

# Court refuses to question sodomy law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court refused Monday to call into question the authority of states to outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults.

The court, with two justices disagreeing, left untouched North Carolina's sodomy law over arguments that it violates the privacy rights of homosexuals.

Civil liberties lawyers had urged the justices to use the case to study for the first time in more than a decade the rights of homosexuals.

Returning from its last two-week recess

of a term scheduled to end June 19, the court handed down hundreds of orders and several decisions. In other matters, the court:

- Agreed in a New York case to decide whether the states may refuse to hire resident aliens as public school teachers. Past Supreme Court decisions have barred states from discriminating against aliens in various occupations, but last March 22 the court said states may refuse to hire aliens as state police officers.

Also Monday, the justices left invalidated

a New York law that had barred aliens from practicing medicine unless they become naturalized citizens. They also sent back to California for more study in light of the alien state troopers' decision a ruling that state and local governments may not bar aliens from becoming probation officers.

- Ruled by a 6-3 vote that state courts may intervene in labor disputes involving alleged illegal picketing on private property. Since 1959, state courts have had little authority to intervene in such matters if the National Labor Relations Board might become involved.

• Split 7-1 in a major decision on Indian tribal sovereignty that tribes are immune from civil suits alleging sex discrimination.

• Told a Moylan, Pa., Quaker who from 1969 to 1972 withheld portions of his federal income taxes as "war crime deductions" that he has to pay those back taxes.

• In the sodomy case, Eugene Enslin of Jacksonville, N.C., was convicted in 1974 of having oral sex with a young U.S. Marine from nearby Camp LeJeune. He was sentenced to one year in prison and served nine months before being paroled.

## World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

### Report blasts Gandhi's alibi

NEW DEHLI, India — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared an emergency in 1975 and arrested a number of opposition leaders merely so that she could remain in power, a government inquiry said today.

The long-awaited report, released in Parliament by Prime Minister Morarji Desai, said there was no evidence of an internal threat to India's security, the excuse Gandhi used to justify the imposition of authoritarian measures.

Gandhi was soundly defeated by Desai's coalition in elections she called last spring.

"Thousands were detained during the 19-month emergency and a series of totally illegal and unwarranted actions followed involving untold human misery and suffering," said the report.

### Carter to raise wheat price

WASHINGTON — Pres. Carter signed into law emergency farm bill legislation Monday and announced he is raising the target price on 1978 wheat to \$3.40 a bushel, an increase of 40 cents, as authorized in the bill.

Carter's action, designed to compensate growers for extra costs involved in idling cropland as a price-boosting avenue, could mean \$600 million more in income supplements for wheat growers this season.

The move should have no effect on food prices.

In a statement, Carter said the four-year measure will help "meet our goal of food and agricultural policies which are fair and equitable for farmers and which maintain our ability to compete effectively in world markets."

### "Gimme an 'M'"

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Robert Matthews, known as the father of organized cheerleading, has died at age 99.

A 1956 edition of "Ripley's Believe It or Not" called Matthews "the world's first cheerleader" because he organized the activity in 1898, when he was a student at the University of Illinois. That school says it is the first to engage in cheerleading.

## Backlash stems from terrorists

ROME (AP) — Initial returns Monday from local elections pointed to a strong conservative backlash to the wave of leftist terror in Italy that last week claimed the life of former premier Aldo Moro.

As the violence continued, an auto company executive was shot and seriously wounded Monday in Bologna by Red Brigades gunmen — the tenth shooting victim in the past eight days.

The Christian Democrat Party — led by Moro until his kidnapping and assassination by the Red Brigades — appeared to be raking in a strong sympathy vote, while the Communists seemed to be losing support of voters who associated the leftist party with the radical-Marxist terrorists.

Ironically the Communists, parliamentary partners with the ruling Christian Democrats, had joined the government in its rejection of Red Brigades demands that jailed terrorists be freed in exchange for Moro. The bullet-riddled body of the former premier, who was kidnapped in a Rome street ambush March 16, was found in Rome last Tuesday.

The Brigades have denounced the Communists for aligning with the government.

Polls closed Monday afternoon in most of the more than 800 localities where 3.8 million persons — 10 percent of the national total — were eligible to vote.

## Senate approves Middle East jet deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Monday night endorsed Pres. Carter's plan to sell jet fighters to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia — transactions the president called vital to achieving peace in the Middle East.

On a vote of 55 to 43 the Senate rejected a resolution which would have blocked the \$5 billion arms sales package. Opponents to the sales would have needed majorities in both the House and Senate to prevent them.

The administration had lobbied hard in favor of the sales. Carter spoke by telephone Monday morning with several senators of both parties "stressing ... the importance" of the vote, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said. The president also talked with a number of senators by telephone during the weekend.

In a letter to all senators in the final days before the vote, Carter warned that rejection of the sales would be a "devastating blow" to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and his efforts to negotiate a peace agreement with Israel.

"Shall we support and give confidence to those in the Middle East who work for moderation and peace?" wrote Carter. "Or shall we turn them aside, shattering their confidence in us and serving

the cause of radicalism."

But Sens. Frank Church, D — Idaho, and Clifford Case, R — N.J., responded in a letter of their own, distributed to senators on Monday, in which they argued that the sales "will only make it more difficult to revitalize the peace process."

Church, Case and Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D — Md., were among the leaders of the opposition to the sales.

Sarbanes at one point accused the administration of provoking a needless and divisive confrontation which could have been avoided through "adroit and skillful statesmanship."

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