

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Racial bias left intact

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court today left intact police-hiring practices in Rochester, N.Y., that give preference to applicants from racial minorities.

The justices refused to hear an appeal by 16 unsuccessful white applicants for police jobs who claimed the practices are a form of illegal racial discrimination.

The court's action today does not represent any ruling as to the merits of the city's police-hiring policies.

The justices merely left standing a decision of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the 16 white applicants had no legal right to challenge the policies because they had waited too long to do so.

Disarmament session opens

UNITED NATIONS — Statesmen and diplomats gathered here Monday for a special General Assembly session on Disarmament, the first time since 1932 that virtually all countries of the world have met to discuss the issue.

The objective of the five-week exercise, starting Tuesday, is to map strategy to halt the nuclear weapons race and seek ways to divert nearly \$400 billion spent annually on arms toward developing assistance.

Dozens of new proposals are expected from more than 20 heads of government, 50 government ministers and other envoys representing the United Nations' 149 member countries as well as private citizens' groups.

...And then there was light

AMITY — "It is God's Will," was the title of the Rev. Willard Norman's sermon Sunday to the Amity United Methodist Church congregation.

Just as he had finished saying that occurrences are God's will but that God shouldn't be blamed for events caused by humans, the light over the pulpit went out.

"If I thought I'd do any good, I would say 'Now let there be light,'" said Norman with a snap of his fingers.

And the light came on.

The baffled minister told the laughing congregation he had no explanation for the incident.

Carter tries to ease worried N-scientists

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — Pres. Carter tried Monday to reassure scientists worried about his nuclear energy policies, declaring that atomic energy research will be increasingly important to the nation.

Carter told the scientists that success in the energy field is "heavily on your shoulders." Carter stopped in Oak Ridge to ease the scientists' worries over several nuclear projects he opposes or has canceled, but he ignored the issue the scientists find most controversial — his veto of a bill funding the Clinch River breeder reactor.

In his opening remarks to the scientists and energy officials, the president said the research and

development work at Oak Ridge "is going to be of increasing importance. We are now addressing questions that have not been addressed adequately."

Though the Clinch River is less than five miles from Oak Ridge, Carter's agenda included neither a trip to the site of the proposed \$2.2 billion reactor nor discussions of it with officials.

Carter used his first veto as president on Nov. 5 to reject a bill that would have authorized \$80 million for the breeder reactor that would produce weapons-grade nuclear material. He said the project would imperil his effort to halt the spread of nuclear weapons and technology by producing more plutonium than it would consume.

Berkowitz dragged kicking from court

NEW YORK (AP) — David Berkowitz, the Son of Sam killer was dragged from a Brooklyn courtroom Monday, kicking, biting and yelling as the boyfriend of one of his victims shouted obscenities at him. Members of the girl's family jumped to their feet and cursed the confessed murderer.

A judge postponed the sentencing for six murders until June 12 and ordered another psychiatric examination for Berkowitz, 24.

After he was brought briefly into the courtroom in handcuffs, Berkowitz began chanting, "Stacy was a whore!" over and over again. Stacy Moskowitz was the last of Berkowitz's murder victims.

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Berkowitz also shouted, "That's right! That's right! I'd kill her again."

As 10 guards wrestled the .44 caliber killer from the court chamber, Robert Violante, the Moskowitz girl's date who also was shot by Berkowitz, stood up in the courtroom and began shouting obscenities at him. Members of the Moskowitz family jumped to their feet and screamed curses at the pudgy former postal worker.

The girl's mother then broke down crying, and Violante sobbed into his hands.

The victim's father, Jerry Moskowitz, cried, "No Justice!" after Justice Joseph Corso of Brooklyn announced the sentencing delay.

Sadat's leadership wins new vote of confidence

Referendum gives Sadat near unanimous support

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Pres. Anwar Sadat, trying to silence a "campaign of doubt" about his leadership, won almost unanimous popular backing in a referendum to bar his opponents of the left and right from politics, the government announced Monday.

The Interior Ministry said the tough measures proposed by Sadat were approved by 98.29 percent of the voters in the Sunday balloting. It said 9,202,553 voted in favor and 159,578 people voted "no," and the turnout was 85.4 percent.

Cairo newspapers reported, meanwhile, that eight leftists were arrested in the Nile Delta province of Gharbeya on Sunday for distributing pamphlets urging a negative vote and "inciting voters against the regime."

The leftist party, the National Progressive Union, said one of its members in the Egyptian parliament, Abul Ezz el Hariri, also was arrested Sunday, his second arrest since leading a demonstration last week that authorities denounced as "endangering social peace."

The left and right had opposed the referendum

as a "repression of political liberalism" fostered by Sadat in 1976 when he legalized opposition groups for the first time in two decades of one-party rule.

The voters approved broad proposals calling for the barring of Communists from Executive posts in government, news media or trade unions, and a similar ban on old right-wingers from the days of Egypt's monarchy, and on persons spreading "false and malicious rumors affecting the national interests of the state or spreading the spirit of defeatism."

A group of rightists recently re-established a party they led under King Farouk, who was overthrown in 1952.

The Sadat-dominated National Assembly must now draw up and enact legislation to impose the bans.

Sadat ordered the referendum last week, saying he wanted to "crush" his opponents by "democratic means." In hard-hitting speeches earlier this month, he accused his critics of sowing discord, spreading rumors and deliberately denigrating the achievements of his eight-year-old administration.

WHAT ABOUT SEX?

ANITA'S "VOICE" IN EUGENE SAYS:

"Sex is a very precious thing having to do with procreation and family settings only, belonging in permanent responsible relationships and certainly not to be used as entertainment, recreation and communication..."

- Sterling Ellsworth, anti-gay speaker
KUGN Talk Radio, April 20, 1978

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