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Pro-choice activists converge, petition court to let Roe stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Bush administration pushing the Supreme Court to overturn its landmark abortion decision, abortion rights advocates are converging on the nation's capital this weekend for what they expect will be their largest demonstration.

They believe the stakes are higher than any time since the court's 1973 decision legalizing abortion and are determined to pick up the gauntlet Bush has thrown down.

"We have been silent far too long," said Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Tens of thousands of students from 500 college campuses are coming, mothers are bringing their daughters and granddaughters, a delegation from Capitol Hill will be there, and dozens of celebrities are flying in from Hollywood for the Sunday march, organizers say.

The goal is to make the weekend a turning point in the national abortion debate. Organizers feel that anti-abortion advocates have so far carried the day by focusing the question on when life begins. Instead, they feel the issue is whether the government should intervene in what they believe should be a private decision.

"Nobody likes abortion," Michelman said. "It's a difficult choice, and there are a lot of issues that women have to weigh when faced with a crisis pregnancy. Women don't have abortions they want, they have abortions they need."

Organizers are reluctant to predict how many will turn out for the demonstration, but they expect the number will be far larger than the 90,000 who gathered for a March 1986 pro-choice rally in Washington.

At least one anti-abortion group plans to mount a counterdemonstration of up to 300 people on the day of the march.

The engine revving the weekend's events is the Supreme Court and its pending decision on a Missouri case that could reverse or severely limit the high court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion. Oral arguments in the case are scheduled for later this month.

The Reagan administration also pushed to overturn Roe vs. Wade and failed. But since the issue last came before the court, two new justices have been seated and Justice Lewis Powell, a key defender of the 1973 decision, has retired.

Of the newcomers, Justice Antonin Scalia is thought to favor overturning or curtailing the decision. Justice Anthony Kennedy's views on the ruling are not known, but some observers think there may now be a one-vote majority for changing the law.

"Women have felt abortion always would be legal, but now that it's clear there's a clear and present danger they're responding," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Fund for the Feminist Majority.

The message of the march is directed at the nine justices who will decide the case, and who organizers say are not immune to public opinion.

"They understand public opinion," said Molly Yard, president of the National Organization for Women.

Polish government lifts 7-year ban on Solidarity

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A government minister said Thursday the seven-year ban on Solidarity would be lifted immediately, and Lech Walesa urged supporters to put their "political victory" into action by organizing nationwide.

"The process of legalization of Solidarity should be completed between April 15 and April 20," said Sports Minister Aleksander Kwasniewski, a chief negotiator for the communist government in two months of talks with the opposition that concluded Wednesday in a broad accord.

Kwasniewski said the Sejm, or parliament, would meet Friday to enact the agreements on trade union freedoms, economic reforms and political changes, including creation of the first freely elected legislative body in the East bloc.

Walesa, looking relaxed at a news conference after a grueling week of negotiations, outlined the tasks his independent trade union faces. But he warned that the agreement could lead to disaster if Poland failed to take advantage of the changes.

"The most important task for today is to write applications immediately all over the country to provincial governors and city mayors so we get the technical possibility to organize as soon as possible," Walesa said.

On the national level, the union plans to form an organizing committee as early as this weekend to apply for formal registration by submitting a new union charter in court, said top Solidarity adviser Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

"Today we as Poland have a great victory, but a political victory — a theoretical one which may turn out to be a victory or a disaster if we are not able to make use of it," Walesa said.

"If we are not able to work in the economic field to have more, produce more and better and in the political field to represent ourselves well . . . nice slogans will only stay slogans," Walesa said.

The government daily *Rzeczpospolita* called the agreements sealed by Walesa and Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak, the interior minister, a breakthrough that created a chance that must not be wasted by "false solutions, sham ambitions or ignorance of realities."

Stanislaw Ciosek, a Politburo member and participant in the talks, said the agreement was a step toward reforms undertaken by the Communist Party, but it would not solve all of Poland's problems.

"These reforms have made the prospect of satisfying the working class much closer," Ciosek said.

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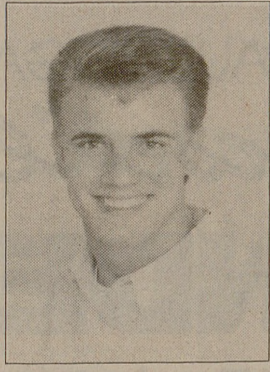
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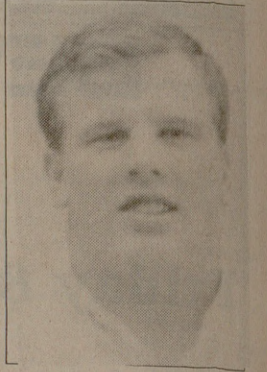
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