

# Supreme Court upholds union seniority system with 7-2 vote

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, on a 7-2 vote, yesterday upheld union seniority systems even though they may perpetuate race or sex discrimination forbidden by the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Justice Potter Stewart wrote for the majority that Congress made

clear "a seniority system is not unlawful because it honors employees' existing rights, even where the employer has engaged in pre-act discriminatory hiring or promotion practices."  
The intent was not to "destroy or water down" these rights, he said. The majority held the seniority

system adhered to by the Teamsters union and T.I.M.E.-D.C. discourages all transfers regardless of race. The opinion said employees who can prove themselves victims of post-act discrimination in hiring are eligible for seniority retroactive to the time of the refusal. They need not actually have applied if they can show they should have been treated as applicants.

In another major labor ruling, the court held 8 to 0 in an Ohio case that neither federal law nor the Constitution prevents a state from denying jobless compensation to a worker laid off because of a strike elsewhere.  
The justices also struck down 5 to 4 an East Cleveland, Ohio, zoning ordinance restricting the number of relatives and grandchildren who can live in a single-family home.

# Duplex construction increases in Texas

Duplexes, according to the latest figures, are becoming more popular with Texans.  
Research economists Dr. Arthur Wright and Tom Goen say the number of duplexes built in the state has jumped 88 percent between 1975 and 1976. The 2,425 new units were an increase of 95 percent over 1974. Wright and Goen work for the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M.

Real estate investors see duplex homes an investment vehicle and tax shelter. Tax advantages and financial conditions encourage a great deal of construction which would not be financially feasible.  
Wright and Goen said that the handyman investor can further enhance returns by managing and maintaining such a property in his spare time.

The court also accepted for argument next term a Georgia case dealing with the rights of juveniles whose parents want to commit them to a mental institution.  
In an expected action, the court refused to stay the jail sentences of former Attorney General John Mitchell and ex-White House Aide H. R. Haldeman. The two want to ask for reconsideration of their appeal turned down a week ago.

A number of conditions contributed to this increased interest in duplex housing, they say. The lower cost of duplex construction makes it affordable for many young couples. By renting half the duplex, they can reduce their shelter cost, and enjoy many of the benefits of home ownership.  
The parent with a child in college

However, many people are buying or building duplexes today without knowing what their real goals for the duplex are, how well the duplex will satisfy their needs, normal operating costs and revenues to expect or how to analyze the duplex's financial capabilities goals.

In other actions the court:  
✓ Struck Mississippi's court-ordered legislative reapportionment plan because it fails to meet the basic requirement that districts be "as nearly of equal population as is practicable."  
✓ Affirmed in a brief order a lower court's decision that New

# Summer school veterans must show fee slips

Veterans and dependents attending the first summer session at Texas A&M University on the GI Bill must show their paid fee slips to the Veterans Administration office in Hart Hall before June 7.  
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