

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Senators not likely to quickly confirm Ginsburg replacement Supreme Court nominees considered

WASHINGTON — The two finalists who lost out when President Reagan selected Douglas H. Ginsburg as his Supreme Court nominee will receive strong consideration again after Ginsburg withdrew on Saturday amid controversy over his past use of marijuana.

Judges Anthony M. Kennedy of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and William W. Wilkins Jr. of the 4th circuit should be among those considered most closely, but others will be examined also, said a senior White House official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Kennedy, of Sacramento, Calif., had been considered the favorite of White House chief of staff Howard H. Baker Jr., and many in the Senate and the administration were surprised when Reagan chose Ginsburg instead.

That choice came after Attorney General Edwin Meese III lobbied for Ginsburg and several conservative Republican senators threatened to filibuster against Kennedy, whom they considered too liberal.

One leading administration conservative said that Kennedy would be acceptable to other administration conservatives, including Meese.

Wilkins, of Greenville, S.C., is chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, which devised uniform guidelines for punishments of people convicted of federal crimes. He is a favorite of Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, ranking Republican on the the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Meese said he hoped a nominee could be chosen in time for the Senate Judiciary Committee to meet its schedule for Ginsburg's confirmation hearings, tentatively set for the week of Dec. 7, although the timetable was not certain.

Terrorists' bomb kills 11 at service

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland — A bomb killed 11 people and injured 55 Sunday at a Remembrance Day ceremony for Britain's war dead in the worst Irish terrorist attack in five years.

The huge explosion transformed the solemn pageant, which recalled the thousands of Ulstermen who died for king and country in two world wars, into a horror scene of bloodshed and destruction.

Friends, relatives, soldiers and bandmen dug with their bare hands through the rubble of a community center where the bomb was planted in this County Fermanagh town near the Irish border. The blast blew out one end of the building and the structure collapsed, trapping men, women and children against sidewalk railings.

Police said six women and five men were killed, and many of the wounded

were badly hurt in the 10:45 a.m. blast.

A 14-year-old member of the Boy's Brigade said he was standing near the war memorial ready to lay a wreath when the blast came.

"I dropped the wreath and rushed to where the wall had collapsed. People were screaming and we did all we could to pull them out. At 11 o'clock we should have been remembering the dead, not digging them out," he said.

In Brief

Reagan endorses Aquino but cites problems

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Saturday that budget constraints may limit what the United States can do for the Philippines but urged businessmen to invest in the country and warned Congress not to skimp on his aid requests.

Reagan gave a strong endorsement of Philippine President Corazon Aquino, saying she has "been more successful than many believed was possible" and thanking her for her visit to the widows of three Americans slain last month by terrorists.

Sinatra, Choir removed from apartheid blacklist

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations Centre Against Apartheid said Friday it is removing Frank Sinatra and the Vienna Boys Choir from a blacklist against entertainers who have performed in South Africa.

Both Sinatra and the choir vowed never to perform in the racially segregated nation again.

Smokers unwelcome at L.A. fire department

LOS ANGELES — Smokers need not apply to the Los Angeles Fire Department, according to a new contract.

Because fire fighters have a higher-than-normal rate of lung cancer, state law requires that their respiratory illnesses be considered work-related and treatment be paid by employers.

"This could, over the years, save us some money," said Battalion Chief Dean Cathey.

Iranian missile kills civilians in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iranian missile hit a densely populated section of Baghdad Sunday, killing at least four women and six children and flattening apartment houses.

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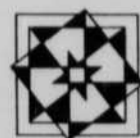
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