

News In Brief

Supreme Court to study public trial issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to study how much discretion judges have in deciding to exclude the public and press from criminal trials.

The justices said they will review a Hanover, Va., case that could clarify the confusion caused for lower courts nationwide by the Supreme Court's courtroom-access decision last July.

Arguments in the Virginia case likely will be heard in January. But the justices left open the possibility that, after hearing the arguments, they might not rule on the central issue.

Before they decide the case's merits, the justices first must rule that they have jurisdiction to do so.

The new case was brought to the court by lawyers representing two Richmond, Va., newspaper reporters who were ousted from a murder trial in Hanover last September.

Britain gives guerrillas ultimatum

LONDON (AP)—Britain on Tuesday gave the guerrillas at the Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace talks 48 hours to change their minds and accept a compromise constitution for independence.

The future of the five-week-old conference hung in the balance as the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance responded that the British demand was "absurd," reiterated its objections to key areas of the constitution and said it could give no final verdict until all sides agreed on who will control the government and the guns during a transition to British-granted independence.

Britain did not say what it would do if the guerrillas did not respond in the allotted time.

Czechs fear human rights crackdown

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—A new campaign of intimidation against signers of a human rights manifesto appears to be under way in Czechoslovakia, dissident sources said Tuesday. Two more signers of Charter 77 were feared under arrest.

Dissident sources in Vienna said historian Jan Tesar of Brno had not been heard from for two days. Tesar, who in 1972 was sentenced to 6½ years in prison for subversive activities, was released early, in October 1976, the sources said, but he had been unable to get a job.

In London, a Czechoslovak dissident group said the 41-year-old philosopher Julius Tomin, an activist in the Charter 77 movement, was arrested Friday while driving from Prague to northern Bohemia.

The charter is a document with 1,000 subscriptions calling on Czechoslovakia's communist government to honor human rights commitments made at the 1975 European summit in Helsinki, Finland.

Violence plagues San Francisco buses

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Saying "discipline must begin at home," Mayor Dianne Feinstein is appealing to parents for help in combatting attacks by mobs of black youths on white bus passengers.

She also ordered that police officers be used to help guard the buses, saying, "We are going for arrests. It's the only way I know to stop this sort of thing."

Feinstein's announcement late Monday came a day after about 50 black boys and girls swarmed aboard a Municipal Railway bus and selectively beat and robbed five white passengers aboard. It was the latest in a series of such racial incidents.

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couple of years ago Mattel introduced a Skipper that could grow taller and develop breasts if you lowered her extended arm).

Sun Lovin' Malibu Barbie looks as if she just blew in from Myrtle Beach with her "mirrored" sunglasses and real tan lines." And Fashion Photo Barbie changes the pose on her model's stand with every click of the (included) toy camera. Superstar Barbie hits the stage in a dazzling performer's costume, and even Ken gets into that act in his jumpsuit and rings.

But some children refuse to be taken in by the glamour and sex appeal of today's market favorites.

Five-year-old Amy, a store patron, explained why she's not sold on the Kissing Barbie: "Cause I hate kissing!"

But the clincher, overheard in K&K Toys, was the plaintive request of a little girl: "Mommy, come here... Can we look at some doctor things?"

Mortgage financing tightens up

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—The first victims of the Federal Reserve's new tight-money policy will be the people who buy, sell and build houses. But analysts say consumers and businesses also will feel the impact of the Fed's moves.

"I would think that it's going to be a little harder to get a car loan, a little harder to get a mortgage," said economist William E. Gibson of the brokerage house Smith, Barney, Harris, Upham & Co. Inc.

"It will be very tough to buy or sell homes without mortgage financing available. It's difficult to see institutions funding mortgages one or two months in advance when the cost of money is so uncertain," bank analyst Jonathan E. Gray of Stanford C. Bernstein & Co. Inc. said.

The tight mortgage situation is likely to slow homebuilding. And that means makers of appliances and home furnishings may face slower sales and rising

inventories of unsold products as their major market shrinks.

The Federal Reserve, in a bid to control inflation, moved to curb lending by boosting money-market interest rates and by raising the percentage of deposits banks must hold as cash.

An immediate result of the moves was a one-point jump in the prime lending rate at most institutions to a record 14½ percent. The prime is a bank's charge on loans to top-rated borrowers.

"There's been a general tendency for banks to price more and more business loans in terms of the prime," Gibson said. "All those loans are going to be more expensive," and prices may rise as businesses pass on higher loan rates to customers.

Even at high rates, "the small businessman looking for a loan may be asked to take a smaller amount than he's looking for because the bank doesn't have as much

money available," Irwin Kellner, economist at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., said.

"The man on the street may ultimately feel the effect" of the Fed's moves "in that his own job may be at stake," Kellner said.

The housing industry already was slowing to a rate of 1.7 million new homes annually from last year's more than 2 million clip as high-yielding short-term money market certificates and mutual funds cut into the ability of savings institutions to provide long-term mortgages.

As availability has declined, mortgage rates have risen. Gibraltar Savings & Loan of Los Angeles on Tuesday raised its base home-mortgage rate a half-point to 12½ percent "in response to the surge in short-term interest rates."

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board said, meanwhile, the average effective conventional mortgage rate on a new home hit 11.07 percent in September.

Castro visit stirs memories

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Fidel Castro's visit to the United Nations this week stirs memories of his boisterous, strutting New York visit 19 years ago, when he teamed with Nikita Khrushchev in the semi-comical, thoroughly vulgar and oftentimes belligerent "Fidel and Nikky" show.

As in 1960, the bearded 53-year-old Cuban president will address the U.N. General Assembly, but the time of his speech—even the date of his arrival—is a secret because of worries about his safety.

Reports, unconfirmed, have surfaced about anti-Castro militants headed from Florida bearing guns and explosives.

Memories of the 1960 visit include the so-called chicken-plucking incident in Castro's midtown hotel and his vitriolic

4½-hour General Assembly address—still the longest on record for that organization.

Memories include the spectacle of stubby Soviet Premier Khrushchev angrily pounding his shoe on a desk before stunned U.N. delegates and a loquacious, quipping Khrushchev holding impromptu news conferences.

The General Assembly session that year was billed as "the greatest diplomatic gathering in history," attracting heads of state such as President Tito of Yugoslavia, President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. President Dwight Eisenhower came up from Washington.

It posed for police, up to that time, "the

biggest security problem ever encountered."

There will be fewer officers assigned to protect Castro than the 11,500 who guarded John Paul II here last week. Unlike the pontiff, Castro will not travel through the city.

Instead of a public hotel, where he lived in 1960, Castro will stay at the Cuban U.N. Mission, a well-secured midtown bastion.

Last Friday 3,500 noisy anti-Castro demonstrators rallied outside the United Nations, leading Deputy Police Commissioner Ellen Fleischer to remark: "If you can get 3,500 people who feel so strongly that they'll come out when Castro isn't even here, imagine what they'll muster when he is here."



Fidel Castro

N.C. colleges offer varied specializations

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As a result, officials at some private schools claim the community colleges are drawing away students who otherwise might go to a private school.

Last week the president of a private business school in western North Carolina said:

For the record

Because of copyediting errors, *The Daily Tar Heel* incorrectly identified Miles Crenshaw as a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and John Boone as a candidate for mayor of Carrboro in a story on the front page of Tuesday's paper.

Crenshaw is a candidate for one of three seats on the board that will be contested in the Nov. 6 election. Boone is running for election to the board. The *DTH* regrets the error.

Carolina said schools like his will be forced to close unless some restrictions are put on the community-college curriculums.

"If the state Board of Education deletes its present policy, it will destroy my school and all other such schools in small communities," Wayne Abernathy, president of Salisbury Business College, said.

State law restricts the business courses community colleges within 25 miles of a private business school can offer.

"We cater to a different clientele," Blake said. "I really don't think we're moving in on the private schools. However, as the economy becomes tighter I think we won't be hurt as badly as the private sector."

Cost ranks as a big factor in deciding which school to attend. Among the 38 members of the N.C. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, 1978 tuition alone ranged from \$1417 at Barber-Scotia college in Concord, to \$3,978 at Duke University.

In-state annual tuition at the public universities is about \$500 for most of the

16 campuses, but out-of-state tuition for UNC students is the highest at any state in the Southeast at about \$2200.

Blake said the tuition at the community colleges is \$39 dollars per quarter or \$117 total. But while costs at public and private institutions have risen in the last five years, the community-college tuition has dropped.

Average tuition at the 38 private schools had risen 8.9 percent from last year, with one college raising its tuition 15 percent. Tuition at the public universities went up 1.1 percent from 1978 levels for in-state students, and .3 percent for out-of-state students.

While costs play an important role, UNC president William Friday said program offerings will also play a key role in the college or university a student chooses.

"When you look at the differences between the private and public schools you have to look at what each offers," Friday said. "The public sector is the only place you can get certain types of programs."

"If you want to study engineering

where are you going to go? Another question is "where are the vacancies?" Some of the private schools just don't have the space."

Regardless of differing opinions on what school has the best resources or right atmosphere, observers believe colleges and universities in the state will have to carry out careful fiscal planning over the next several years if they expect to survive, and may have to help each other at the same time.

"Higher education has to have a vision of what it should be in the future," James Olliver, vice president of the N.C. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said. "There is an amazing correlation between what goes on in the public and private sectors. There is a lot of listening going on."

Friday agreed, saying, "I think any tension created between the public and private schools would be unfortunate. The public schools were built to provide students an opportunity to go to college. This is what every institution should be striving for. It is important for all of us to be working together."

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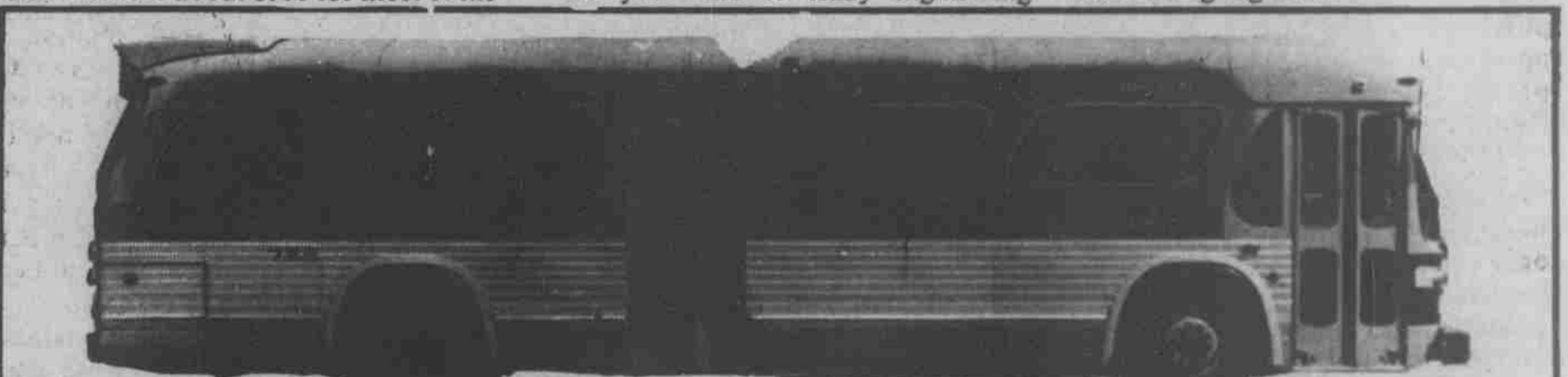
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