

Housing for Subversive Groups Left Tangled by Court Refusal

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court has refused to review part of the government's entangled program to keep members of subversive groups out of federally-aided, low-rent housing projects.

Before the court's refusal Monday to review a Los Angeles eviction case, state enforcement was hampered by various lower court decisions making the program valid in some states and not in others. But now there is even a conflict in different areas of a single state — California.

No Blanket Decision
The upshot of the denial of

review is that the program is outlawed in Los Angeles but effective in San Francisco. Because county appellate courts have the final word in eviction cases, the California Supreme Court cannot make a blanket decision that applies statewide. The U. S. Supreme Court, reconvening after a four week recess, also handed down a batch of complicated decisions on tax, labor, public utility and other issues.

In a 6-3 ruling of importance to labor unions, the court held that strikes against unfair labor practices may be called without regard to the 50-day

"cooling-off period" laid down in the Taft-Hartley law for routine collective bargaining.

Justice Harold H. Burton's opinion said neither the law nor a no-strike clause in a contract

stands in the way of a work stoppage when a company penalizes its employees for lawful union activities.

The court also agreed to examine the constitutionality of a

Michigan law banning the sale of books which contain obscene language or descriptions tending to corrupt youth. Arguments on the case will be heard in the fall.

The action in the federal housing case was the second of its kind this term. The court Nov. 7 rejected an appeal from Milwaukee, Wis., after the state Supreme Court invalidated the requirement that tenants swear they are not members of subversive groups. Other suits attacking the four-year-old law have been filed in Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York,

Washington and the District of Columbia as well as California and Wisconsin.

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Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

To add fuel to the fire of wonderment, did you know that... the female nereis, a marine worm, dies in reproduction: in the moment of fertilization, she literally explodes, scattering her fertilized eggs in every direction.

A large elm may put forth 7,000,000 leaves a season whose total surface expanse amounts to more than five acres!

A duck can fly upside down.

A fly can detect sugar in a

one to two degrees over that of the rest of a tree.

It takes one hour to soft-boil an ostrich egg.

The largest living spider in the world is the Theraphosa lebonidi of western Africa whose legs span 10 inches, the diameter of a dinner plate. Its body is 3½ inches long.

In the last three centuries the world's population has grown from 500,000,000 to 2,500,000,000 and in the next 30 years, it is expected, it will number 4,000,000,000.

Eggs Laid Early

A horned owl lays its eggs as early as mid-February — often sitting on its eggs with snow humped over its back; while a cedar-waxwing or the goldfinch often wait until late August to lay their eggs when sumac leaves are already reddening.

Spider silk which can be as slender as 1/250,000 of an inch in diameter is stronger than a steel wire of equal thickness.

A total of 1,000,000,000 bacteria could be packed into a box-shaped capsule whose longest side would measure 1/25th of an inch.

If a hen is fed onions, its eggs taste of onions.

Blood leaves the human lungs at the rate of about one mile an hour, slows down in the maze of capillaries, and then speeds up again on the return journey through the veins, keeping up this constant rhythm by pressure of the pumping heart.

A mosquito cannot walk. Its legs are long, very thin, and fragile. They are used for stabilizing its flight and upon landing are extended like a stork's legs.

Fresh eggs sink in water, others float.

Fluid Mixture

There is a small hump-backed spider with thin legs which can spray from its fangs on a small insect a half inch away, a fluid that is a mixture of gum and poison. The victim is glued to the spot by the gum and dies from the poison.

The jellyfish, Cyanea arctica, has tentacles 300 feet long. It lives in the Arctic.

In the average man, some six quarts of blood circulate through a system of vessels 60,000 miles in length—over twice the distance around the equator—which run in size from the aorta, the artery leading from the heart which is an inch and a half in diameter, down to the microscopic capillaries—the smallest of them less than 1/1,000th of an inch in thickness.

With this introduction, I now suggest that you read Spider, Egg and Microcosm by Eugene Kinkead.

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About 60 per cent of Mexico's population is said to be of mixed Indian and European descent.



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dish in which there is only one part of sugar to a million parts of water... a solution so weak that there is no chemical means available to prove the presence of sugar.

The firefly has the largest number of facets in each eye. There are 4,600 of such tiny eyes, each with its own cornea and retina.

If the nest eggs are systematically removed, a pheasant may lay 100 eggs a year.

All spiders spin more than one kind of silk. The orb weavers, for example, spin four kinds: one for ballooning through the air and for drag lines; another for cocoons; and two for two types of webbing—net silk and trapping silk, the latter covered with beads of a sticky fluid.

The temperature of a fruit on a tree, infected by fungus, rises

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