

Supreme Court divided over delayed executions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing a powerful and legitimate interest in punishing the guilty," the Supreme Court signaled growing frustration Wednesday over delays in executing the nation's more than 3,000 death inmates.

Though the court was deeply divided, the five-justice majority was sternly criticizing the postponement of a California murder execution last year.

The justices ruled that the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was guilty of an "abuse of discretion" when it delayed Thomas Thompson's life two

days before he was to die.

Justice David H. Souter, writing for the four dissenters, said the court was solving a "problem that does not exist."

The appeals court blocked Thompson's execution by recalling, or pulling back, its previous rejection of one in a long line of appeals by the con-

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victed murderer and rapist.

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What the appeals court did in Thompson's case is exceedingly rare, and Wednesday's

decision therefore will not directly affect many death-penalty cases.

Kennedy's 26-page opinion was seemingly intended to put lower federal courts on notice that unnecessary delays will not be tolerated.

Congress sought to speed up the rate of executions when in 1996 it passed the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

But Kennedy said the 9th Circuit court's conduct in Thompson's case was not covered by the law because it had not been sparked by a new appeal from the inmate.

Albright in China sets tone for Clinton's visit

BEIJING (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright glossed over differences on human rights, trade and technology exports Wednesday to emphasize a "strategic partnership" with China and set the mood for President Clinton's upcoming summit.

In more than five hours of private negotiations, however, Albright intensively debated U.S. concerns with senior Chinese officials.

She will take her concerns to President Jiang Zemin and Premier Zhu Rongji on Thursday. They are the kind of issues that take place between two countries that have a great deal in common," Albright said at a joint news conference with

Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan.

Having released a string of noted dissidents, China still holds some 2,000 political prisoners, by U.S. estimate, and the Clinton administration is shifting its strategy to push for wholesale releases, a senior U.S. official said after Albright's three-hour meeting with Tang and a two-hour dinner conversation with Vice Premier Qian Qichen.

Albright found the Chinese sharing U.S. determination to keep the Korean peninsula free of nuclear weapons, eager to maintain peace in the oil-rich Persian Gulf and not challenging the huge U.S. military presence in the Pacific, said a U.S. official, speaking

on condition of anonymity.

This growing common ground dominated the first day of a two-day visit by Albright, which is keyed to preparing for Clinton's state visit in June.



Albright

Her stress on common interests resonated with a government whose restrictions on expression are beginning to ease nine years after the brutal crackdown of a pro-

democracy movement.

"We shall achieve the objective of building a country and also develop the country according to law," Tang replied.

Both the Chinese official and Albright referred to a "strategic partnership" between their countries, thereby giving their growing closeness far greater emphasis than their differences.

There are some, Albright said, referring to U.S. complaints about China's record on human rights, its export of technology that could help countries like Pakistan and Iran develop potent weapons and Chinese barriers to U.S. exports.

Clinton uses marital privilege to avoid questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a grand jury in Arkansas watched first



Clinton

Hillary Clinton videotaped her testimony Wednesday, her lawyer contended she had refused to answer two questions in the Whitewater investigation on grounds of marital privilege.

Questions in Saturday's five-hour White House session that Clinton declined to respond to dealt with conversations that plainly fell under the long-standing common-law privilege for marital communi-

cations," attorney David Kendall said in a statement.

After the grand jury gathered at the federal courthouse in Little Rock, Ark., Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr spent about 45 minutes in the area of the building where the grand jury meets.

Deputy Whitewater prosecutor W. Hickman Ewing Jr., who conducted most of the questioning of Clinton, declined to comment as he entered the building carrying two briefcases.

Clinton's invoking the marital privilege is the latest instance of Whitewater prosecutors being unable to get answers to questions in the investigation.

Starr will speak on the issue of executive privilege in a speech Fri-

day to a convention of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys in San Antonio.

Clinton has invoked executive privilege to protect the confidentiality of some conversations with top aides in the investigation involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The Justice and Treasury departments argue that Starr can be barred from questioning Secret Service officers about President Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky.

The Whitewater probe "is a great investigation for the law of evidence," said New York University law professor Stephen Gillers. "We've got executive privilege, attorney-client privilege, spousal privilege, a brand-new Secret Ser-

vice persons' privilege, and all that's left" that hasn't been invoked "are clergyman's privilege, physician-patient privilege and the privilege against self-incrimination."

Gillers said that if Clinton had answered the questions, that would have risked loss of the marital privilege covering all other conversations with her husband.

Regarding conversations between Clinton and her husband, Starr was pressing into an area where he should have expected to be rebuffed, said Bruce Yannett, a white-collar criminal defense lawyer.

"I don't think anyone should be particularly surprised or offended" by invoking the privilege, said Yannett, a former federal prosecutor.

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