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Across The Nation

In a 5-to-4 decision Monday, the United States Supreme Court imposed stringent new rules for the questioning of criminal suspects by police. The court majority held that an arrested suspect may not be questioned until he has been informed that he has the right to be silent, that anything he says may be used against him, that if he wants an attorney he can have one and if can't afford one he will be provided one free. If, after all this, he says he doesn't want a lawyer, he may be questioned providing he has reached his decision "knowingly and intelligently."

Justice John M. Harlan, one of the dissenters, declared that the court was "taking a real risk with society's welfare in imposing its new regime on the country."

Law enforcement officials across the country expressed consternation at the ruling. One of them, Detective Captain Clarence Ferguson of Philadelphia, said: "It will put the police department out of business. It gives criminals more protection than their innocent victims can expect."

The freedom march in Mississippi, started by James Meredith and taken up by other civil rights leaders after Meredith was shot, pushed along this week. The marchers moved slowly toward Jackson, the state's capital. They fanned out along the way to encourage "back-country Negroes" to register and vote. Here and there, they saw segregationist signs and fear among the unregistered Negroes. In various parts of the country, including Trenton, rallies were held by sympathizers to encourage the marchers.

Street fighting broke out Sunday night in a predominantly Puerto Rican neighborhood of Chicago after a policeman shot a youth he said had threatened him with a gun. The riots resumed Monday and Tuesday evenings but by Wednesday police appeared to have the situation under control.

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Surveyor 1, the spacecraft which the United States landed softly on the moon on June 2, has sent back to earh more than 10,000 pictures of the lunar surface. But the area on which the craft rests moved Tuesday into the two-week-long lunar night during which temperatures drop to about 260 degrees below zero. Scientists say the cold may permanently damage the myriad intricate electronic systems and prevent further transmission of pictures.

On Thursday, a U.S. Titan 3 hurled eight satellites into random circular orbits to form a jam-proof communications network in the skies.

Jack Ruby, 55, was convicted in March, 1964, of the Nov. 24, 1963, slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused by the Warren Commission of having assassinated President John F. Kennedy. Ruby was sentenced to death and an appeal was planned but legal complications and wrangles among defense attorneys postponed action. Last Monday, a Dallas District Court jury ruled that the former night club operator is legally sane and, on Thursday, the Texas Court of Appeals said it would hear arguments on his appeal on June 24.

The Draft has been criticized in and out of Congress as inequitable. In response to the criticisms, Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, announced Thursday that the committee would begin public hearings on the draft next Wednesday.