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Women: Iran's new unveiled threat

The Iranian revolution is almost "hors de comment" at its present stage Eventually it will run its chaotic course, of course, and a new order will emerge. The real shaping of the new Iran will begin when the revolution has exhausted itself.

Nevertheless, the demonstrations in Tehran of women alarmed by the Ayatollah Khomeini's comments on the proper dress for revolutionary womanhood are of more than usual interest and, just possibly, significance.

One wonders where these women were, or what was their reaction, when the avatollah, remote-controlling the revolution from his French exile, was declaring to Iran and the world his goal of an Islamic republic where the word of the Koran would literally be law.

Now that he is back home, there is surprise that he means it to apply to all Iranians.

The stirring of opposition manifested by the Tehran demonstration suggests the ayatollah's Islamic revolution could be entering a very trying period. The shah's over-equipped army may have caved into it without a real

fight, but never underestimate the determination of even the semiliberated woman aroused on an issue that really matters. Lubbock Avalanche-Journal



The Washington Answer Man goes global

By ARNOLD SAWISLAK

United Press International WASHINGTON — The Washington Answer Man is with us again today after spending some time at the State Department. He says he now is prepared to enlighten us on the intricacies of foreign policy

Question: We're delighted to have you here, sir. Now, can you answer a question have had for weeks: just what is hegemony?

Answer Man: Of course. Hegemony is a type of Russian fruit preserve or jam, usu-ally served with strong tea and unsalted biscuits.

Question: But sir, we were told all dur-ing the visit of Chinese Vice Premier Deng that hegemony was a code word used by the Soviet Union to mean dominance over other countries.

Answer Man: Yes, the average Chinese cannot remain in a room where hegemony has been consumed within the last hour. The Chinese believe that hegemony is addictive and causes an insatiable urge to build intercontinental ballistic missiles. Question: While we are discussing

China, what is the State Department's explanation of the Chinese decision to withdraw from Vietnam? Was it the Soviet warning that halted their advance or

Vietnamese resistance? Answer Man: Neither. The credit for the Chinese pullback goes entirely to the United States. Secretary Blumenthal told the vice premier that if the Chinese forces advanced just a few more miles into

Vietnam they surely would be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Question: When the vice premier was visiting, he made clear his distaste for the Soviet Union and the proposed SALT treaty. Did that put the State Department in an uncomfortable position?

Answer Man: Not at all. But the department understands it definitely upset a number of anti-SALT senators to be joined. by the leader of the world's largest communist nation. Question: If we may turn to another

area, can you tell us if it is true that the United States was taken completely un-aware by the overthrow of the shah of Iran by the Ayatollah Khomeini? Answer Man: I can state categorically

that contrary to what you may have heard, the State Department was never under the impression that the ayatollah was the father of a female Romanian gymnast. You may be interested to know that our intelligence on Khomeini's activities in France came from the fabled Inspector Clouseau himself

Question: We have been told that under the new republic, the torture methods used by the shah's government will be ended. Is that a fact?

Answer Man: Yes. From now on anyone

who attempts to use torture in Iran will have his hands chopped off. Question: We also were wondering

about U.S. relations with Mexico. Did President Carter's visit to Mexico assure the United States of a reliable source of reasonably priced oil?

Answer Man: Not exactly. But we have been told that as a result of the president's arrival remarks Mexico will offer to keep the White House well supplied with

paregoric. Question: We wondered...

A slice from the top

Got a school policy beef? Well, your prime choice is The Battalion's "Talk with Dr. Miller" section. It allow students to get a new slice of information from the "Man"

dress questions to the administration about University policies and procedures. Questions should be addressed to The on the editorial page

Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, and should specify that they are to be used for this column. Names and phone numbers will be required on all questions and Dr. Miller has the option to decline to answer a ques-tion or request others on the staff or faculty

himself. The section is a forum for readers to adto answer it.

Questions and answers will be published

Let Him be the final judge on gays

By J. SCHADT

Well folks, I've sat here for the past three years and read an awful lot of this student body's Bible-based opinions concerning the homosexual issue. Now as graduation nears, I figured I'd better get my enlightened Christian-heterosexual

ladies, no figures for you all) versus 10 percent of American males who are gay. This leaves 40 percent of us "Good Joes"

to lead the other 60 percent to salvation. Certainly if the Christians of today had it in their hearts to do the most good in God's name they should start on the adul-

around 600 B.C.; Kate Millet, a U.S. author, and Janis Joplin a singer everybody knows

The men are represented by the likes of Socrates, Aristotle, Julius Caesar, Leonardo da Vinci and from more recent times, playwrite Tennessee Williams, poet

Granted, none of these folks are scientist-engineering types nor do they qualify as A&M Former Students, but let us recognize that their contributions have been at least as great. Since God put us here to serve His purposes, why don't we let Him do the judging? We'll probably all

TOP OF THE NEWS

CAMPUS

Positions still open for election

Students may still file to run for positions in the student senate and graduate student council. Bill Jentsch, election commissioner, said Sunday night that filing will be extended in those races until 4 p.m. Tuesday in Room 216 LM, Memorial Student Center. No one has filed for some positions in those groups, he said. Campus elections will still be next Monday and Tuesday

STATE

Trucks, buses may set own rates

The Texas House of Representatives today will consider a bill au-The Texas House of Representatives today will consider a only thorizing motor carriers and motor bus companies to recommend rates their industries charge to the Railroad Commission. The bill, by Rep. Lynn Nabers, D-Brownwood, won tentative approval las Thursday and is up for a final vote. Two freshmen legislators — Reps. Ted Lyon, D-Mesquite, and Tom DeLay, R-Simonton — argued has the measure would make the rate bureaus of the trucking and bu industries immune from federal antitrust laws. Lyon and DeLay als argued that a similar law passed in Georgia recently had been suc cessfully challenged by the U.S. Department of Justice. Lyon said the bill would eliminate competition and a create monopolistic sys-tem in Texas at the expense of consumers.

Austin nuke vote called doomed

Pro- and anti-nuclear forces agree the radiation leaks at Three Mike Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania will significantly diminish t probability that the city will retain its share in the controversial Sout Texas Nuclear Project. Voters are to decide Saturday whether tretain Austin's 16 percent share in the South Texas plant. A stron anti-nuclear movement forced the city council to offer voters the option of selling the city's share of the controversial project we before the radiation leak in Harrisburg, Pa. Now, nuclear supporter concede, the chances of voters deciding at next Saturday's election t retain Austin's 16 percent share in the South Texas plant are significantly diminished. "It'll take a miracle to pull this one out," on official of the pro-nuclear campaign said.

NATION

New disaster agency created

President Carter has signed an executive order establishing a new agency to deal with nuclear and natural disasters and to help out in case of terrorist attacks, the White House announced Saturday. Go don Vickery, 58, administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration, wa named to be acting director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the new facility that became effective Sunday. Vickery is former Seattle fire chief. Functions from other departments covering fire prevention and control, emergency broadcasts and floods we transferred to FEMA. The agency was created to deal with natural and nuclear disasters and to handle certain functions in the event of terrorist attack.

Strike closes United Airlines

More than 18,500 mechanics and ground crew workers struck the nation's largest air carrier Saturday, sending non-striking worke scurrying to reschedule 10 days of canceled United Airlines' fligh onto other airlines. The strike was called at midnight Friday and members of the International Association of Machinists and Aer space Workers, representing 18,611 of the airline's 54,000 en ployees, announced they had rejected a second tentative contract agreement. Union spokesmen in Chicago said the tentative agree ment was "overwhelming rejected" and that money was the union main gripe — particularly the cost of living package. United, which operates about 1,600 daily flights carrying about 130,000 passengers, promptly canceled all scheduled flights through April 9, and no new

two cents in and be summarily criticized in return by those who put themselves above reproach

Of all the issues covered in the Bible that are relevant today, homosexuality

Reader's Forum

seems to be the only issue that gets condemned with chapter and verse quotes from that Holy Book.

Why not attack our population of adulterers, who by Playboy's latest survey (March '79) constitute a little over half of the (married) men in this country (sorry

Talk with Dr. Miller

sity, aside from the reason that it is "policy"?

Dr. Miller

Dear David:

commission.

Civilian military classes?

As a freshman student up here, I was wondering why the courses of Air, Naval,

and Military science are not open to people not in the Corps of Cadets. Surely

military history and battle strategy are of interest to people who are not or do not

want to be in the Corps. Can anything be done to open this to the whole univer-

Your recent letter regarding opening ROTC courses to all students regardless of Corps affiliation is welcomed because it gives me the opportunity to explain a situation which perhaps is misunderstood by other students. The purpose of the ROTC program is to produce commissioned officers for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. This is the mission of the active duty personnel assigned to the ROTC program on our campus. The number of instructors assigned to the ROTC program on our campus.

instructors assigned is based on the number of cadets actively striving to earn a

very real sense, they are mutually supporting; some students join ROTC in order to be in the Corps, others join the Corps in order to take ROTC. The ROTC

provides tremendous support to the Corps in form of military advisers and provides the funds with which we buy all the Corps uniforms (except senior boots). The Corps of Cadets is a great asset to Texas A&M and deserves our full

boots). The Corps of Cadets is a great asset to Texas AdvM and deserves our fun-support. You indicated that you were not interested in being in the Corps, but that you might be interested in taking some selected ROTC courses such as military history. For one not interested in Corps or the ROTC as such, I think you can probably find what you are looking for in other academic departments. If you will refer to page 360 of the 1979-80 catalog, you will find four courses (442-445) offered by the Department of History on the subject of military history. You may also want to consider Political Science 422 (p. 417), and 446 and 447 (p. 418). These courses are taught by authorities in their fields, and I am sure that one or more will be responsive to your interests. — Dr. Jarvis E. Miller

The Corps of Cadets and the ROTC are not the same, but closely related. In a

first. Or reform the thief who helped himself to that poor guy's expensive French-made bike last weekend in the northside dorm area - you know, do something constructive. Certainly there are lots of appropriate verses to reference for condemning such a dastardly deed as that in our Bible.

My point being made, let me establish that a lot of our "straight" behavior is no better than our gay friends' actions. The trouble with too many of us is that we refuse to see that gay persons make substantial contributions to society just as straights do. Examples of gays who have mad life a bit more enjoyable include (for the women): Sappho, a Greek poet of

- David W. Heiligmann

- Dr. Jarvis E. Miller

President, Texas A&M

se, musicians David Bowie and Elton John.

J. Schadt is a senior at Texas A&M.

By Dick West The minority (majority) rules

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON — The Washington Post added up federal anti-discrimination laws the other day and found that minorities now outnumber the majority.

All told, it turned up eight different classifications of minorities variously based on sex, race, ancestry, military service, physical handicaps, age, religion and ethnicity

Lumped together, these categories encompass well more than half the population. Which perhaps explains the rapid growth of the caucus system in Congress. Some congressmen organize themselves

along racial or ethnic lines (the Black Caucus, the Hispanic Caucus, the Irish Caucus, etc.).

Others are regional clusters, most nota-bly the Sunbelt Caucus and the Frost Belt Caucus

Still others are oriented by mutual political philosophy, demographical considerations and even product affinity.

You might think these groupings pretty well cover the spectrum of special interests in America, but that would be a misconception on your part. The diversity of American society is such that a variety of other caucuses are needed. They include:

The Sinistral Caucus - Open to all lefthanded lawgivers, its main purpose is to insure equal opportunity for individuals who instinctively operate from the port side

Discrimination against southpaws already has dropped markedly. They now have separate but equal golf clubs, scissors, catcher's mitts and such.

Nevertheless, left-handers still are obliged to use many facilities designed for the convenience of the right-handed majority.

The Ringlet Caucus — Formed to look after the interest of the minority of Americans who have naturally curly hair.

No other group is more in danger of los-ing its identity. With the steady improvement of permanent wave potions, even people with hair so straight it looks ironed on can be given a natural looking friz. The caucus is expected to press for legislation requiring that artificial curls be clearly labeled as such.

The Mung Bean Caucus - Created to protect the rights of people who subsist entirely on mung beans but have trouble finding such dishes in restaurants.

The caucus has thrown its support behind a move to require that all public eating places that serve federally inspected meat must have at least one mung bean dish on their menus.

The Quicksand Caucus - An informal coalition of House members who represent districts whose land areas are 25 percent or more quicksand.

Caucus meets once a month for di-cussions of mutual problems and to explore ways of helping constituents obtain federal grants for developing quicksand as a natural resource.

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Room 216 Reed McDonald Building College Station, Texas 77843 negotiations were scheduled.

Kennedy-for-president rally held

A coalition of labor leaders and liberal activists Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa, formed the nucleus of a movement aimed at drafting Sen. Edward Kennedy to run for the presidency. But the question remained whether the coalition, prompted by dissatisfaction with Jimmy Carter, would snowball into a nationwide political alliance of labor and liberal Democrats. The meeting, attended by nearly 150 people, was called by Bill Fenton, international representative of the state's 18,000-member machinists union. Fenton's goal was creation of an organization to spread the draft-Kennedy message before lowas precinct caucuses in January 1980. The caucuses mark the first pres-dential preference test of the primary-convention season.

WORLD

Iran votes to end monarchy

More than 15 million Iranians have voted overwhelmingly to en 2,500 years of monarchy and begin an Islamic republic as proposed by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, early returns of a national referendum showed Saturday. Ahmad Noorbakhsh, chief of the referendum ar thority, said 98 percent of Iran's electorate - an estimated 16 millio people - voted Friday, the first part of the two-day referendum. those, "97 percent voted for the Islamic republic, which is impressiv indeed," Noorbakhsh said. He said the final turnout when the voting ended Saturday night would be 99 percent of the nation's votes.

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