

# 1,000 arrested in Turkey

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IZMIR, Turkey — Police, backed up by soldiers and military armored trucks, flushed out and arrested hundreds of militant leftists and workers occupying a textile factory Thursday. Police gave no details of the number of arrests. Unconfirmed local news reports said more than 1,000 people were held. A sports stadium was turned into a detention center

for men. Women workers were released after questioning, the reports said. The operation ended a weeklong occupation by more than 1,200 leftists and workers at the Taris factory, the center of several days of unrest and demonstrations. Police used a military "panzer" truck to break down the main factory gates.

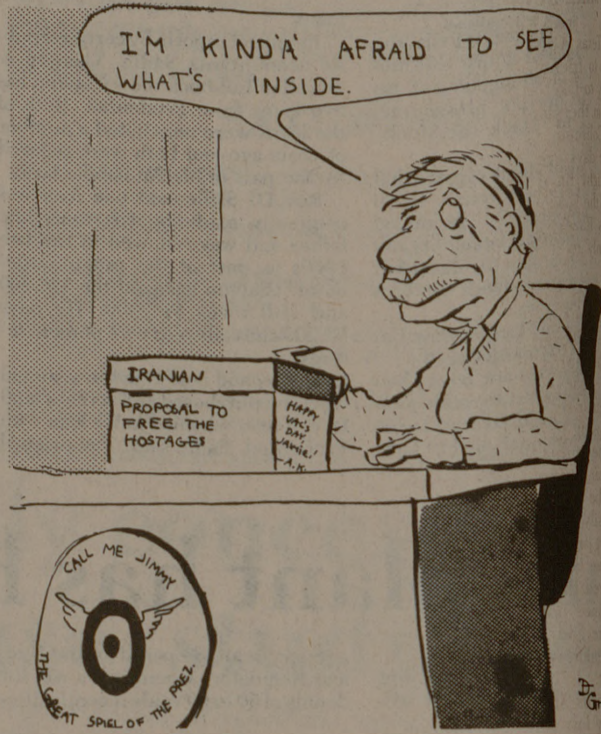
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# Hostages may be free in 2 days if plan is approved — Bani-Sadr

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Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said Thursday the 50 American hostages could be freed in 48 hours if President Carter accepts a plan approved by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Speaking from Tehran to the Italian television network RAI, Bani-Sadr said that if there were complications, the release of the captives could take two months. "There is a proposal on President Carter's desk now which, if he accepts, can lead to the release of the hostages in 48 hours," Bani-Sadr said. RAI quoted Bani-Sadr as saying Khomeini had approved the plan presented to Carter. Bani-Sadr said the release of the hostages depends not only on an investigation into the regime of the deposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi but also on America's guaran-

teeing Iran's geopolitical and economic independence. "It all depends on the attitude of the United States," he said. "If there is a positive response and action, if the conditions are met, we can act very quickly. We depend on the United States for spare parts. They are essential for us," Bani-Sadr said, although he did not specify whether spare parts supplies for Iran's American-equipped forces were part of the plan on Carter's desk. Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said earlier that an agreement on the release of the hostages would have to proceed "step by step." "There are still doubts and hopes. I am hopeful." Carter said in a televised news conference Wednesday night that "positive progress" has been made toward the release of the hostages

and that Washington was ready to accept an "appropriate" international commission to resolve the situation. His announcement, coupled with a statement by Bani-Sadr that Khomeini has accepted a compromise plan on the hostages, sent hopes soaring that the 15-week occupation of the U.S. Embassy would soon end. Because details of any release formula have been kept secret, it was not known if Khomeini and Carter were responding favorably to the same set of guidelines. But both leaders apparently hinged their acceptance of the plan on the work of an international commission. In Dublin, Ireland, Irish statesman and U.N. official Sean McBride denied a report quoting him as saying the American hostages would be released "before or concurrently with" the convening of a U.N. Commission to investigate the regime of the deposed shah in Iran.



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# Japanese sokaiya keep company meetings calm

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TOKYO — A bugaboo for U.S. corporate executives is the professional stockholder — a gaudy whose mission is to ask questions and make proposals management does not want to hear at the annual shareholder meeting. Not so the Japanese sokaiya. He guarantees management brief, quiet and trouble-free stockholder meetings. Like their U.S. counterparts, the sokaiya usually own only a handful of shares in a company. Here the majority ends. For a price, sokaiya won't chair the annual stockholder meeting, company pollutes rivers, outrageous expense accounts maintains mistresses for two wives. For a higher price, the sokaiya pack meetings with underlings threaten anyone else who might pose an indiscreet question or try to approve for whatever the company proposes. "Are there any objections to the proposal?" the company asks. "No, no," roars the dissident heading toward the rophone finds his way blocked hears shouts of "No objection one wants to speak." "I try to expedite the shareholders' meetings so they go smoothly," says Shigeo Matsushima of Kyoto, who rates himself a "A" sokaiya. A chunky man with the appearance of an enforcer for Jimmy Kneary in late-night television gangster films, Matsushima says he is hard for companies employing. He decides where and when stockholders' meetings will be held and sets the agenda. "Then I check names of shareholders and see who needs attention," Matsushima says. "And then I come up with some special message for those who need attention." Those "needing attention" potential dissidents and Matsushima says one "special measure" is to off critics of the company. Police other sokaiya use violence. Police say despite their annual appeals, all but about the 1,300 firms registered on Tokyo Stock Exchange have stayed on the payroll. Yoshimasa Inoue, 69, for decades managed the stockholder meetings of Teijin, Ltd., one of Japan's textile firms. As part of his deal regularly with the sokaiya. "Managing the shareholder meeting is a very difficult task," the bespectacled Inoue explains something goes wrong, then he is held responsible. Until World War II, few businesses were publicly owned and executives accounted for their actions to others inside the company, outsiders. Management still likes to be challenged. If a manager cannot run a business meeting, he loses face and is demoted or forced to resign largely fear of this, analysts say, perpetuates the sokaiya. Police estimate the top dozen sokaiya can earn up to \$500,000 a year. Japan's corporate code of payoffs to sokaiya, but there loopholes such as "subscriptions" or lavish gifts for a sokaiya's warning. Matsushima gets his pay through such subscription fees the newsletters of his "public company." He says the company takes in 50 million yen a year, \$212,000. There are rivalries within sokaiya and Matsushima's ranges from condescension to tempt as he mentions the sokaiya lower classes, men whom people the top consider "roughneck ruffians." The president of the "Sokaiya sokaiya" puts membership at 500, says they're entrepreneurs trying to expedite proceedings. Police put the number at 100 and say they're extortionists admit few ever are arrested.

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