

Supreme Court ends term by killing Ohio death penalty

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ended its 1977-78 term with a climactic ruling striking down the capital punishment in Ohio, where 101 prisoners are under sentence of death. Justice Warren Burger, writing the leading opinion for a 5-4 majority, said the Ohio law violated the Constitution's requirement for "induced consideration" in each case.

Civil liberties lawyers say they now expect all those on Ohio's Death Row — the second largest in the nation, after Florida's — to get reduced sentences of life in prison.

The same fate was expected for those in Arizona, which has 24 awaiting execution under a somewhat similar law. Together, they account for more than one-fifth of the total 487 persons in America now awaiting execution.

In another ruling the National Association of Broadcasters called "a harsh blow to the freedom of expression of every person in this country," the justices upheld 5-4 a ban against airing of seven "dirty words" during hours when children might be listening.

Justice John Paul Stevens, in upholding the ban, cited the unique characteristics of broadcasting, society's right to protect children from "inappropriate speech," and the interests of adults not to be assaulted with offensive speech. Justices Potter Stewart, William Brennan, Byron White and Thurgood Marshall dissented.

The court also took these major actions in a flurry of opinions and orders before recessing until Oct. 2:

—Let stand orders by U.S. District Judge Frank Johnson Jr. spelling out minimum constitutional standards to be observed by Alabama authorities operating prisons, but ordered the state and its Correction Board removed as defendants from an inmates' lawsuit based on prison conditions, saying they were immune from such federal court action under the Constitution's 11th Amendment.

—Followed up its ruling on the Allan Bakke "reverse discrimination" case by rejecting challenges to a model affirmative action program adopted by AT&T, to make up for past discrimination against women, blacks and other minorities.

—Denied a hearing to a Dallas television reporter who wanted permission to film Texas executions.

—Let stand rulings requiring police officials and the District of Columbia government to pay damages to 1,200 persons arrested during a 1971 anti-war rally on the Capitol steps.

Kodak ordered to 'tell all' in photo anti-trust decision

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NEW YORK — Berkey Photo, Inc., a relatively small New York firm, has been awarded more than \$86 million by a U.S. District Court judge as the result of its successful anti-trust action against the giant Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, N.Y.

The final judgement, signed Monday, awarded Berkey \$81 million in damages plus unspecified costs and lawyers fees of \$5.6 million.

The order will not be enforced until there is a decision on Kodak's appeal of the jury judgment that the firm it used its technological dominance to monopolize the amateur photographic business.

The final order provided that Kodak cease selling color photographic paper with any mark identifying Kodak as the maker or distributor of the paper.



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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Renewed artillery fire Tuesday shattered the fourth cease-fire in six days between Syrian troops and Christian militiamen who have frightened residents of East Beirut to underground shelters.

The boom of the explosions could be clearly heard as the Phalangist radio announcer went on the air.

"We don't know why they unleashed all this fire again. It came as a complete surprise. I was out at the bakery shop across the street when the first rocket shell landed 50 yards from me," a Christian housewife said.

A Phalangist official said the shelling was preceded by sniper fire on the southeast Christian suburb of Ain Rummaneh, the scene of some of the worst clashes of the past three days.

Earlier Tuesday, President Elias Sarkis held urgent talks in a futile effort to consolidate the latest

cease-fire and residents of the Christian neighborhood emerged warily from their basements and stairwells to inspect the damage to their homes.

Christian officials and press reports placed casualties for the three days of fighting at least 80 dead, mostly civilians. But hospital officials Tuesday said although casualties were heavy, most were not fatal and the death count was probably lower than published estimates.

Mounting friction between the Syrians and the Christians had erupted into fighting twice earlier in the year. But the latest clashes were the most serious and were seen as a showdown between the Syrians and militiamen who believe Damascus has sided with their Palestinian civil war adversaries.

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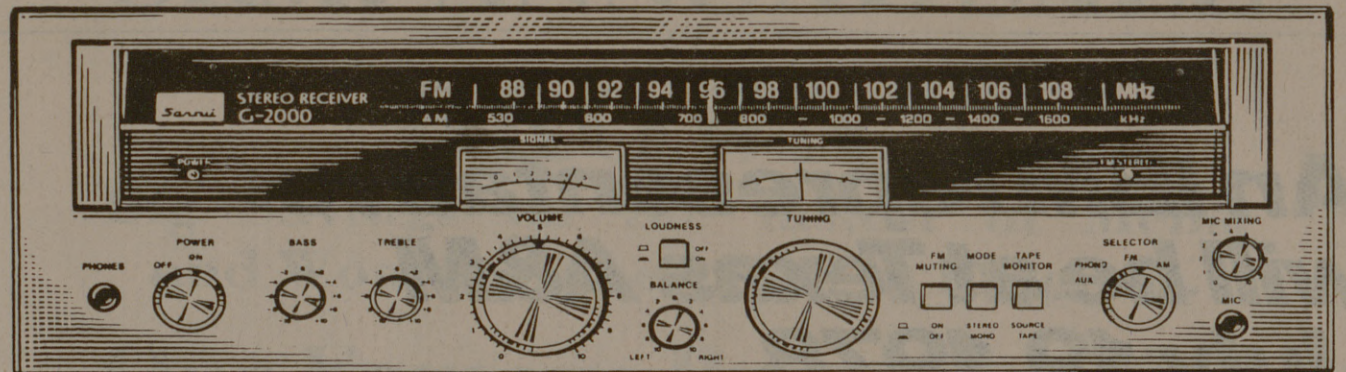
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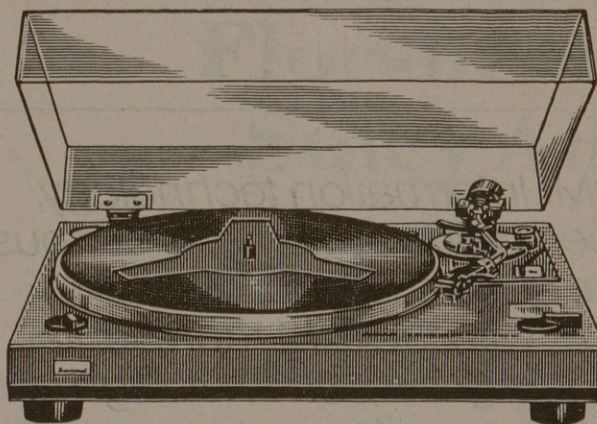


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