

# Problems hinder new Greek coalition

From Associated Press reports

ATHENS, Greece — Ministers of the new conservative-communist governing coalition said Tuesday the outgoing government took with it confidential files in a move that will hinder a promised cleanup of its scandals.

Conservative Tzannis Tzannetakis, who was sworn in on Sunday as head of the coalition government, said not a single file remained in former Premier Andreas Papandreou's office.

## Abortion

appointed by Monday's decision.

"It saddens my heart very deeply to know that poor women are once again going to be out there going to backstreet abortions and possibly be mutilated," McCorvey, a Dallas housekeeper, told Cable News Network.

The Center for Population Options said the ruling "will sentence thousands of teen-agers each year to bear children they are not ready emotionally, physically or financially to raise."

Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., said the decision "made women wards of the state. Their rights are all dependent on what states decide to do."

Sarah Weddington, a Texas attorney who successfully argued the Roe vs. Wade case in 1973, said that while the decision is effective immediately, "it will have no practical implication until state legislatures pass new laws."

"So in terms of is abortion legal or illegal in the various states, tomorrow it's going to be the same as today. But what we are going to see is a tremendous surge of legislative activity in all of the state legislatures depending on which ones are in session and which ones are not," she said.

Despite that reassurance, many women appeared to be fearing the worst.

At Women's Health Services Inc.,

He said in a radio interview that one of Papandreou's advisers told him that "when problems were solved we tore up the documents and therefore there are no documents. We solved all problems."

The government of the conservative New Democracy party and the communist Coalition of the Left and Progress was formed after no party won an absolute majority in June 18 elections to the 300-member unicameral Parliament.

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a Pittsburgh abortion clinic, executive director Sue Roselle, said, "The telephones are ringing off the hook. Women are saying, 'I want my abortion now before they change the law.'"

The coalition government, expected to last about three months, said its aim is to cleanse the scandal-ridden government.

Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist Movement finished second in the elections, and failed to win a third term in office with only 125 parliamentary seats. New Democracy won 145 places and the Coalition won 28. The remainder went to a small conservative party and an independent party.

A \$200 million financial scandal allegedly involving ministers in Papandreou's government and 70-year-old Papandreou's open affair with a woman half his age while he was married contributed to his downfall. He has been hospitalized with a heart and kidney condition.

"They took the state home with them," the independent daily Ethnos said in an editorial. "The theft of documents constitutes a crime against the state and concerns not only the people but Parliament and the judiciary, which will be assigned to the cleanup."

The right-wing daily Eleftheros Typos said it had confidential papers belonging to the Commerce Ministry. It said the documents were found in a garbage can outside the home of former Commerce Minister Yannis Papantoniou.

New Justice Minister Fotis Kouvelis told reporters the cleanup would be hampered by the lack of documents.

"The race for the cleanup has begun," he said, "and the first great

obstacle is the lack of files."

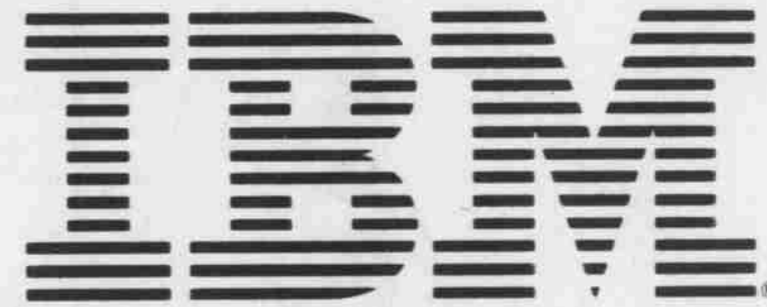
Papandreou's administration broke long-standing tradition when outgoing ministers were not present to pass on their offices to successors.

The only Socialist official who maintained the custom was former Defense Minister Yannis Haralambopoulos, who said, "This particular ministry could not afford a power vacuum for a single moment."

Also Tuesday, Athanasios Tsaldaris, a veteran lawmaker and member of the conservative New Democracy party, was elected president of the Parliament.

The 68-year-old Tsaldaris has been a member of Parliament since 1963, except for a seven-year hiatus when a military dictatorship ruled Greece.

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