

# Supreme Court To Rule on Bible Reading in Public Schools

Washington — (UPI) — The Supreme court agreed today to rule on the constitutionality of Bible reading in the public schools.

The decisions are expected to provide far-reaching guidance in the running controversy over the question of state vs. religion in American life.

The justices accepted two challenges to Bible reading practices brought by parents in Pennsylvania and Mary-

land. The Maryland case involves recitation of the Lord's prayer as part of school opening exercises.

Acceptance of the two cases plunged the court into its new term on the same explosive note on which it adjourned last summer. At that time it held unconstitutional the reading of a state written prayer in New York schools.

The Maryland appeal was brought to the Supreme court by Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray

who described herself and her son, William J. Murray III, as atheists. William attends a Baltimore school.

The other Bible reading case was initiated in Philadelphia by a Unitarian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis Schenpp. Their children attend a high school in Abington Township, Pa.

Today's decision means that the high court will hear open arguments in the two cases and later hand down its rul-

ings on the constitutionality of such practices.

In other actions today, the court:

— Refused, as expected, to review lower court orders which brought about the admission of Negro James H. Meredith to the University of Mississippi. The refusal confirmed a ruling handed down during the recess by Justice Hugo Black after consultation with his colleagues.

— Upheld two lower court decisions which struck down racial barriers in bus and railroad terminals in Louisiana and Georgia. These suits stemmed from regulations issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the aftermath of the so-called "freedom rider" campaigns in the South last November.

— Declined to review a ruling which barred distribution of textbooks at public expense to parochial schools in Oregon. This left standing a finding by the Oregon Supreme Court which held a statute allowing such distribution was unconstitutional.

— Refused to consider a challenge by a group of Kentucky taxpayers to the leasing of a publicly financed hospital to a Roman Catholic organization.

— Agreed to decide whether a state antidiscrimination agency may compel the hiring of a Negro by an interstate airline. The case involved the Colorado Antidiscrimination Commission which ordered Continental Air Lines Inc. to give pilot training to Marlon D. Green, a former Air Force captain who lives in Lansing, Mich.

The Bible reading cases were based on the First Amendment to the Constitution which says: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The Supreme Court has held that the same bar applies to the states through the 14th Amendment.

The Schempps won a ruling Feb. 1, 1962, by a special three-judge federal court in Philadelphia that Bible reading in public schools is unconstitutional.

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## Schirra Says 18 Orbits Possible

Houston — (UPI) — Astronaut Walter M. Schirra, acclaimed as a new space hero for his "text-book" perfect flight of six orbits around earth, actually could have stayed up for 18 orbits — an entire day.

Only a decision that was never made stopped him.

The 39-year-old Navy commander unfolded to the world Sunday the story of how he flew farther, faster and higher than any other American, of viewing brilliant "moonsets" and mysterious "space fireflies" and the grandeur of an eerie brownish-gray haze around earth.

From his blast-off aboard an Atlas rocket at Cape Canaveral ("That railroad train you are sitting on really does move") to his Pacific ocean landing Wednesday ("My space honeymoon was over") Schirra flew the most nearly perfect U. S. manned space-flight.

The bushy-haired, quick-smiling spaceman summed it up himself.

"The overall flight, I thought, was a textbook flight."

But through Schirra's mixture of weighty subjects and quips ran a common theme—the 18-orbit, day-long flight through space by an American. The astronaut made no bones about his own feelings on the subject: "I felt like I could have gone for a full day."

Then, almost casually, he stated flatly to nearly 400 newsmen and photographers at Rice university that the flight "could have gone for 18 orbits."

The technical evidence supported him. The orbit, carrying him to a U. S. record 176 miles into space, was high enough. His oxygen supply—28 hours—would have made it with several hours to spare.

The food and water could have been stretched to do the job. Recovery forces were stationed in the Atlantic, where he would have come down after a day.

But Schirra said "we had to cut short" at the planned six-orbit, nine-hour flight, because of "problems" involving deployment of the recovery forces and supplies aboard the spacecraft.

Despite the fact that he might have gotten by for a day with the oxygen, food and drink aboard the Sigma 7, he said such life-sustaining supplies will be increased on a one-day mission in space.

On the one-day mission, Schirra said, the astronaut should be able to sleep for a period.

As for nausea, or "space sickness," experienced by Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov, "I'm here to say there was no problem at all... no uneasiness, no queasiness," Schirra said.

Schirra himself cleared up a final critical point: the supply of fuel that controlled the position of his Sigma 7 capsule in orbit. "My intention was to use so little fuel

that no one could argue that we had enough fuel... for 18 orbits, if we wanted it.

"I think I proved that point."

But someone had to give the "go" for 18 orbits. No one did. Apparently there were two reasons. First, there is the Mercury man-in-space program's adherence to a con-

servative, step-by-step approach that does not include taking chances.

Secondly, Mercury officials were not prepared for the stunning success that Schirra gave them. It caught them off balance.

There were some surprises, Schirra said, and the biggest was the "brownish-gray" haze that surrounds earth.

"By peering way down below I could still see stars below this layer and it surprised me. I thought I was seeing lighted areas in cities," he said.

Schirra said that the layer "didn't seem to be as thick" as either of America's two previously orbiting astronauts, John H. Glenn Jr. and M. Scott Carpenter, had said.

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## Congress Waits on Kennedy

Washington — (UPI) — Whether President Kennedy signs or vetoes a controversial pension bill for the self-employed loomed as a major factor today in determining when Congress will adjourn.

Backers of the bill to provide tax deductions for pension plans by the self-employed were determined to keep both House and Senate in session until after the Wednesday midnight deadline for Kennedy to act.

They were confident of enough votes to override a veto if the President turns down the measure. If he fails to veto or sign it, it will become law automatically.

The pension measure and a stubborn House-Senate wran-

gle over a stalled Agriculture department appropriations bill were the two major remaining roadblocks. But leaders of both houses privately felt the appropriations squabble could be settled if the President cleared the air on the pension bill.

Both House and Senate fac-

## Campaign Group Appointees Named

John Dellenback, Republican candidate for reelection as state representative from Jackson county, has announced additional appointments to his campaign committee, according to S. V. McQueen, campaign chairman.

Volunteers who will serve on the finance committee are Dr. B. L. Lageson, Dr. Gene Ray, Mark Goldy, Dick Henselman, Kent Blackhurst and Glen Revel.

New appointments as area chairmen in the county are: Mrs. Marcel LePinec, Applegate; Don Geren, Eagle Point and Butte Falls; Mrs. Don McGeary, Phoenix and Bill Bagley, Talent.

## Stocks Narrowly Mixed on Opening

New York — (UPI) — Stocks were narrowly mixed in dull trading today.

Brokers attribute much of the trendless action to a combination of the Jewish holiday and the World Series in New York.

Electronics were fairly good with Beckman and Schlumberger up a point or more. Steels showed little change and Du Pont rose about 1/2 in a mostly firm chemical sector. Chrysler added nearly 3/4 in a narrow mixed auto section.

A few tobaccos, stores and drugs eased. In the last group, Richardson-Merrell lost about 1 after being named a defendant in \$24.8 million suit in federal court on claims of birth deformity through the use of one of the company's drugs.

General Dynamics, Crown Cork, Houston Lighting, Phelps Dodge and Babcock & Wilcox rose 1 or more but Buckeye Pipeline, Xerox, Sears Roebuck and Reynolds Tobacco slipped at least a point apiece.

## Foreign Briefs

TOKYO ESTIMATED AT 10,172,877  
Tokyo—(UPI)—The population of metropolitan Tokyo was estimated at 10,172,877 as of Sept. 1, the government has announced.

TWO SOVIET CITIZENS SENTENCED TO DEATH  
Moscow—(UPI)—A regional court in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan has sentenced two Soviet citizens to death by shooting for rape.

SCOTSMEN NOW BUY SUNDAY DRINKS  
Edinburgh, Scotland—(UPI)—Scotsmen legally were able to buy a drink in their local bars Sunday for the first time since licensing laws were introduced in this country.

Under the new licensing act, the Sunday drinker no longer has to sign a register saying where he came from and where he is going before ordering a drink. The old laws permitted sales of drinks only to travelers.

NASSER ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ALGERIA  
Cairo—(UPI)—United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser has accepted an invitation to visit Algeria.

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