

APR 20 1971

Supreme Court's Actions

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 19—
The Supreme Court took the following actions today:

AIR CONTROLLERS

Refused to review an appeal by a group of air traffic controllers contending that the Federal Aviation Administration overstepped its authority by transferring and suspending controllers who reported sick during a work stoppage last year (No. 1340, Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization v. United States). Dissenting: Burger, Stewart, White.

ANTITRUST

Agreed to decide if the Topco grocery store chain violated the antitrust laws by assigning exclusive territories to individual grocery stores and prohibiting others from selling Topco brand goods in those territories (No. 1346, United States v. Topco Associates, Inc.).

INDIANS

Agreed to decide if the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the duty to protect Indians from

being cheated out of their property after the bureau has relinquished its supervisory authority over the Indians (No. 1331, Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah v. United States).

POLITICAL PATRONAGE

Refused to disturb a lower court's ruling that the Federal District Court in Chicago may hear a suit accusing Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and his Democratic political organization of forcing public employes to contribute money and work to the organization in order to keep their jobs (No. 1466, Democratic Organization of Cook County v. Shakman).

SECRET AGENTS

Let stand a lower court's ruling that the Central Intelligence Agency can refuse, on national security grounds, to answer questions in a slander suit brought by an Estonian émigré who was called a Soviet agent by a Government employe who acted under orders from the C.I.A. (No. 1281, Heine v. Raus). Dissenting: Douglas and Stewart.

CIA - II

See this file 21 Apr 68