

# Iran probes 'crime'

**United Press International**  
TEHRAN, Iran — A U.S. Marine wounded in the attack on the American Embassy a week ago is being "investigated" for an unspecified crime, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's deputy prime minister for information said Wednesday.

Amir Entezam told reporters that "certain action will be taken" regarding Sgt. Kenneth Kraus, 22, of Lansdale, Pa., who was abducted from his hospital room where he was recovering from wounds suffered in last Wednesday's attack on the U.S. Embassy by urban guerrillas.

Entezam told reporters at Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan's office that Kraus was now "in the hands of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolutionary committee. Regarding his crime, investigations are going on and after they are completed, certain action will be taken."

He did not say what Kraus's alleged crime was.

There had been earlier reports that some of the revolutionaries wanted to charge the Marine with killing three of their comrades who attacked the embassy Feb. 14, captured the staff and held them for several hours before releasing them.

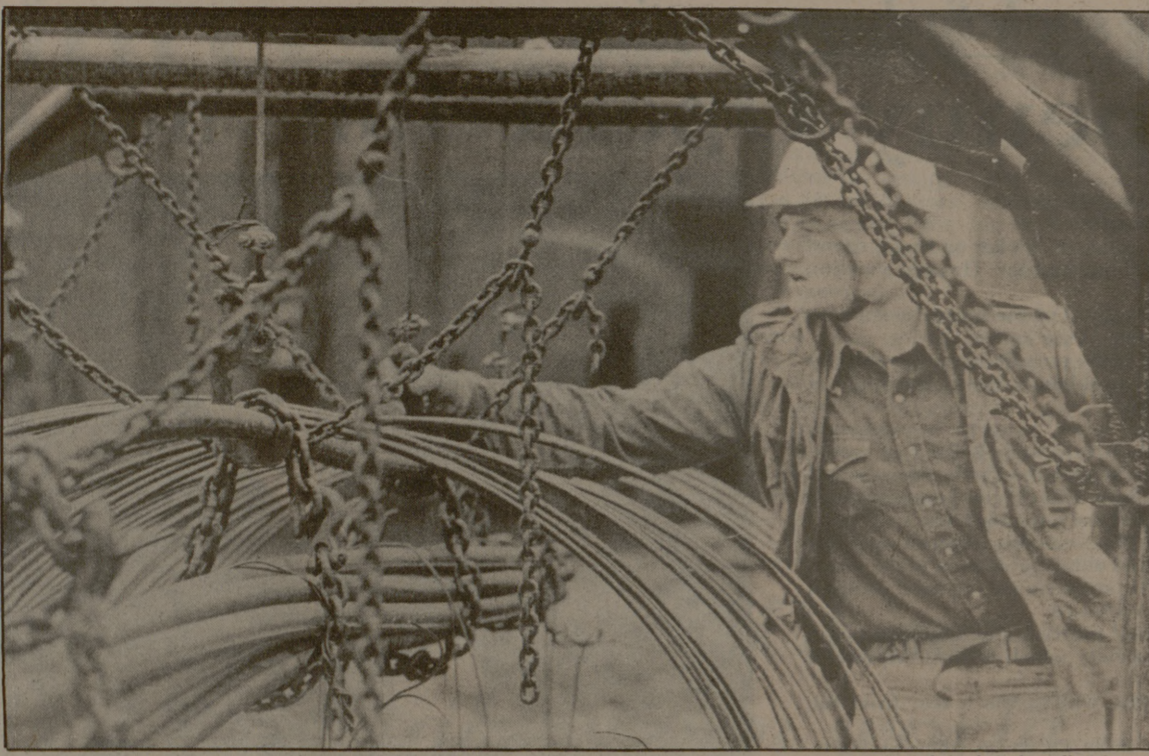
Khomeini Wednesday strongly denounced left-wing elements and communists in Iran as anti-Islamic, setting the stage for a major battle with radicals opposed to his weak government.

Tehran's Kayhan newspaper reported under a one-word headline, "Confrontation," that a clash was developing "that may affect Iran's political course for a long time to come."

Khomeini, in his strongest warning to date, said he would ignore a search to his home planned for today by the people's fedayeen, left-wing radicals who oppose Khomeini's Islamic republic.

"They (the fedayeen) must be ignored and every Muslim must refrain from cooperating with them," Khomeini said.

The fedayeen have refused to surrender thousands of rifles, machine guns and hand grenades. The items were looted from army and police arsenals during the climactic fighting last week that toppled the shah's caretaker regime.



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# Secret attempts to mediate peace in Nicaraguan civil war revealed

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Two of the bitterest enemies in Latin America — Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua and Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela — met secretly last summer in a vain effort to settle Nicaragua's civil strife, UPI learned today.

The two presidents, meeting July 30 on the tiny Venezuelan island of La Orchila, agreed on a solution to the crisis but the accord later fell apart in mutual recriminations.

Highly reliable sources said Somoza and Perez agreed during their 6.5 hours of negotiations to hold free elections in Nicaragua in 1979. But the election never took place and the two Latin American leaders have been attacking each other as bitterly as ever in recent months.

Somoza arrived at the island in his private plane, accompanied by Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Julio Quintana and his friend Manolo Rebozo, deputy mayor of Miami.

Perez, who suggested the meeting, was accompanied by his foreign minister, Simon Alberto Consalvi, and Venezuelan publisher Miguel Angel Capriles.

Luis Pallais, editor of the Nicaraguan newspaper Novedades, arranged the details of the meeting. Pallais is Somoza's cousin and closest political adviser.

The two leaders agreed to an election in Nicaragua under the auspices of the Organization of American States as well as Perez and former Presidents Daniel Oduber of Costa Rica and Alfonso Lopez Michelsen of Colombia.

Somoza and Perez refused to comment when questioned about their secret meeting, but James D. Theberge, former U.S. ambassador to Nicaragua, said he was aware of the meeting.

Consalvi refused to confirm the talks outright, but said he "once saw the devil in 1978, but I do not know

if it was Gen. Somoza."

As soon as Somoza arrived in La Orchila, the source said, the two presidents were alone for a three-hour private meeting.

They emerged from the meeting for lunch, and Perez reported to the others a new democratic day for Nicaragua was in sight.

Perez and Somoza, who hugged each other many times, agreed the Venezuelan leader would contact the opposition in Nicaragua to explore conditions for taking part in the election.

But near the end of August, Perez sent a report to the State Department saying Somoza refused to comply with the agreement. Somoza's friends denied the charge and accused Perez of double-crossing

# China, Vietnam move troops to battle spot

**United Press International**  
BANGKOK, Thailand — China and Vietnam Wednesday moved troops toward the Vietnamese provincial capital of Lang Son for what appeared to be shaping up as a major battle in their 5-day-old war.

Intelligence sources in Bangkok said China sent another division of troops across the border toward Lang Son, 12 miles into Vietnamese territory.

A French reporter said he saw thousands of regular and provincial Vietnamese troops, accompanied by 105 mm howitzers, also heading for Lang Son.

The intelligence sources said the troop movements by both sides indicated a major battle for control of Lang Son, a key northeast border junction of rail, river and road communications, was shaping up.

Soviet reconnaissance planes flew near the area for the second time since the Chinese invasion began Saturday, the Japanese Defense Agency reported, underlining intense Soviet interest in the conflict.

Intelligence sources said fighting continued along much of the 450-

mile border but without major movement of the front lines.

Chinese jets were reported striking targets well ahead of ground troops, trying to knock out Vietnamese missile sites, the sources said.

The French reporter quoted the Vietnamese commander of forces at Lang Son as saying, "We think they (the Chinese) have regrouped. They will try to surround us."

Intelligence sources in Bangkok said there were large troop buildups on both sides but could not confirm the infusion of the Vietnamese regulars.

"So far as we know, the regular army divisions have been kept in reserve, well south of the fighting," one source said.

The latest reports from the battle area indicated the Chinese forces were overpowering, one source said. "There are lots and lots of Chinese on the border," he said. "They have plenty of capability."

Earlier Japanese reports from Hanoi quoted Vietnamese officials as saying the Chinese objective was to occupy Lang Son and two other key provincial cities north and northwest of Hanoi — Cai Bang and Lao Cai.

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