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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday refused to shield federal judges, including the high court's nine justices themselves, from a financial disclosure law.

The justices, without comment, left intact rulings that all federal judges are among those top-ranking government officials who must comply with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978.

Six federal judges in the South had argued that they and other judges should not have to publicly disclose in annual statements how much money they have and what they own.

The arguments did not win a single Sumpeme Court vote. a surprising outcome in light of the fact that the judges' appeal had been pending before the justices for nearly a year.

Generating a flurry of paperwork at the end of a four-week recess, the court also took these actions:

- Left intact a \$350,000 libel award won by former San Francisco mayor Joseph Alioto for a 1969 article in Look magazine linking him to the Mafia.

- Refused to kill a lawsuit challenging clean-up operations at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania. The suit is aimed at preventing the plant's owners and operators from treating and eventually disposing of radioactive waste water.

- Agreed to judge the validity of a law allowing only the U.S. Postal Service to put things in mail boxes at private homes.

- Turned away an attempt by comedian Redd Foxx's wife to have the site of the couple's pending divorce trial moved from Las Vegas to Los Angeles.

- Left intact a ruling that gives Delaware prison inmates who are denied participation in work-release programs the right to go into federal court to challenge those denials. Delaware prison officials told the justices a lower court's ruling would throw prison administration nationwide into chaos.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Left-wing terrorists seeking Puerto Rican independence from the United States claimed responsibility for a string of pre-dawn bomb blasts Monday that destroyed at least eight warplanes at a U.S. Air National Guard base.

No injuries were reported, but total damage was placed at \$45 million by Lt. Gen. Orlando Llenza, adjutant general of the Puerto Rican National Guard.

The home-made time bombs blew up eight A-7D Corsair II jet fighters, damaged two others and destroyed a deactivated F-104 Starfighter, a military spokesman said.

The attack destroyed or put out of action half the Air National Guard unit's complement of 20 planes, which are used primarily for training on this U.S. commonwealth island. Guard leaders said it illustrated serious problems of security at the Guard's Muniz Base, an enclave within San Juan's international airport.

WASHINGTON — The surgeon general advised American smokers Monday that although low tar and nicotine cigarettes may reduce the risk of lung cancer, they contain unknown quantities of additives whose health effects can't be assessed.

Surgeon General Julius B. Richmond said he has tried without success to obtain from the tobacco industry information on which of about 300 additives are included in specific cigarettes.

He said Congress may be asked to grant the agency authority to obtain such information, which the industry regards as among its trade secrets — if the data is not made available voluntarily. Richmond said there is a possibility that some additives may cause tumors or cancer or be toxic.

"There is no such thing as a safe cigarette," Richmond said in his 227-page annual report on smoking and health. "In the case of lung cancer, some cigarettes appear to be less hazardous than others, although the reduction in risk is minimal and limited. No such conclusion can be reached for cardiovascular disease, emphysema, bronchitis or pregnancy effects."

In Raleigh, N.C., Edward Horrigan Jr., chief executive officer of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., dismissed the surgeon general's report as containing "no new news."

Richmond noted that the proportion of smokers in the United States has dropped to 32.5 percent from 40.3 percent when the first surgeon general's report was issued in 1964.

Haig wants Mideast force while Senate wants tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alexander M. Haig testified Monday that the United States must be prepared to act — alone if necessary — to protect the industrialized world's access to Middle East oil.

The former NATO commander said an expanded U.S. military presence in the area is necessary because the NATO alliance cannot be counted on to expand its defense commitments to include the oil lifelines of the Persian Gulf.

Haig commented on his third day of testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whose attention is divided between his foreign policy views as a prospective secretary of state and efforts to gain access to 100 hours of taped White House conversations between Haig and former President Richard M. Nixon.

Dr. Robert Warner, the archivist of the United States, told the committee he had asked Nixon to waive legal time limits so the subpoenaed material sought by the panel can be released at once. Warner said the law requires that he not release any tapes or supporting documents without giving the former president at least five days to respond.

The committee chairman, Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., issued a subpoena Sunday night for the logs and indexes to the tape recordings made in the spring and summer of 1973. At the time, Haig was White House chief of staff and the Watergate scandal was engulfing Nixon's presidency.

Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., told Warner it was obvious that only one person stands in the way of immediate access to the subpoenaed logs, "and that one person is Richard Nixon." Replied Warner: "You do hit at the heart of the matter."

Percy said the issuance of the subpoena, a

first step toward obtaining "relevant" tapes, was not intended to delay Haig's expected confirmation by the full Senate beyond Ronald Reagan's inauguration as president on Jan. 20.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said efforts by committee Democrats to obtain the tapes may result only in damaging Haig's effectiveness.

Percy agreed and told Haig, "We want no cloud to hang over your head."

But Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, said he resented the implication that Democrats were somehow doing something wrong by insisting that the tapes be subpoenaed.

Glenn said he will question Haig closely about his White House service during the Watergate years.

"These were serious matters — people were being assassinated and governments toppled" Glenn said. "General Haig was right in the middle of that. I don't know whether he was following orders or making decisions himself."

Confirmation hearings began Monday for Labor Secretary-designate Raymond Donovan and former South Carolina Gov. James B. Edwards, nominated for energy secretary.

Edwards told the Senate Energy Committee the nation must "sustain and increase our use of nuclear power." He also urged allowing the marketplace, unfettered by obstructive laws and regulations, to meet the nation's energy needs.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee released documents indicating that a Teamsters Union local in New York placed a "ghost" worker on the payroll of Donovan's New Jersey construction company three years ago "as a price for labor peace." A ghost employee is paid but does not show up for work.

Explosion blasts journalists

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — A mine explosion wrecked a car on a road near here Monday, wounding two U.S. journalists and another foreign reporter inside the car, witnesses said.

The wounded were identified as John Hoagland, 29, of San Diego, on assignment for Newsweek magazine; Susan Meiselas, about 33 years old, from New York City, on assignment for Time magazine; and Ian Mates, a South African in his 20s, on assignment for the London-based television outfit UPI-TN.

Mates was taken to hospital for surgery with heavy wounds

in the head and serious loss of blood.

A doctor at Rosales Hospital in the Salvadoran capital said Mates was in shock.

Hoagland, who reported the attack, said he was hit by mine fragments in the right arm and left hand and also suffered minor head wounds and cuts.

There was no immediate word on how serious Miss Meiselas' injuries were. Miss Meiselas received the Robert Capa award for her picture reporting on the 1979 civil war in neighboring Nicaragua that led to the overthrow of dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Hoagland said no guerrillas or

army troops were in sight when the mine exploded under their car on a road about nine miles north of the capital. He said the mine appeared to be a directional explosion device with remote detonation.

"We jumped out of the car yelling 'journalists, help us, help us,' but nobody at the scene came to our aid," he said.

Hoagland said he walked about six miles to a sugar mill, where people helped him get in touch with the Red Cross in the small town of Aguilares, nearby.

The ambulance arrived on the scene of the explosion 90 minutes later and rushed the three journalists to San Salvador.



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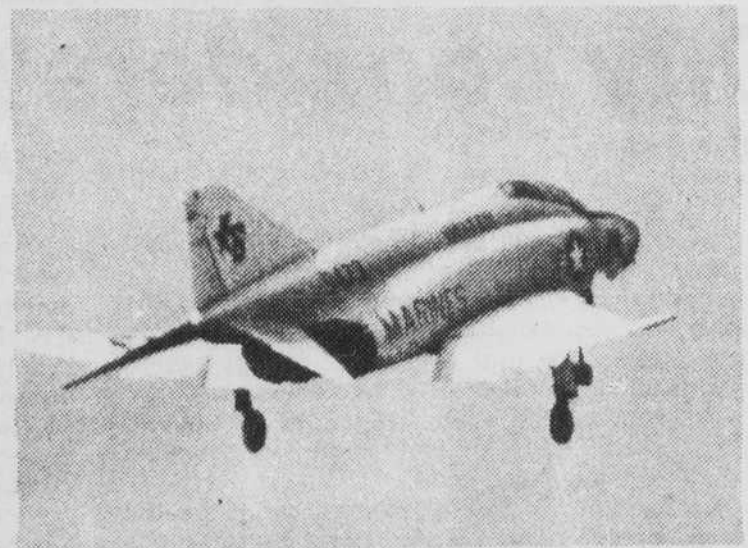
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