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House toughens smuggling stance

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WASHINGTON — A Texas con-gressman said Wednesday he was the only House member to vote against a bill to crack down on pilots involved in drug smuggling because "I think our drug laws are all wrong

"The whole system isn't working," said Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas. "The more laws that we pass, the more drug dealing that we get. I think our drug laws are all wrong and I intended this vote to be a protest of that.

The House, on a 393-1 vote Tues-day night, passed its version of legis-lation to toughen the penalties against pilots and owners of airplanes involved in drug-smuggling — much of it through remote airs-trips in Texas and other parts of the Southwest.

The Senate last September passed a similar bill and technical differences in the two versions are expected to be worked out in a House-Senate negotiating committee.

The legislation adopted Tuesday would expand to five years the li-cense revocation period for pilots involved in drug smuggling, but allow for a reduction to not less than a year at the discretion of the FAA administrator. It provides for a hear-ing process and judicial review of a revocation.

In addition, aircraft owners who let their planes be used for drug smuggling would lose their certificates for up to five years.

Released documents discuss Vietnam



Louisiana 'blue laws' nixed judge says they're unfair

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NEW ORLEANS - U.S. District Judge Charles Schwartz Wednesday threw out Louisiana's so-called blue law, saying the statute prohibiting the sale of certain items on Sunday is unclear.

"We are very delighted with the judge's ruling," said Robert Barkley, who represented two chain stores in the suit against the state. "Now you will be able to shop on Sunday."

Attorneys for the state said they would fully review the ruling and their options before deciding

whether to appeal. Barkley said he thinks the deci-sion sets a precedent for Sunday opening of retail outlets statewide. "I believe stores in Louisiana can

now open on Sunday," Barkley said. 'The decision applies across the state. A statute can't be constitu-tional in one part of the state and unconstitutional in another part of the state.

But Caddo Parish District Attorney Paul Carmouche said Schwartz's ruling is not binding on the western

federal district of Louisiana, which Gaylord's has another oute includes Shreveport.

Schwartz, ruling on a challenge of the law filed by Home Depot and Gaylords, said last month he would declare the statute unconstitutional unless the state could show a good reason why he should not.

"There is no new evidence to be introduced at this hearing," Schwartz said at Wednesday's hearing. "The court holds ... the statute is

unconstitutionally vague." Schwartz allowed Home Depot and Gaylord's to introduce two documents to show their gross sales, prompting assistant Attorney General Louis Jones to say, "There's no doubt if they are open (on Sunday), they are going to make money." But Schwartz denied a request by Bowater Homecenter Inc. of

Shreveport and Baton Rouge to join the suit and jump on the anti-blue law bandwagon.

Barkley said both Home Depot and Gaylord's have branches in Or-

Houma.

"The issues we raised have ne been raised in any federal a Barkley said. "It sure has been a time coming for Louisiana" He said the law is designed up vide a uniform day of rest, but 15 percent of the state's total force reports to jobs Sunday. B

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ley said retailers are unfairly pointed from working on the sabata "Why should a hardware s

close when grocery stores at lowed to open?" he asked. State District Judge Clarem McManus also struck down be sex a that Monday, saying it was uncom tional because it breeds unfaired Sout petition and is selectively enform The blue laws made excep for grocery and drug stores, and some special areas such a World's Fair and the French says) ter. But the prior to Schwarth ing, businesses that may open Sunday would be prohibited selling clothes, building mate

atomic reactor. A guard would been posted every 400 meters.

leans and Jefferson parishes, and furniture or appliances.

U.S. considered Viet 'iron curtain'

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WASHINGTON — The United States in 1966 considered building an "iron curtain" across South Vietnam, infusing the soil with atomic dust and mustard gas to stop Viet Cong infiltration, declassified documents show.

Another previously top-secret re-port said the Air Force used C-130s to drop chemicals designed to "des-tabilize" the soil in areas of Laos across which the North Vietnamese moved supplies. At least two tests of the so-called

"Commando Lava" program were conducted

before the unusual scheme was apparently abandoned.

The documents were released to CBS Inc. as it prepared to defend itself against charges brought in a \$120 million libel suit by retired Army Gen. William Westmoreland. Westmoreland claims the network

libeled him in a 1982 documentary, "The Uncounted Enemy: A Viet-nam Deception," that said he and others minimized enemy troop strength to make it look like the United States was winning the war.

the infiltration barrier, which was proposed in February 1966 by Sec-

Gen. Earl Wheeler, head of the joint chiefs of staff, shows he was ordered to assess the viability of the "McNamustard gas - outlawed by international law --- was considered. The same day, Gen. Harold John-

Johnson also recommended military, "seed the cleared stript atomic dust (radioactive isotope although it noted the idea wat son, chief of staff of the Army, pre-pared a memorandum to Wheeler that included a "talking paper for my use in discussions with the secretary of defense." The paper detailed plans for a 10-mile-wide "buffer practical at the time. zone" apparently patterned after the Berlin Wall.

"By 1980, it is estimated that si cient radioactive isotopes would available to saturate 150 sque The zone, which Johnson esti-mated would take one year to build, would be cleared by defoliating miles," Johnson wrote. agents and would contain a series of Johnson also suggested the a tary "saturate the cleared stript 500-meter-wide strips peppered with about 11 million anti-personnel mines and 412,500 anti-tank mines.

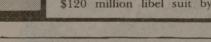
persistent chemical gas. Disrega ing the political restrictions method is feasible. Mustard gas Down the middle of the zone would be 843,720 fence posts fes-tooned with barbed wire, 72,000 floodlights and 1,800 12-inch rotat-ing searchlights powered by a_small prolonged persistency and could used at a cost of approximz \$5,000 per kilometer for a strip. meters wide.

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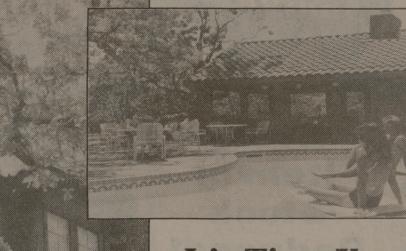
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Infiltration is a key issue in both the documentary and the libel suit. CBS obtained the information on

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mara Line" without regard to cost or political impact, which explains why



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