

Iran religious boss says no to U.S. talks

By URI DAN

Mideast Correspondent
JERUSALEM — The growing power struggle in Tehran took a dramatic turn yesterday when the top Iranian religious leader declared there would be no direct talks with the United States for the release of the hostages.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Iranian spiritual leader who stepped into Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's shoes June 3, announced in a speech reported

on Tehran radio that "nobody has conducted or will conduct negotiations with the United States" concerning the hostages.

"So long as U.S. policies are based on lies, deceit and shame, and its support for a dirty regime like Israel continues . . . it will not be possible for us to talk to or set up ties with the United States," Khamenei told a gathering in Tehran.

"The American administration is the most hated in Iran after Israel," he declared.

A short time later, however, the Iranian official news agency announced Iran is ready to do whatever it can to influence the captors of the foreign hostages in Lebanon, "if Washington is ready to unfreeze the Iranian monies in American banks."

Nevertheless, the official government announcement warned that the influence of Iran "on its Shiite friends in Lebanon is restricted only to the spiritual matters, and lately even this influence has diminished."

The echoes of these two declarations were still in the air when Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, Iran's interior minister and the extremist founder of the Hezbollah, spoke on Tehran radio.

Israeli intelligence experts said the contradictory declarations yesterday emphasized the rift in the Iranian leadership that has been growing between President Hashemi Rafsanjani, the pragmatic Iranian leader, and fanatic religious extremists.

NATION/WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Workers at 45 private hospitals in New York begin 3-day strike

NEW YORK — Workers at 45 private hospitals walked off their jobs yesterday and began a three-day strike after union representatives called management's latest pay offer a manipulation of numbers.

Union members of Local 1199 of the Drug, Hospital and Health Care Workers began picketing about 5 a.m., while others strikers, including hundreds from other walkouts, were led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson on a huge protest march from City Hall.

The hospital union Saturday rejected the latest proposal by the 53-member League of Voluntary Hospitals in the federally mediated negotiations. The other eight institutions were still working on unexpired contracts, a spokesman said.

Bush inks bill to aid disaster-struck farmers

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed legislation yesterday that will speed \$897 million in assistance to farmers whose crops he said had been battered this year by "the forces of nature."

The bulk of the aid — \$400 million — will go to wheat farmers whose winter harvest in Kansas and other states was devastated by drought.

At the other extreme, the Disaster Assistance Act will compensate farmers in the South and elsewhere whose rice, soybean, cotton and other crops were wiped out by rain, wind and floods.

Japanese paper apologizes for PM rumor

TOKYO — A Japanese newspaper published an apology yesterday for reporting "groundless rumors" that the new prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu, had fathered an illegitimate child.

The original story in The Nagoya Times Aug. 4 had added to the headaches of the governing party. Scandals involving influence-peddling and sex, widespread opposition to a new sales tax, and an electoral defeat have driven out two prime ministers in the past three months.

But yesterday, the Times said it had failed to confirm the facts and the original report constituted "groundless rumors."

It said the story originated in a letter from a reader.

Inflation spurs new strikes in Peru

LIMA, Peru — Thousands of miners went on strike yesterday to demand contract negotiations on a national level, paralyzing 65 mines that are the largest source of export earnings for cash-strapped Peru.

Unions representing workers from five other government agencies or banks also continued strikes or announced imminent work stoppages, most in demand of higher wages.

Workers' earning power has been devastated by inflation running at nearly 6,000 percent in the past 12 months.

About 90 percent of the nation's 80,000 miners struck 65 state-owned and private mines for an indefinite period of time, according to Jorge Quezada, secretary-general of the Miners and Metalworkers Federation.

Kidnappers back in Brazil after shootout

BRASILIA, Brazil — Four armed kidnappers who freed three hostages and escaped to Paraguay in a plane provided by authorities flew back to Brazil yesterday after a gunbattle with Paraguayan police, officials reported.

They said the plane carrying the kidnappers, identified as two married couples, landed on a farm in Toledo in southern Brazil and the four stole a truck and drove south toward the Paraguayan border, about 50 miles away.

The fugitives, who last week obtained a \$42,000 ransom in exchange for a 9-year-old boy they had kidnapped, briefly took a farmworker hostage after landing in Toledo but released him before fleeing, local police spokesman Eduardo Silva said.

He said police had spotted and surrounded the truck near the Paraguayan border.

Federal police spokesman Paulo Marra said the fugitives, armed with hand grenades, submachine guns, pistols and shotguns, exchanged gunfire with Paraguayan police at a clandestine airstrip used by smugglers near Hernandarias.

"The Paraguayan government did not authorize the plane to land in its territory," Marra said. "There was an exchange of gunfire, and the co-pilot was shot in the right forearm."

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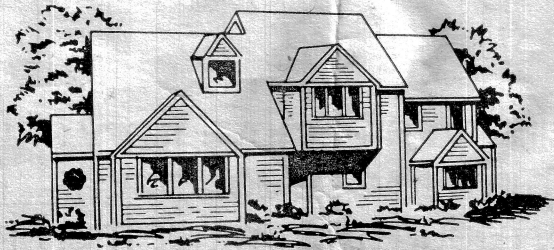
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City curbs Shawmut accounts over labor dispute

By JOE BATTENFELD

MAYOR Ray Flynn yesterday ordered a freeze on city accounts held with Shawmut Bank but refused to comply with a City Council order to yank the money over a union dispute with the bank.

Flynn's action drew praise from United Mine Workers officials, who are locked in a bitter, four-month strike against the Pittston Coal Group.

The action against Shawmut was taken because a top company official, William Craig, sits on the board of directors of Pittston.

"We're pleased the mayor has decided to sever the city's relationship with Shawmut," said UMW spokesman Kenneth Zinn.

The city has about \$15 million in city funds with Shawmut — down from \$40 million several weeks ago — and will continue to draw down the money, city officials said.

Flynn, who visited striking miners in Virginia, yesterday vetoed a council order calling for the city to immediately withdraw all the money, citing legal problems.

However, he stated that he will order city Treasurer Lee Jackson to "refrain from increasing the amount" of the funds until Craig "takes positive steps" to help end the strike.

City Councilor David Scordas, who introduced the council action, said he didn't agree with the veto but was happy with the mayor's action.

"It seems to have sent a fairly strong message of support to the coal miners," he said.

Shawmut officials released a brief statement expressing "regret" at Flynn's decision "placing limits on the extent of Shawmut doing business with the city." The company claimed it "is not a party" to the union dispute.

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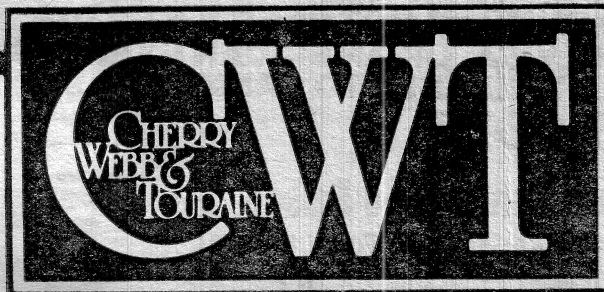
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