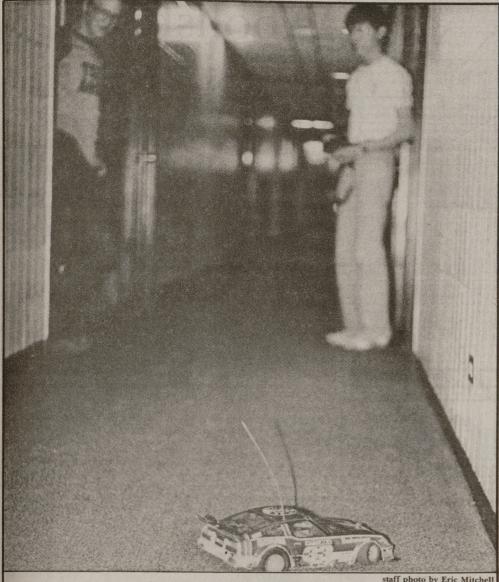


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Safer form of racing

Richard Khouw, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Dallas, races his radio-controlled car down the fourth floor of Dunn Hall

while Rodney Walther, a junior science major computer Houston, watches the car's progress down the hall.

During his early days at the Interior Department, Fortas forged close ties to Puerto Rico, staff photo by Eric Mitchell and the territorial government became one of the first big clients to sign on with Arnold, Fortas & Porter after its crea-

from A one-time Yale law profes-sor, he founded the prestigious Washington law firm, and built a

A hospital spokesman said an autopsy would determine the

Funeral arrangements were

pending. Seckinger said Fortas is survived by his wife, Caroline Agger Fortas and other relatives

in Tennessee and Africa. There

weeks before his death, for

arguments in a case involving a legislative vacancy in Puerto

Fortas, who resigned under fire in 1969, made his first official return to the Supreme Court on March 22, exactly two

exact cause of death.

are no children.

Rico.

WASHINGTON — Abe Forleading attorneys, with a lifestyle that belied his roots as the son of tas, the first Supreme Court justice to resign in the midst of poor Orthodox Jews who immiscandal and whose departure

High court justice dies

after controversial career

began a trend away from the li-beral policies of the Warren On the high court, Abe Court, died Monday night of an Fortas helped continue apparent heart attack. He was the liberal tradition Officials at Georgetown University Hospital said Fortas was pioneered under Chief admitted to the hospital Justice Earl Warren — emergency room at 8:40 p.m. coming down on the "Justice Fortas, we think, suf- coming down on the fered a cardiac arrest sometime sides of civil rights and the constitutional rights of chilbetween 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. civil liberties and ex- dren. last night (Monday)," Inga Seckpanding the constituinger, Fortas' secretary, said. "He was taken to Georgetown University Hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival."

> grated from England and settled in Memphis, Tenn.

Lyndon Johnson's closest advis- gures

reputation as one of the capital's ers, was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1965. Their friendship began in 1948, when Fortas succeeded in having Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black intervene on Johnson's behalf in a dispute in the Texas senatorial

primary. On the high court, Fortas helped continue the liberal tradition pioneered under Chief Justice Earl Warren -- coming down on the sides of civil rights and civil liberties and expanding

At the same time, Fortas tional rights of children. parted company with his liberal colleagues on several notable occasions, including cases in which they ruled against big business mergers and sought broader limits than he preferred Fortas, who had been one of on press criticism of public fi-

Fortas earned respect for his sharp legal mind. But after less

than three years on the bench, he was touched by scandal - opposition to his liberal court opinions and his close relationship with Johnson and questions about his acceptance of \$15,000 law school lecture fee

But it was conservative oppo sition to the "activist" Warren Court - and Fortas' role in it that prompted the Senate to block his nomination in 1968 as chief justice, casting a cloud that hung over Fortas through the end of his sometimes stormy te nure on the court.

Months later, new questions surfaced — this time about Fortas' ties to imprisoned financier Louis Wolfson - that set the stage for a move in Congress. that appeared headed for im-peachment proceedings.

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