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Islam nations rebuke Soviet Union

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ISLAMABAD Pakistan — The Islamic nations delivered a stinging rebuke to the Soviet Union Tuesday for its invasion of Afghanistan and issued only a mild resolution against threatened U.S. economic sanctions of Iran.

Another resolution also adopted by consensus condemned the United States, Egypt and Israel for their Middle East "collusion and cooperation" and opposed superpower presence in Moslem countries.

With four resolutions approved and only more to go, the 36-nation emergency conference moved toward an end of its three-day meeting.

The Moslem countries, ranging

from Indonesia to Morocco, demanded the "complete and immediate withdrawal" of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and suspended the pro-Moscow Kabul government from the 42-member Islamic Conference a mini-U.N. for the Islamic and Arab world.

Hard-line Moslem nations including Iran and Moscow's traditional allies, tried to prod the conference into taking equally firm action against the United States, but the moderate faction, led by Saudi Arabia, appeared to have blunted the drive.

The resolution on relations between Iran and the United States was seen as the test for the hard-

liners' strength but the measure that finally emerged appeared more moderate in tone than originally expected.

It expressed "the sincere wish that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America resolve the outstanding problems between themselves by peaceful means."

It also "declares its firm opposition to any threat or use of force of any kind or intervention or interference or imposition of economic sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran or any other Moslem nation."

In the crucial paragraph concerning economic sanctions, the United States was not mentioned by name.

Iran, which joined traditional Soviet allies such as Libya and the

Palestine Liberation Organization in condemning the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, was not satisfied with the general condemnation of superpower pressures.

An earlier resolution used mild language saying the group was "strongly condemning pressures of all kinds" against Moslem nations and a fifth resolution was still expected on superpower involvement in the Horn of Africa.

The resolution dealing with the Horn of Africa was believed aimed primarily at the presence of Soviet advisors and Cuban troops in Ethiopia and at blocking the United States from building new military bases in Somalia.

Bani-Sadr rejects militant share in power

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Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Iran's first president-elect, has rejected sharing any power with hard-line militants holding 50 American hostages as ransom for the shah's extradition.

In an interview with Le Monde newspaper published in Paris Monday, Bani-Sadr said the hostage crisis could be resolved if the United States admitted to "crimes it had committed" during Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's regime.

Bani-Sadr's remarks to the Paris daily echoed his comment on the hostage crisis Sunday that "the greater part of the solution lies with the Americans."

Western press reports said Bani-Sadr, 46, was not prepared to accept parallel government with the radical Moslems occupying the American

Embassy for the 87th day.

"If in Iran we have two governments, for example, one for the students... and the second one the Revolutionary Council, this condition is not acceptable," he said in a session with reporters.

During his campaign for the presidency the French-trained economist told reporters the hostage crisis is "one of the most important problems... I will try to resolve this crisis as soon as possible."

Militants holding the Americans hostage at the besieged U.S. Embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4 have insisted the shah be returned to Iran as a precondition before the hostages can be released.

In Washington, in what was seen as a tentative gesture of reconciliation to the newly elected govern-

ment in Tehran the United States delayed plans to impose economic sanctions against Iran for holding the hostages.

"We remain ready to work with Iran's leaders toward a solution to the crisis," President Carter was quoted as saying in a statement released by State Department spokesman Hodding Carter. "We are unable to predict what effect the election results will have on the release of the hostages."

Official election results released by Tehran Radio and monitored in London by the BBC showed Bani-Sadr received more than 77 percent of the vote, or 10.7 million ballots out of more than 14 million cast in the election Friday.

Article says State positions are pay-offs

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WASHINGTON — Ambassador X, a product of the American Midwest, looked quizzically at his staff members in the U.S. Embassy somewhere in Southeast Asia.

"Did you say there are two separate Koreas?" he asked. "How come?"

Staff members also swallowed hard when the ambassador said, "You mean there has been a war between India and Pakistan?"

Another staffer shortly after his arrival was, "What's Islam?"

Ambassador X is cited by the author of an article in the Foreign Service Journal to point up charges President Carter has not kept his 1976 campaign promise to stop paying off political debts with diplomatic assignments.

Neither Ambassador X, nor the author, who served as the ambassador's deputy for eight months, is identified in the journal which is published by the American Foreign Service Association.

But UPI has learned the ambassador is Richard Kneip, a former governor of South Dakota who is now serving as U.S. envoy to Singapore. State Department sources said the author is Edward Ingraham, a respected career diplomat now on temporary assignment at a Midwest university.

The article says Ambassador X is an example of the "true political appointee, those who have no visible qualifications for the position and... who have been selected for reasons that have nothing to do with the conduct of foreign policy."

The article says the ambassador had never heard of Gandhi Nelson Sukarno, German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Chiang Kai-shek, to say nothing of such other notables as China's Deng Xiaoping and French President Giscard d'Estaing.

Kneip, 47, is owner of a wholesale milk equipment distributorship in South Dakota, his official biography says. He was governor of South Dakota from 1971-1977 and served as chairman of the Democratic Governors and as chairman of the Midwestern Governors Conference.







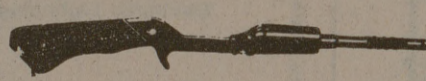




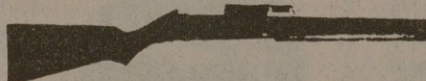
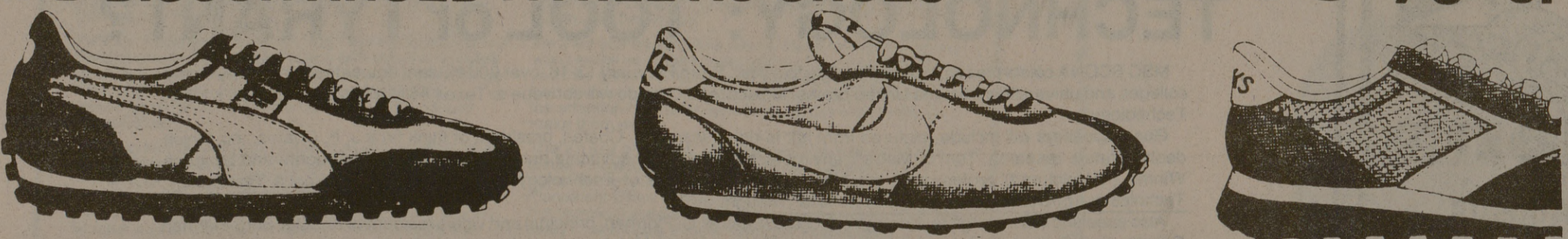
The author is sharply critical of Carter for raising expectations that his administration was going to change the practice of using embassies for political payoffs. About 70 percent of the current 150 U.S. ambassadors are career diplomats but the author said some of the political appointees are "of stunning unsuitability for the job."

One of those, the article said, is Ambassador X, who sometimes averaged less than 21 hours a week in his office and would drop everything to entertain visiting friends, occasionally entertaining them in his office while he conducted business.

The author concludes, "It seems quite clear that the present administration, despite the grave words of 1976, is no more ready than its predecessors to take the vow and sweep off the use of ambassadorships as political patronage and reward."

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