energy needs to the American Mining Congress yesterday, the West Virginia senator reached for his fiddle. Calling the fiddle "a good resource and proper energy," Byrd played directly mountain songs "Rye Whiskey" and "Cumberland Gap." His applause was loud. "You can't hillbillies wherever you go," Byrd beamed.



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## Mondale takes West Berlin tour pledges to uphold commitment

United Press International  
BERLIN — Vice President Walter Mondale stared at the Berlin wall for the first time in his life today and walked away visibly shaken.

The vice president, on an emotional tour of the city, pledged to uphold America's commitments to Berlin with "whatever means necessary."

"The presence of American troops and those of our allies are living proof of our pledge to honor this commitment," he said.

Mondale, accompanied by West Berlin Mayor Klaus Schuetz, viewed the wall from the "Kennedy Observation Post" — at a point where the wall cuts a once busy thoroughfare.

He stared in silence. Across the concrete and barbed wire, two East German policemen stared back.

Moments later, he descended the wooden stairs. Pale and trembling, he strode to a group of reporters.

"In the course of history, there have been many walls built," Mondale said. "But most were built to keep the enemy out. This one has been built to keep the people in."

"We can only pray that progress will see the day when this kind of wall will disappear and all people will be able to share values that we

cherish, such as freedom and democracy."

Knots of men and women applauded Mondale as he drove through the city on a brief visit that he said was a symbolic show of unwavering commitment to a city, divided by the Communist wall since 1961.

Mondale later left for Rome, the next stop on his 10-day international tour.

At one point, Mondale jumped out of his car and walked over to shake hands with some of the crowd.

The eyes of some women glistened with tears as they reached out to touch his hand.

"Tell the American people I love

your president," said Mrs. Bower, 77, who shook hands vigorously. "We appreciate you are working to keep our country free."

Mondale leaned over and

her on the cheek.

At city hall, Mondale said he asked that he convey his determination that the U.S. stand by its commitment to see that Berlin

The Berlin stop followed a day visit to West Germany. Mondale won assurances from Chancellor Helmut Schmidt that West Germany will continue to honor its "additional obligations" on sales of nuclear technology to other parties.

## Spring semester enrollment expected to keep going up

Texas A&M University's spring semester enrollment has already surpassed 25,000 and is expected to be even higher when final tabulations are compiled Feb. 1.

Registrar Robert A. Lacey said Monday the University begins the second week of the spring semester with a record 25,538 students enrolled here on the main campus; a

10.5 per cent increase over the same period last year. Registrar Lacey said the enrollment at the Moody College in Galveston is 438, up 30.7 percent.

This spring's enrollment exceeded only by that of last fall's mid-term graduation, enrollment traditionally drops for the semester. Mid-term graduation year totaled 1,418.

Friday was the final day for enrolling for classes, but final enrollment are not yet complete on some campuses, particularly those which once weekly.

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<p><b>THURSDAY EVENING SPECIAL</b> Italian Candle Light Spaghetti Dinner SERVED WITH SPICED MEAT BALLS AND SAUCE Parmesan Cheese - Tossed Green Salad Choice of Salad Dressing - Hot Garlic Bread Tea or Coffee</p>		
<p><b>FRIDAY EVENING SPECIAL</b> BREADED FISH FILET w/TARTAR SAUCE Cole Slaw Hush Puppies Choice of one vegetable Roll or Corn Bread &amp; Butter Tea or Coffee</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY NOON AND EVENING SPECIAL</b> "Yankee Pot Roast Texas Style" Tossed Salad Choice of one vegetable Roll or Corn Bread &amp; Butter Tea or Coffee</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY SPECIAL NOON AND EVENING</b> ROAST TURKEY DINNER Served with Cranberry Sauce Cornbread Dressing Roll or Corn Bread - Butter - Coffee or Tea Giblet Gravy And your choice of any One vegetable</p>

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