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in Genoa carrying false passports be-fore the Italian ship began its Mediterranean cruise.

Abbas said in court that he was a distant cousin of Mohammed Abbas, leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, one of the smallest and most radical of the factions comprising the Palestine Liberation Organiza-

Prosecutor Luigi Carli stopped short of naming the person who al-legedly planned the hijack, but he repeatedly referred to defendant Mohammed Issa Abbas as "a relative of the mastermind.'

Carli asked for sentences ranging from 4½ to 9 years. The charges carried a maximum of 12 years imprisonment.

The lightest sentence of four years was given to Ahmed Marrouf al-Assadi. Investigators said al-Assadi cooperated with them, and several witnesses have described him as

being kind to the hostages.
Youssef Magied al-Molqi, the self-described leader of the group, drew an eight-year sentence; Ibrahim Fatayer Abdel-Latif got seven years and three months; and Bassam al-Ashker, the youngest of the defendants at 19, was sentenced to six

After the hijackers surrendered, U.S. jet fighters forced an Egyptian airliner carrying Mohammed Abbas and the four hijackers to land in Sicily, where the four were arrested. Mohammed Abbas was allowed to leave, despite protests by the U.S. government.

None of the defendants denied involvement in the affair. But they did not talk about the murder of Leon Klinghoffer, the American passenger who was shot and tossed overboard in his wheelchair.

However, in a written statement presented to the court, al-Molqi described his Kalashnikov automatic rifle and said it was the one "I used for the most serious crime for which I am accused."

The prosecution maintained that Mohammed Issa Abbas and two top aides to Mohammed Abbas were instrumental in bringing the four au-tomatic weapons and eight hand grenades used by the hijackers into

Al-Assadi testified that the weap-ons were hidden in a red Renault 9 brought to Genoa from Tunis aboard a ferry by two "confidants" of Mohammed Abbas, the PLO offiProblem Pregnancy?

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Bill Pisciella, an engineering tea-cher in a mostly black Houston Independent School District high school, said a school project to be carried on a space shuttle mission next month was threatened because the number of students eligible for the extracurricular activity had dropped by more than a third.

"Its effect on my program has This year, four been traumatic," he said. "These are minorities."

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have an American jury, having heard the medical and scientific

evidence presented by both sides,

programs are really impossible when you have a high degree of failures.'

But under cross examination, Pisciella said he could not explain why the number of students in his project checks. fell from 24 a year ago to seven this

"It's not all no pass, no play," he said. "I can't say. I don't know why."
He also acknowledged that of the 24 students in the program last year, about one-third were minorities. This year, four of the seven students

They're disgruntled because this has impacted on their programs," O'Hanlon said of the witnesses. "That's how they get their pay-

Sheppard has said he will call about a dozen witnesses to describe how the rule has affected different parts of the state.

O'Hanlon said it was uncertain whether he would be calling any wit-

The trial was expected to last about three days.

pledges any proceeds to the public good. Belli says he will donate

Liability trial will focus on smokers' addiction Belli sought out the Galbraith Belli said he would seek out smokers for the jury, since they will better understand his claim family — a practice prohibited by California law unless the attorney

of addiction. But Reynolds' attorney John Strauch said cigarette smoking does not meet three tests of addiction — that the addict in-creases dosages, that he suffers withdrawals when he quits and that his addiction interferes with social and work activities.

case linking cigarette smoking to heart disease, cancer and lung disorders than he had in the past.

Strauch said he would argue that the issue is one of personal responsibility. People may chose to smoke or not, he said, adding that the tobacco industry does not believe conclusive tests have linked smoking to human dis-

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### find that cigarettes cause human illness and especially, Mr. Galbr-aith's death," said Paul Monzione, any income he receives from the However, Belli, one of the nacase to cancer research. tion's leading personal injury law-yers, said he believes he can win. associate to attorney Melvin Belli, Unlike previous cases, Belli said this trial will focus on smokwho is handling the case for Gaibraith's widow, Elayne, of Stanton, and son and daughter. Belli has brought similar cases against Reynolds and lost them all, the first time 25 years ago. ers' addiction and on new scienevidence linking smoking

brought before, but Reynolds spokesmen say the tobacco indus-try has never been found liable

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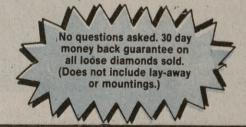
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