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# Iranian checks go on

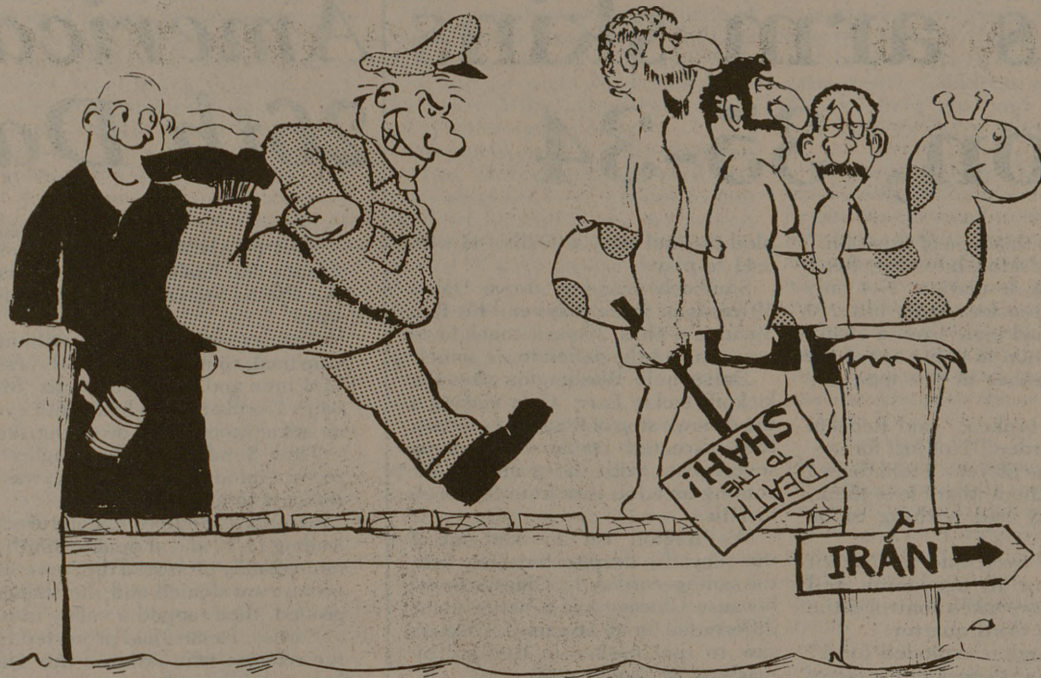
United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The administration, with the blessing of a federal appeals court, has resumed its check on the visas of thousands of Iranian students and has extended the reporting deadline until Dec. 29.

But the Immigration and Naturalization Service has pledged not to deport any Iranians found to be in violation of their visas unless the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia rules the selective crackdown is legal.

The court, mindful of the promise to hold on deportations, issued a Friday of a lower court ruling asking further review of the students' visas.

Agreed to hear arguments next Monday on whether Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti's regulations requiring Iranians to report to their immigration offices are constitutional.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Green ruled Civiletti had no authority without specific approval



from Congress to require more than 70,000 Iranian students to prove within 30 days they are in school.

Judge Green ruled the reporting program violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

The ruling, on two class action lawsuits filed by civil rights groups, was issued three days before the reporting period was to expire. Shortly after the court made its announcement, Justice Department spokes-

man John Russell said Civiletti had extended the reporting period for two weeks, until Dec. 29.

Civiletti and acting Immigration Commissioner David Crosland promptly huddled to draft revised reporting regulations to be published in the Federal Register.

"In view of the representation of the attorney general that he will extend the reporting period, the order of the district court on appeal hear-

is stayed pending further order of this court," the special appeals panel ruled.

President Carter ordered the deportation of all Iranians found to be in the United States illegally on Nov. 10, six days after more than 60 Americans were taken hostage in Iran.

Nine Iranians already have been deported since Civiletti's Nov. 13 decree.

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DENVER — Banning the export of food to Iran in response to the holding of American hostages at the embassy in Tehran would be a "puny" move, the director of International Legal Studies at the University of Denver said Sunday.

Ed Vanda, in a speech to the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, said it would be logical for the United States to impose economic sanctions against Iran, but he said the sanctions should not include a food embargo.

The use of food as a weapon is "ethically unacceptable and politically unwise,"

Vanda said. "The use of food as a weapon would be contrary to international law — in particular, the evolving human rights law."

Vanda cited the thousands of starving Cambodian refugees streaming into Thailand as an example of the cruelty of using food as a weapon of war.

Vanda also predicted the United States would survive the Iranian crisis with a better image in the world.

"The world community views the United States not as a weak country — a paper tiger who is being humiliated — but rather as a country with admirable moderation and restraint," he said. "It is desirable that we keep a cool head."

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