

Immigration sweeps attract court probe

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to assess the federal immigration service's frequent use of surprise visits by agents to factories to seek out illegal aliens.

The justices will consider the government's appeal of a ruling that the Immigration and Naturalization Service's use of factory "surveys" to find illegal aliens violates the Constitution's guarantee against unreasonable search and seizure.

The INS has stepped up its sweeps through factories, especially in the garment industry, to seek out people illegally in the country. The service says the lower court ruling "almost completely destroys" one of its most effective enforcement techniques.

Plainclothes agents, acting on tips, enter a factory armed with a search warrant, or sometimes the owner's consent. Some agents remain at exits to prevent anyone from escaping. Accompanied by shouts of "la migra" — immigration — the agents tour the workplace, asking people about their citizenship.

The immigration appeal was sparked by inspections at two factories. In January 1977, agents apprehended 78 illegal aliens at the Southern California Davis Pleating Co. plant, which employs 300 people. A second raid in September 1977 yielded 39 illegal aliens.

In October 1977, immigration agents visited a second plant, Mr. Pleat, where half the 90 workers were illegal aliens.

The raids were challenged by

four workers who are not illegal aliens, but who said questioning during the visits violated Fourth Amendment protections.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a ruling favorable to the government and found the surveys illegal because they amounted to a seizure of the entire work force.

The justices today also: —Agreed to decide if Consumer Reports may be sued by a company dissatisfied with the monthly magazine's evaluation of its loudspeakers.

—Refused to lift a court order permitting the jailing of 73-year-old Mafia kingpin Carlos Marcello and former Louisiana Commissioner of Administration Charles Roemer II for their convictions in the FBI's Brilab investigation.

—Announced they will decide if courts may set timetables for the government to review claims for Social Security disability benefits.

—Steered clear of a free speech dispute over outdoor advertising, refusing to revive a Marietta, Ga., law that would have severely restricted use of temporary signs.



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Congressman attacks limitations on Court

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NEW YORK — Sen. Daniel Moynihan, D-N.Y., said Monday he would introduce a Constitutional amendment that would prevent Congress from stripping the Supreme Court of its jurisdiction on rights-related issues like prayer in public schools.

Speaking to delegates attending the American Newspaper Publishers Association convention, Moynihan criticized the media's handling last summer of legislation by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. to deny the court jurisdiction over any case relating to

voluntary prayer in public schools and public buildings.

Moynihan said while the reporting of the bill focused on the prayer issue it overlooked the aspect that it was an attempt to limit the court's powers.

The Helms measure never made it to the Senate floor for a vote because of a successful filibuster against it, but Moynihan said it would have passed if it had.

"Now, clearly, if the Supreme Court can be denied jurisdiction with respect to the First Amendment, it can be denied jurisdiction in any aspect, including the

one that states Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion, abridging the freedom of speech or the press," the senator said.

"Now what is disturbing that Congress, arguably, that power," he said.

Moynihan said he would introduce legislation to amend Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution, which states "the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions as under such regulations as Congress shall make."

Black voters urged to use their clout in 1984 election

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HARTFORD, Conn. — NAACP President Benjamin Hooks says black voters have the clout to have a strong influence on the 1984 presidential election, but an independent black candidate would ensure victory by a conservative Republican.

Hooks told more than 1,000 people attending the NAACP's Northeast Regional Convention Saturday black leaders will serve their constituents best by using

their power to shape the Democratic Party platform in 1984 and win concessions from the eventual nominee.

"We (the NAACP) are unilaterally opposed to a black candidate in the general election because it seems to us it would ensure the election of a Reagan-type candidate," he said.

Hooks said Harold Washington's recent victory as the first black mayor of Chicago was

clear evidence of the growing political power of blacks.

"The Washington vote symbolized the power of the black vote within the mainstream of the political system. The message from Chicago is loud and clear," he said. "The Democratic Party cannot take for granted; the Republican cannot ignore us. We will have a decisive voice in the election of the next president of the United States."

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