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WORLD & NATION

Friday, December 1, 1989

Lawyers ask Supreme Court to rule parents must be told about abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to rule that most young girls have no right to abortions without first telling their parents.

The justices, who have allowed limits on the availability of abortions for minors in the past, questioned lawyers defending and attacking parental-notification laws in Minnesota and Ohio.

In two hours of relatively narrow arguments, they gave no sign they are considering the broader possibility of scrapping the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion — an idea much discussed outside the court whenever they take up any abortion case.

"The court showed no interest in overturning a woman's constitutional right to abortion," Cleveland lawyer Linda Sogg said after the argument session in which she attacked the Ohio law.

Minnesota Chief Deputy Attorney General John Tunheim agreed. "I don't think Roe should be on the table in this case," he told reporters af-

ter defending his state law before the court.

Last July, the court voted 5-4 to give states more authority to regulate abortions for all women. Four justices appeared ready to go even further and overturn Roe vs. Wade, but Justice Sandra Day O'Connor refused.

Groups on both sides of the abortion issue had looked to the court this term to help clarify its allegiance to the 1973 decision.

But settlement of an Illinois dispute over regulating abortion clinics — a case that was to be argued before the justices next month — may have eliminated the greatest immediate threat to Roe vs. Wade. The Illinois settlement still must be approved by a federal judge.

O'Connor is expected to play the pivotal role again in the Minnesota and Ohio cases, to be decided by July. At issue in both are laws requiring parents to be notified before abortions are performed on unmarried girls under 18 who are still supported by parents.

About half the nation's laws require parental notification — or even parental consent — in such cases, but most of the laws have been validated after court challenges.

Nationwide, about 40 percent of the nearly 1 million teen-agers who become pregnant each year seek abortions.

Of the 1.5 million legal abortions performed annually since 1973, about 12 percent — 180,000 a year — have been for girls 17 and younger.

The Ohio law requires that one of a minor's parents be notified by a doctor at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed.

According to the Ohio law, the girl can tell her parent if she persuades a judge she is mature enough to make the decision on her own or that telling her parents is not in her best interest.

The Minnesota law requires that the minor's two biological parents be notified at least 48 hours before she has an abortion.

Romanian gymnastic star defects

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Nadia Comaneci, the Olympic gymnastics champion who disappeared from her native Romania in an apparent defection, may be at the U.S. Embassy in Switzerland, her coach said Thursday.

Embassy officials, however, denied she was there, adding another twist to the mystery surrounding the 1976 Olympic champion, who crossed the border into Hungary in the pre-dawn hours Tuesday.

"As far as I know, she is probably in the U.S. Embassy in Berne," Bela Karolyi told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Stuttgart, West Germany, where he is coaching a West German women's gymnastics team.

"She is waiting to get some travel papers," Karolyi, who defected to the United States in 1981 and became a citizen in May, said. He lives in Houston.

Michael Korff, a U.S. Embassy

spokesman in Berne, told the AP: "We can categorically deny that she is at the U.S. Embassy waiting for her travel papers. . . I've talked to everybody at the embassy. She isn't

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Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler said "we have had absolutely no hints whatsoever that she has been in Switzerland."

Asked about the possibility of a reunion with his former pupil in Stuttgart, where his team is competing, Karolyi said: "There is a possibility, but she obviously needs some travel documents."

On Wednesday told the AP he was "ready to help her in any manner if she needs it."

Karolyi said he had not spoken with Comaneci since her flight, although he told the U.S. Gymnastics Federation in Indianapolis: "My kid is looking for me."

Federation spokesman Patti Auer said she had no idea where Comaneci was or whether she planned to travel to the United States.

"As far as we know she has not contacted the U.S. Embassy," Auer said. "As far as we know she's going to Bela first."

She said Karolyi called from Stuttgart, and "he knows she's looking for him."

Gorbachev calls summit for '90 to speed European integration

ROME (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev proposed Thursday that a summit of European nations, the United States and Canada be held next year to speed up the integration of Europe and eliminate East-West divisions.

Gorbachev said the meeting he called "Helsinki 2" should be moved up from 1992 as originally called for under the 1975 Helsinki Accords on human rights and security in Europe.

He made the proposal in a speech from the Michelangelo-designed Campidoglio, Rome's city hall, where the treaty was signed in 1957 establishing the European Common Market.

Gorbachev said the sweeping changes in Eastern Europe are irrevocable. He insisted they do not signal "the collapse of socialism," but rather the further development of a concept with noble goals and "enormous humanistic and democratic potential."

On the eve of his historic meeting with Pope John

Paul II, Gorbachev said that Soviets have changed their attitude toward religion and now believe religious values can help in the restructuring of Soviet society.

Gorbachev's 20-minute speech, delivered while standing in front of a 12-foot-high statue of Julius Caesar, was interrupted three times by applause from several hundred dignitaries. At the end, they stood and clapped politely.

Expanding on his desire to build "a common European home," Gorbachev said recent events, presumably the dramatic rush toward reform in Eastern Europe, "underscore the desirability of an all-European summit, a Helsinki 2 meeting. We could consider advancing its date from 1992 to, say, as early as 1990."

The Soviet Union had been pressing for an international human rights conference to be held in Moscow next year as part of the Security and Cooperation in Europe.

W. German terrorists kill banker

BAD HOMBURG, West Germany (AP) — The terrorist Red Army Faction, dormant for three years, killed West Germany's most powerful banker Thursday by blowing apart his armored Mercedes with a light-sensitive bomb on a bicycle.

Alfred Herrhausen was chairman of Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest, and one of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's chief economic advisers.

Police said the banker's bomb apparently was placed on a street of his spa town outside Frankfurt, where the 59-year-old banker lived, and detonated by a sophisticated light-beam device he drove by on his way to work.

They said it was the first time terrorists had used such a detonator in West Germany.

Federal criminal police offered a reward of up to \$2.2 million, one of the largest ever in West Germany.

Police with helicopters were searching for two men seen leaving the area. A stolen white Lancia believed to have been used in the getaway was found abandoned in a Frankfurt suburb.

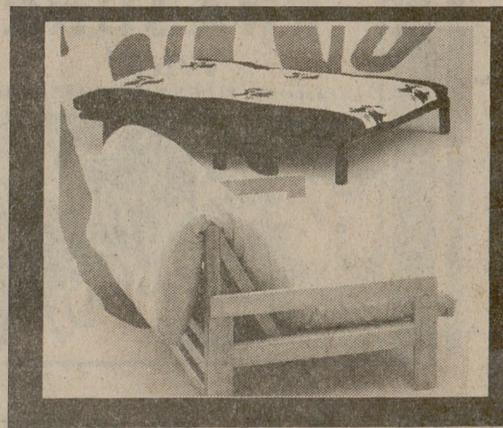
"For a long time, the Deutsche Bank and Herrhausen in particular have been targeted by the Red Army Faction," Hans-Joergen Foerster, spokesman for the chief federal prosecutor's office, said. He said the ultra-leftists accuse Deutsche Bank of financing a worldwide "military-industrial complex."

The explosion turned Herrhausen's armored limousine into a heap of twisted metal.

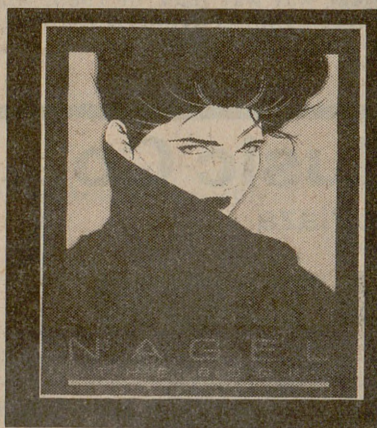
His driver, Jakob Nix, was seriously injured, but police said his condition was not critical.

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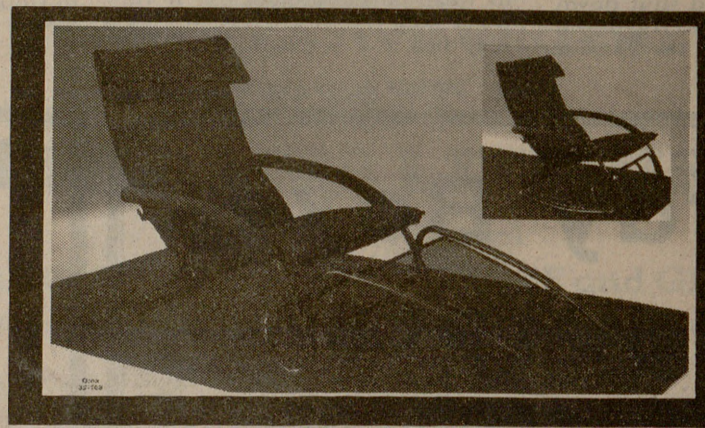
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