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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

Language classes planning summer overseas studies

La Rochelle.

French group.

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

Foreign language students in Spanish, French and German are el-igible 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

A two week tour of Spain and then concentrated study at the Uni-

versity 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

A similar program is planned for German students.

- Laura Brockman

and backed by a broad coalition of labor and women's interest groups. The court's actions, before recess-

ing 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 respective-ly, 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 antitrust suit against the American Tele-phone & 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

Names in the news do

Mayor Beame standing tall

New York City Mayor Abraham Beame's visitors generally tower over his 5-foot-2 inch frame, but yesthe terday mayor stood even with a guest — except for the ears.

BEAME Mickey Mouse, about 5-foot-4 counting the distinctive black ears, gave Beame a globe depicting Disney World

Second Lady rejoins co-op

scenes.

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.

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applause was loud. "You can hillbillies wherever you p Byrd beamed.

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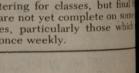
BERLIN — Vice President Wal-ter Mondale stared at the Berlin wall for the first time in his life today and walked away visibly sha-

wooden stairs.

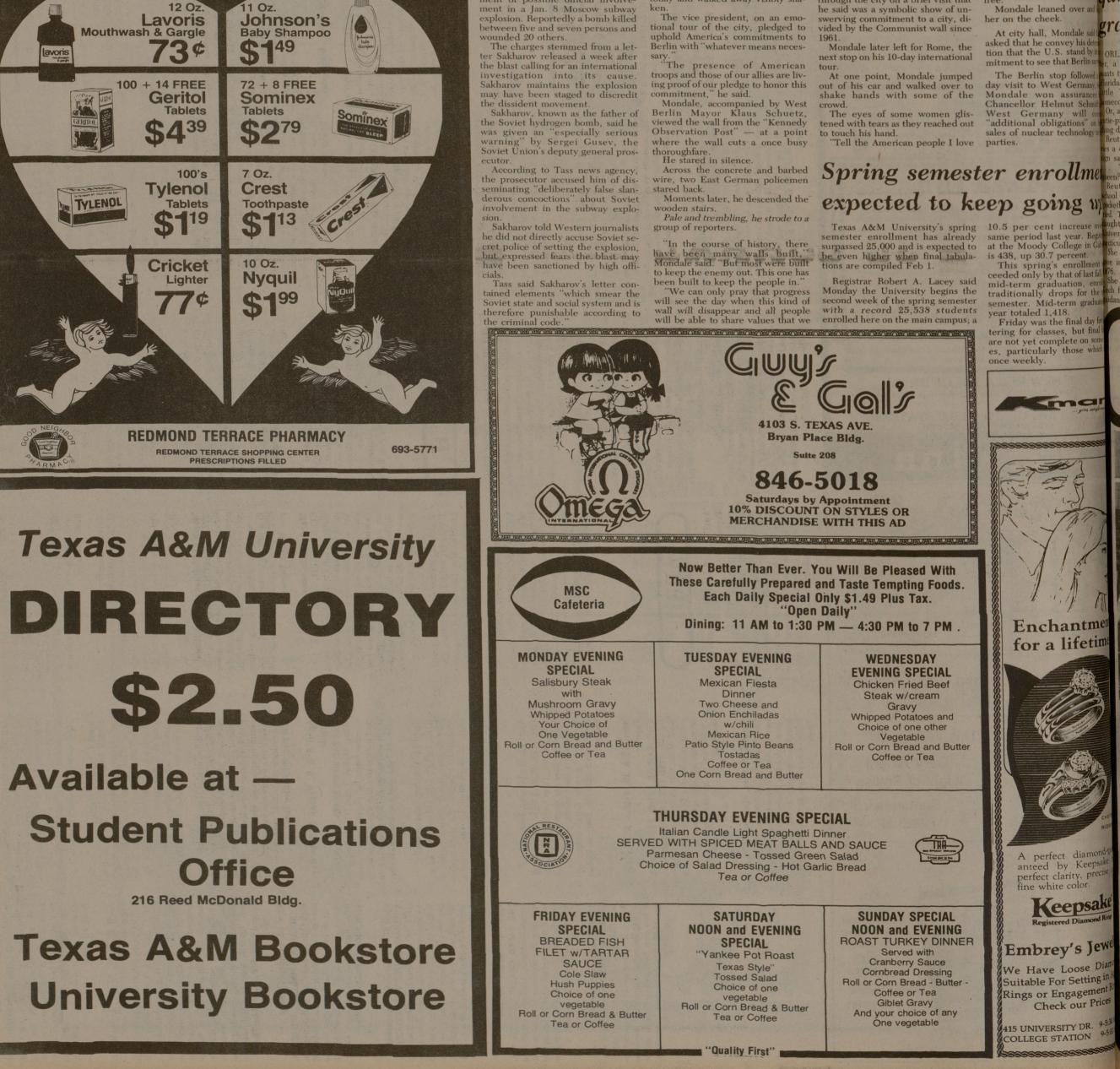
group of reporters.

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your president," said Ma Ho Bower, 77, who shook has vigorously. "We appreciate he Knots of men and women applauded Mondale as he drove through the city on a brief visit that are working to keep our a free.



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By EMIL SVEILIS country, Soviet authorities said **United Press International** MOSCOW - Andrei Sakharov, the Soveit Union's leading dissident, is under threat of arrest and confrontation ever between the 1975 prosecution if he continues to issue

Soviet rebel Sakharov

Sakharov, 55, was called Tuesday before Soviet Union's deputy gen-eral prosecutor in the most serious

Nobel Peace Prize-winner and Soviet authorities. It came in response to his state-ment of possible official involve-

