

FBI director fires 2 agents for surveillance

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director William Webster said Tuesday he will fire two FBI agents for their part in conducting allegedly illegal surveillance against the radical Weather Underground in the early 1970s, but will take no action against 59 other agents.

In addition to firing two agents, the director announced he will demote one agent and suspend one for 30 days. All four had supervisory responsibility, Webster said.

Webster said he decided against any discipline for 59 other agents, including one supervisor, on grounds they were acting under orders from superiors and without clear legal guidance from FBI headquarters or the Justice Department.

He also said he will reprimand two street agents who conducted unauthorized surveillance against the Weather Underground.

"It seems clear to me that to discipline the street agents at this late date for acts performed under

supervision and without needed legal guidance from FBI headquarters and the Department of Justice would wholly lack any therapeutic value either as a personal deterrent or as an example to others," Webster told a news conference. "It would be counterproductive and unfair."

Webster announced the results of an investigation of 68 agents and supervisors accused of involvement in breakins, wiretaps and mail openings that were intended to ferret out Weather Un-

derground fugitives between 1970 and 1975.

The remaining three FBI agents involved in the investigation have retired and are beyond disciplinary action.

Three former ranking FBI officials — former Acting FBI Director Patrick Gray III and two of his top aides — are to stand trial next month on charges they conspired to violate the civil rights of friends and relatives of Weather Underground members by authorizing the surveillance.

Webster said he hoped his decision would resolve the trauma that the Weather Underground case has caused the FBI.

"The lessons have been learned," he said. "The bureau is committed to doing its duty under guidelines which fully protect today's perceptions of privacy and reasonableness."

The four supervisors who were disciplined have 10 days to appeal to Webster to reconsider his decision.

making the news

From Associated Press reports

SAN FRANCISCO — Dianne Feinstein, twice denied San Francisco's highest elective office at the polls, served her first day as mayor Tuesday — elected by fellow supervisors after leading the city through a week of tumult, violence and mourning.

The 45-year-old widow, the first woman to hold the city's highest office, was sworn in Monday to complete the 13 months remaining in the term of George Moscone, gunned down a week ago in his City Hall office.

Feinstein, acting mayor since Moscone's death, was elected 6-2 by members of the Board of Supervisors. She pledged to work for the "emotional reconstruction" of her city and to respond to San Francisco's "many divergent lifestyles."

MILWAUKIE, Ore. — Coors beer shouldn't be distributed in the state, the Teamsters Union and two state senators told the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Currently, Coors cannot be distributed in Oregon because it is not pasteurized using the conventional heat process. Coors is the nation's fifth-largest brewer and is distributed in 16 states, including the four contiguous to Oregon.

Coors has added Iowa, Missouri and Washington to its distribution area in the past year.

An attorney for Joint Council of Teamsters 37, Darrell Cornelius, said he represented all Teamsters in Oregon when he said he believed the matter should be left to the Legislature, and not an administrative body.

JESSUP, Md. — At least 16 persons in Howard County want to be buried alongside their pets, and a pet cemetery here is seeking a permit to grant their wishes. The cemetery owner wants county permission to bury humans in caskets and vaults. He said he has already buried the cremated remains of eight humans with their pets.

The ashes of one person, he said, are in the same casket as the pet dog's remains, and one couple has expressed a desire to share a "family plot" with 10 cats and a dog. A county official said he sees "no great problems" in granting the permit.

Namibia goes to polls for first bi-racial vote

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa (AP) — Blacks defied a guerrilla call to boycott Southwest Africa's constituent assembly elections and turned out by the thousands to vote for the first time.

The first of five days of polling passed without major incident Monday, and officials said they were pleased with the turnout as South African troops guarded the 1,100 polling stations against possible guerrilla attack.

The officials reported especially brisk voting in northern Ovamboland, home to more than 46 per-

cent of the territory's population and battleground of the 12-year-old guerrilla war waged by the Southwest Africa People's Organization.

They said about 30,000 of the 140,000 registered voters in Ovamboland had cast ballots the first day.

Voting was also reported steady in Windhoek's black township of Katutura, primarily among Herero people who support the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, the pro-South African party.

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