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Mixed bathing ban enforced in Iran

United Press International
TEHRAN, Iran — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has backed a ban on mixed bathing at Iranian beaches, which was imposed by armed revolutionaries over the protests of tourist industry workers.

"Islam does not permit bathing near naked and bathing with women," the ayatollah said in an address to revolutionaries in Qom Sunday. "The people are Moslem and they shall not permit mixed bathing by men and women."

Khomeini's statement, which was published Monday, put the final seal on a ban already imposed by armed revolutionaries on the Caspian sea beaches north of Tehran.

Tourism industry workers have been demonstrating in Port Anzali

(formerly Pahlavi) to demand the ban be lifted, complaining it has threatened their jobs.

In a renewed attack on Iranian intellectuals critical of his Islamic republic, the 79-year-old leader said, "these Westernized, so-called intellectuals wanted to ramble, drink and indulge in other evils which would not be allowed under Islam."

"The freedom which Islam preaches is intended to nurture man's evolution, not to allow him to sink into animalism as in the Western concept of freedom," Khomeini said.

The religious leader lashed at the foreign press for "waiting for any mistakes to be committed" by his government "so as to criticize our Islamic ideology."



Pipeline project

Dick Cannon, left, a pipe fitter from Madisonville, discusses the day's work with Henry Vickers, a welder from Rosebud, Texas. The two men are working on a job across from the

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Byrd talks SALT with USSR

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MOSCOW — Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia was in the Soviet Union Monday to begin a five-day visit mixing tourism with a civics lesson for the Soviet leadership on the sensitivities of the U.S. Senate on SALT.

Byrd arrived in Leningrad Sunday and was met by local Communist Party and government officials. He visited the Hermitage museum with his wife and dined later with American Consulate officials.

The majority leader is expected to fly to Moscow, then to the Crimea

later in the week where he will meet Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, who is on vacation.

Byrd said one of the main goals of his visit will be to explain to Soviet officials the role of the Senate in acting on the strategic arms limitation agreement.

Brezhnev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and the Soviet press have repeatedly warned the Senate not to amend the SALT treaty, claiming such action would spell an end to arms talks.

Byrd already has said he does not think the Soviet lobbying campaign has been helpful.

"I don't think its helpful for the

Soviets to be issuing statements about dire actions that might follow in the wake of Senate decisions," he said.

"I hope I can make that as clear as I can to the Soviets."

One senator with a key vote — Republican Minority leader Howard Baker of Tennessee — has decided to oppose ratification.

Baker's decision to vote against SALT came after Gromyko's warning to the Senate last week.

Baker said he was willing to work

for amendments that would enhance chances for approval, but added, "I am not willing to do that while the administration assumes an adamant position, nor under Soviet threats of grave consequences."

Pravda made passing reference to Baker's decision in its international review on Sunday.

"This is a unique declaration in some ways. A choice by this senator of the tone of his speech to his government is an internal American affair," Pravda said.

Pope challenges communists leaders for forcing atheism

United Press International
VATICAN CITY — In a challenge to communist leaders attempting to impose atheism, Pope John Paul II has warned that the Catholic Church will multiply and spread, even "where it is condemned to death."

The papal challenge came Sunday as John Paul, the first pope from a communist country, concelebrated mass with 14 new cardinals created in the first consistory of his eight-month reign.

"How little it requires for this church to exist, multiply and spread," said the 59-year-old pope in his homily before the 20,000

people gathered in St. Peter's Basilica.

"It requires little because this church exists everywhere, even where according to human laws it is not alive and cannot be alive and where it is condemned to death," he said.

The pontiff underlined the passage, in a sermon of otherwise only religious content, in a booming voice. Vatican sources said it represented a clear challenge to the world's communist rulers that attempts to wipe out Christianity would not succeed.

"The church does not derive its strength from any temporal camp

nor from any reserve of nature," pope said. "Its force comes from God."

The Polish pontiff then greeted each of the 14 new princes of the Roman Catholic Church with a ring sculpted with the figure of a crucified Christ.

Missing from the mass was a new cardinal whose name he kept "in pectore," or secret heart, when the red cardinals were placed on the heads of others at Saturdays consistory.

Popes usually only name "in pectore" when the new prince might be threatened by authorities in his home country.

Vatican sources said the cardinal was almost certainly communist East European and speculation centered on Juonas Steponavicius, 68, the toll administrator of Vilnius, Lithuania.

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