

# O'Connor testifies to Senate on abortion issue

## She says personal views will not shade her opinions as justice

By MIKE SHANAHAN  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sandra Day O'Connor said yesterday she personally opposes abortion, but would not let those views shade her opinions as a Supreme Court justice.

"Personal views and philosophies" should not be allowed to affect a justice's judgments — "as much as that is possible" — on the facts or constitutionality of cases before the court, she told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"My own view in the area of abortion is that I am opposed to it as a matter of birth control or otherwise," she said. "The subject of abortion is a valid one in my view for legislative action subject to constitutional restraints or limitation."

O'Connor, the first woman nominated to the Supreme Court, drew praise from

most members of both parties at the opening of three days of confirmation hearings before the 16-member committee.

"You are among friends," said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., one of 10 committee members to either declare or imply in advance of O'Connor's testimony that they would vote for her confirmation.

While her confirmation by both the committee and the full Senate appears a foregone conclusion, O'Connor faces some tenacious questioning — especially on abortion and the role of federal judiciary — from conservative members of the panel.

"Our questioning must be tough and direct," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, asserting that he would like to see Supreme Court nominees "committed to

oppose the permissiveness which has fostered disrespect for society's laws."

Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., who has waged a campaign of restoring American family life by urging an end to legalized abortions and discouraging pregnancy among teenagers, told O'Connor he questions whether President Reagan knew of her true views and record on abortion before nominating her to the court.

If Reagan did not know about those matters, Denton said, "Certain questions with respect to your credibility are apparent."

O'Connor told the committee she believes her public career as an Arizona assistant attorney general, legislator and state appeals court judge qualified her to take the Supreme Court seat left vacant by the retirement of Potter Stewart.

In both a brief opening statement and in answer to questions from the committee chairman, Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., O'Connor repeatedly declared her belief in limited role for government in general, and in particular, sharp restraints on powers of federal judges.

"In carrying out the judicial function, I believe in the exercise of judicial restraint," she said. "I do not believe it is the function of the judiciary to legislate or change the law because the times or social mores have changed."

O'Connor said most cases before the Supreme Court should be decided on more narrow issues than constitutional questions.

Anti-abortion organization have focused on votes O'Connor cast as a member of the Arizona Senate and Thurmond's opening series of questions covered her voting record on that subject.

Why did she oppose putting the Arizona Legislature on record as recommending that Congress approve a constitutional amendment reversing the 1973 Supreme Court decision that generally allows abortions in the first three months of pregnancy?



Protesting the nomination of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court, anti-abortion demonstrators march at a parade outside of the Dirksen Senate office building in Washington, D.C. The Senate Judiciary Committee started O'Connors' confirmation hearings yesterday.

"I was not sure at that time that we had given the proper amount of reflection or consideration to what action, if any, was appropriate by way of a constitutional amendment," she said. "Amendments to the Constitution are very serious matters and should be undertaken only after a great deal of study and thought."

Why did she vote in 1970 to set aside

legislation that would make abortion a felony in Arizona?

She believed at the time that the bill was too "sweeping," O'Connor replied, adding that she would have supported a less stringent anti-abortion measure.

Why did she support another bill authorizing to put it back on the state's agenda because its intent was to encourage to the dissemination of birth

control information in Arizona?

"The best way to avoid having people who were seeking an abortion is to enable people not to become pregnant unwillingly or without the intention of doing so," O'Connor said.

O'Connor was accompanied at the hearing by her husband and three sons as well as by more than two dozen supporters from Arizona.



Sandra Day O'Connor AP Wirephoto

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## New York City blackout causes chaos

By RICHARD T. PIENCIAK  
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NEW YORK (AP) — An explosion and fire at a generating station knocked out power to much of lower Manhattan yesterday, trapping office workers in elevators, snarling traffic, closing financial markets and creating transit chaos for homebound commuters.

Traffic lights went out, telephones went over to emergency power and car-jammed intersections where traffic lights were out, creating paralyzing street gridlock. Traffic control agents were dispatched, and some private citizens stepped in to direct traffic to help solve the giant tieup.

Paul Cohen, a Transit Department control agent standing in the middle of that intersection, said that with traffic lights out "people just do what they want. It's bedlam over here. There are a lot of tempers."

"I've been sitting here for about one hour," said Rolando Reyes as he listened to the radio in his limousine sports car at the corner of Broadway and Chambers Street about 6 p.m.

Flashlights and candles lit the way down darkened stairwells for workers trapped in skyscrapers.

Many people were drinking beer on the street. But there were few bars open many closed because they were without power and electric cash registers would not work.

Telephone service was switched to emergency power, but dial tones were slow in coming. Lines of people at downtown phone booths stretched 20 deep.

Subways slowed to a crawl with signal lights affected. Bus stops were jammed with displaced subway riders.

At the scene of the fire, Con Ed spokesman Marty Gitten said, "This station is obviously going to be out for a while... It could be as simple as turning a switch



Cars, buses, trucks and people back up on New York's Avenue of the Americas' at 26th Street yesterday after an explosion at the East River generating station caused a major power failure, also outting traffic signals.

(but) it's really impossible to put an exact time on it."

An eyewitness said he heard two explosions, but Con Ed said it has not yet determined that there was a blast.

"The system is stable," said Lawrence Kleinman, a Con Edison spokesman.

"We don't anticipate any kind of blackout. The problem is contained within the area that has been affected."

All police in lower Manhattan precincts were held on overtime and all task force members from other boroughs were dispatched to Manhattan. Twenty hook-and-ladders were dispatched to rescue those trapped.

Mayor Edward I. Koch said at a news conference that the city was bearing up well under the problems, which affected only the southeastern quarter of Manhattan.

John Mulligan, a Fire Department spokesman, said there were widespread reports of people trapped in elevators. He also said that officials from the Macy's department store at Herald Square said that its emergency lighting had failed as well.

Deputy Fire Chief John Fogarty, one of the officers in command at the scene of the fire, which burned for 2½ hours before being put out, said: "We're not sure what caused the explosion or explosions."

The Transit Authority said all subway signals between Times Square and South Ferry automatically switched to danger warnings and all lines in both directions were affected.

Thousands of workers trekked across the Brooklyn Bridge in a scene reminiscent of the subway strike in April, 1980.

The TA said there would be delays on all lines in both directions until the situation is resolved.

City Hall and the Board of Elections reported power out. But other office workers reported they still had lights.

Kleinman said initial reports indicated that 52,150 customers were affected. He defined a customer as ranging from a small grocery store to a skyscraper, depending on billing.

Kleinman said the fire at the East 14th Street generating station had in turn knocked out two substations, at Leonard Street and West 88th Street. In addition to downtown, the outage touched the West Side up to 42nd Street.

corporate indifference that has ever been brought into a courtroom."

He claimed the fuel system was designed so that the gas cap popped off when the 1973 Toyota Corona was struck from behind on June 16, 1979 by an Oldsmobile traveling at 38 mph.

Berkes said Chancellor Helmut Schmidt would make a statement about the Haig visit and the planned demonstration during today's debate in the Bundestag, or lower house of parliament.

Haig is scheduled to arrive in the western sector of Berlin on Sunday from Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Former Chancellor Willi Brandt, the Social Democratic Party's chairman and a former mayor of West Berlin, joined in opposing the demonstration, saying "re-assertion of German-American relations demands" its cancellation.

But Willi Fleczyk, leader of the young socialists, said in a television interview his organization still planned to go ahead with the demonstration despite fears it might turn to violence.

West Berlin officials have decided against banning the rally, and the Social Democratic leadership has not ordered

# Poland: Free elections proposed

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — Solidarity's powerful Warsaw branch proposed free elections in Poland yesterday in a draft resolution that put the independent union on a new collision course with the communist regime.

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# Union news filtered

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Most Poles are getting a filtered view of Solidarity's first national congress in Gdansk.

This is because government-run television and radio refused the independent union's demand for editorial control over the domestic news reports about the congress, or that the crews be composed entirely of union members.

So skeleton reports on national television, sparse radio broadcasts, reports written in government newspapers and Solidarity bulletins are the main sources of information open to the average Pole.

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looming in vans outside the back door of the congress hall.

Radio reports have been terse. The 3 p.m. radio newscast of the third day of the congress consisted of: "The Solidarity delegates are continuing their congress today. The discussion is about various issues."

The congress' own newspaper, a one-page bulletin written in English on one side and Polish on the other, appeared three days late. No one knows why it took so long to reach the Western reporters who have descended on Gdansk.

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# Parents sue Toyota for poor car design

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A jury has ordered Toyota Motor Co. to pay more than \$5 million in damages to the parents of three sisters killed when their Toyota was hit from behind and burst into flames.

The parents of Wendy, 15, Pamela, 18, and Denise Moll, 25, had sought \$185 million in the 1979 suit, \$55 million for each daughter.

"What do you want me to tell you. It wasn't enough," said Sheldon Schlesinger, attorney for Betty and Wayne Moll of Longwood, after the verdict was read in Broward Circuit Court.

The Moll's doctor testified in the month-long trial that the couple will need psychiatric treatment for some time because of their loss. The Molls have two other daughters.

In his closing arguments, Schlesinger called the case "the grossest example of

# W. German students plan peace march

BOON, West Germany (AP) — The West German government yesterday formally opposed plans by the Social Democratic Party's youth wing for a "peace demonstration" during a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.

Government spokesman Kurt Becker said the cabinet adopted a resolution

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By CHRIS ROBERTS  
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — More than 200 picketing teachers were arrested yesterday as their strike forced officials to call off the start of classes for the city's 213,000 public school pupils.

The teachers were charged with violating a court-ordered limit on the number of pickets at the school administration building. A policeman at the scene said 208 teachers were arrested.

"They were held in a courtroom in City Hall awaiting arraignment."

The arrests came in the second day of a strike by the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers to protest layoffs of 3,300 school employees and a wage freeze which they claim violate their contract.

The teachers had been scheduled to report to work Tuesday to prepare for the start of school today. But Superintendent Michael Marcasa said yesterday that classes would not begin as scheduled.

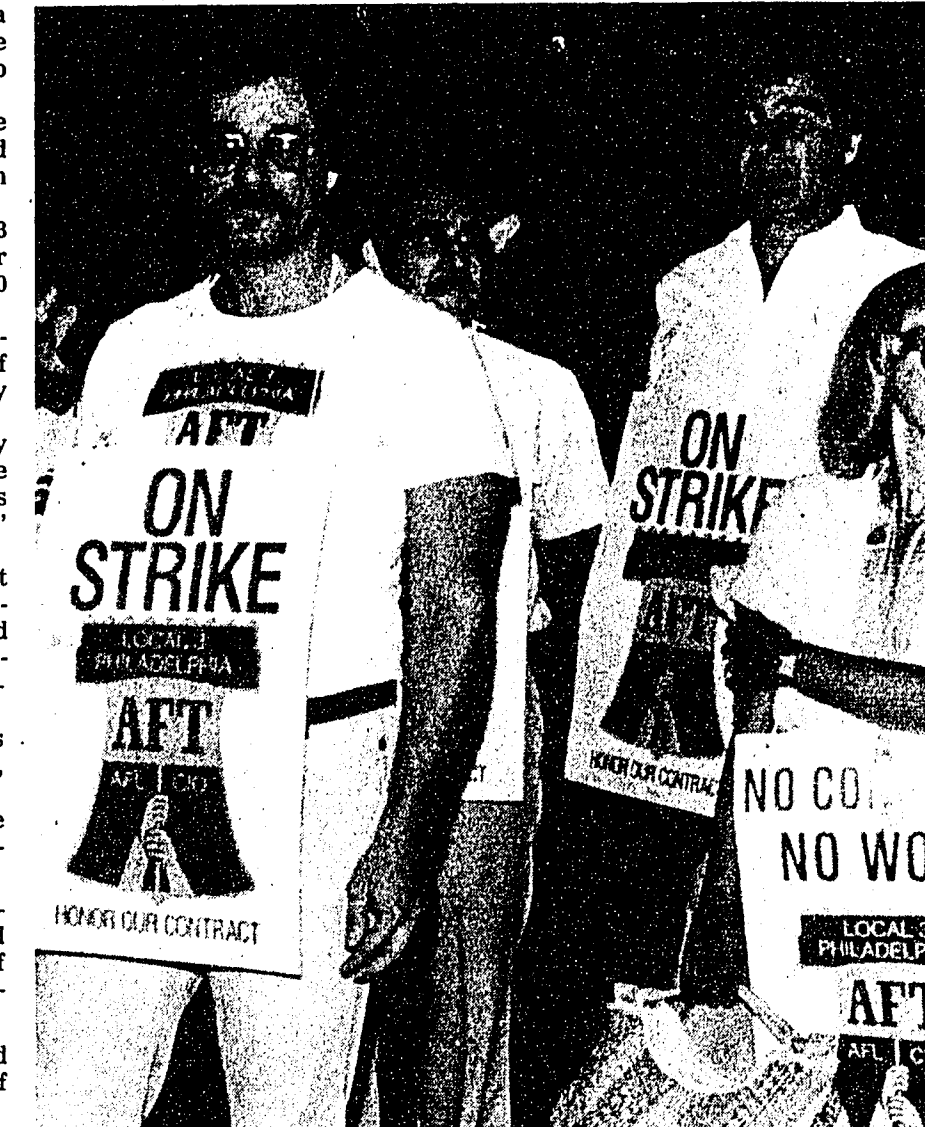
"To enable us to conduct classes, in my opinion, would require at least 50 percent of the staff, supplemented by administrators and supervisory personnel," Marcasa said in a statement.

Early in the strike school district officials said fewer than 3 percent of PFT members had reported for work.

Marcasa said the decision whether to begin classes would be made on a day-to-day basis. However, he said early childhood programs such as day care were operating.

State Mediator Edward Feehan met with both sides in the dispute but he said there was no progress toward settling the strike.

The strike is the fifth by Philadelphia teachers since 1970, when teachers won the right to strike in Pennsylvania. The 21,000-member PFT includes 13,000 teachers; the rest of its members are non-teaching school employees.



Some members of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers were charged yesterday with violating a court ordered limit on the number of pickets allowed at the school administration building. Police arrested 208 striking teachers yesterday in the second day of the teachers' strike.



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