

# TOP COURT JUNKS MARRIAGE BARS

## Laws In 16 States Are StruckDown

Race Restrictions  
On Weddings Are  
Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON — (UPI) —  
The Supreme Court Monday  
struck down state laws pro-  
hibiting marriages between  
Negroes and whites.

The 9-0 decision came in a  
Virginia case. The decision is  
historic and far - reaching.  
Fifteen other states have  
similar anti - miscegenation  
laws, however.

THEY ARE Alabama, Ar-  
kansas, Delaware Florida  
Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana

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Mississippi, Missouri, North  
Carolina, Oklahoma, South  
Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,  
and West Virginia.

The American Civil Li-  
berties Union (ACLU) took  
the issue to the Supreme  
Court on behalf of a white  
construction worker, Richard  
P. Loving, and his Negro  
wife, natives of Caroline  
County, Va. They were mar-  
ried in the District of Colum-  
bia in 1958 and returned to  
Virginia to live in violation  
of state law.

CHIEF Justice Earl War-  
ren, speaking for a unani-  
mous court, said:

"We have consistently de-  
nied the constitutionality of  
measures which restrict the  
rights of citizens on account  
of race.

"There can be no doubt  
that restricting the freedom  
to marry solely because of  
racial classifications violates  
the central meaning of the  
equal protection clause of the  
14th Amendment" Justice  
Warren ruled.