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Panama may arrest shah for Iran, lawyer claims

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PANAMA CITY, Panama — A prominent Panamanian lawyer representing Iran in extradition proceedings against the deposed shah of Iran says the exiled monarch could be arrested once papers are served. Juan Materno Vasquez, former president of Panama's Supreme Court, said Tuesday the shah's right to go free on bail depends upon what charges are brought against him by Iran. "Once the demand (for extradition) is made, he will not be able to move because he will be arrested," Vasquez said. "He may not necessarily go to jail because he could be granted bail." Vasquez added, however, under Panamanian law the shah could demand the

right of habeas corpus to safeguard him against illegal detention or obtain a judicial order granting him temporary immunity from prosecution.

"If Panama accepts Iranian charges demanding imprisonment, then the shah must be arrested and all the documents in his possession can be seized," he said. The office of the presidency and the Ministry of Government and Justice would then decide whether to accept Iran's charges, Vasquez said.

Shah spokesman Mark Morse, reached by telephone on Contadora Island where Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi is staying, refused to comment on the lawyer's statements.

Vasquez said Panamanian law provides

for extradition proceedings when no treaty exists, as in the case of Panama and Iran.

But, because Panama has no death penalty, authorities could refuse to extradite the shah if it were evident he would be executed once he returned to the Islamic Republic, Vasquez said.

Vasquez stressed the shah has the legal right to leave Panama before the extradition documents from Tehran arrive, but added the proceedings could continue even if the shah was no longer in the country.

The shah and his wife Empress Farah have lived on the Pacific resort island since they arrived from the United States Dec. 15.

Vandals steal a beer can the city wanted to keep

By ANDY WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

Ordinarily, College Station officials wouldn't be upset about someone taking a beer can out of one of their parks. But this is different.

The top of a bench post which was sculpted to look like a Coors Light container was saved and stolen from Oak Park sometime last week, a city park employee says.

The sculpture is valued at \$350. It is one of several in the park, which is at Stallings and Highway 30.

A group of Texas A&M University's environmental design students began sculpting the tops of the wooden bench posts last October after being hired by College Station.

Environmental design professor Rodney Hill said the park department asked him to help find students who were interested in planning some aspects of the party areas of the park. The sculptures are part of that project.

The beer can isn't the first carving to catch a thief's eye. Last fall, someone stole a replica of a Prussian soldier that Hill himself had carved. The figure was later returned.

Steve Bell, a sophomore who is one of the students working on the project, says the group will have to build the figures so as to obstruct the saws.

Darrell Williams, another project worker, is also worried about what vandals will

do to the park.

"One weekend when we were out there, somebody's party had destroyed the bathroom," he said. "Just ripped the commode and sink off the wall."

"That's not just something that you do and say, oops, look what happened. It's their park, man. Why would they do that?"

But the students are enjoying the project anyway. Williams says the best times are when there are a lot of workers on the site.

The site is divided into seven areas. Two

students are assigned to each. Eventually, Hill says, there will be 40 of the sculptures. There are 15 now.

The carvings include beer bottles, hamburgers and hot dogs. One group, which is modeling its area after a saloon, sculpted one of a set of dice onto a post.

Steve Bell and his partner are fashioning one post into a snake wrapped around a leg. Bell says eventually they hope to extend the snake's body so that it will serve as the back of the bench and wrap around the other post.

Salvadorans take hostage

United Press International
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Anti-government groups have taken another 120 hostages, raising to 370 the number of people being held in a growing war of nerves between militants and the ruling junta.

About 40 members of the National Association of Salvadoran Teachers took some 100 people hostage in a peaceful occupation Monday of the Ministry of Education's employee benefits office in the capital.

The teachers demanded an end to alleged repression against their col-

leagues and the release of two teachers arrested by government forces last week. At least seven teachers have been shot to death this year, allegedly by right-wing extremists.

Earlier in the day, some 30 members of the leftist Popular Revolutionary Bloc occupied the Labor Ministry office in Santa Ana, 40 miles west of San Salvador, and took 20 persons hostage, a spokesman for the militants said.

Teamsters Union might combine with AFL-CIO

United Press International
BAL HARBOR, Fla. — After a 23-year breakup, the Teamsters Union and the AFL-CIO have started a negotiating process for the 2-million member union to reaffiliate with the federation.

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said Tuesday special committees have been named to begin direct talks on such a move, which would bring the nation's largest union back to the organization that expelled it in 1957.

At that time, the federation took the action because the Teamsters would not answer questions about corrupt influence over the union. The two immediate past Teamsters presidents, James Hoffa and Dave Beck, have served jail terms after holding their Teamsters' post.

Now, in Kirkland's effort to have a "re-gathering of the clan" in the AFL-CIO, he feels that law enforcement authorities, not the union movement, should monitor ethical standards of unions.

"I'm satisfied that the Teamsters are a bona fide trade union that has done fine work in representing its members and I am satisfied that it's in the best interest of the American trade union movement to bring about the consolidation of all of its legitimate elements," Kirkland told a news conference during the mid-winter meeting of the federation's executive council.

Asked if the Teamsters' ethical standards were not a concern, Kirkland said such jurisdiction belonged to "the constabulary forces of this country."

"There are ample laws which deal with the supervision of trade unions and the conduct of trade union officers far more so than any other element of our society," he said.

Reaffiliation of the Teamsters would provide the federation with a financial boon in an added \$4.6 million annually in per capita dues.

Kirkland added, the federation also had contacted the United Auto Workers union and the United Mine Workers union about reaffiliation. The UAW bolted from the federation in a dispute between the late AFL-CIO President George Meany and Walter Reuther, who headed the UAW. The UMW left the old CIO during the days of John L. Lewis.

Kirkland said no such bid had been made to the National Education Association even though it is the nation's second largest union. He said there were particular difficulties in NEA affiliation because of a jurisdictional problem with the rival American Federation of Teachers, which is an AFL-CIO member.

In other action Tuesday, the council adopted policy statements backing Presi-

dent Carter's assertion the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan poses the greatest threat to the free world since World War II, and endorsed Carter's call for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

It also suggested if the International Olympic Committee goes ahead with the Moscow games, the United States should consider pulling out of the IOC.

New group to battle student alcoholism

By MERIL EDWARDS
Campus Staff

Student Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon, a new organization at Texas A&M University, met for the first time Tuesday. AA and Alanon are for students with drinking problems and for those who have friends or family members with drinking problems.

Dr. George Bates, a biochemistry professor, is the sponsor of the group. "Several students came to me," Bates said, "and asked if I would help get AA started on campus. They knew I was involved with the AA Brazos Valley Council and figured I was the logical person to get it under way here."

Bates said the Texas A&M administration was responsive and supportive of the formation of AA and Alanon.

There were four students at the first meeting, Bates said. AA and Alanon meets in room 145 of the Memorial Student Center every Tuesday and Friday at noon.

"AA is founded on christian principles," Bates said. "It is a spiritual program, but there is no requirement of a belief in God to be able to come. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking or the desire to help someone else stop."

The first three steps of the 12 steps of AA are 1) We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable. 2) We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. 3) We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

"AA and Alanon are effective because people enjoy them," Bates said. "Most receive tremendous spiritual growth and a new way of looking at life. They see they are not trading their drinking days for a dull life, but instead getting a great new life."

Bates said AA and Alanon emphasize sharing, that students express common problems and interests and work toward a solution. He said AA is an anonymous organization so no records are kept and students go by first names only.

"It's natural for students to be reluctant to come," he said. "Denial is one of the classic symptoms of alcoholism, but I think that AA being on campus will have a real purpose in making students aware of a possible solution."

Bates said alcohol, as the cause of auto accidents, is the number one killer of college students.



Break point

Brian Joelson, a member of the Texas A&M tennis team, stops for a water break during his match Tuesday against Eddie Rees of the Nationally-ranked team from Trinity University. For more on A&M's duel with Trinity, see page 13.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leshper Jr.

GOP debates the debate; poll says Ted's in trouble

United Press International
Everything is set for tonight's debate of the Republican presidential candidates in New Hampshire, but another forum including just two of them is under heavy fire.

The Federal Election Commission has on its table protests by Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker, Sen. Robert Dole and Rep. John Anderson, saying the so-called front-runner debate Saturday in Nashua, N.H., would discriminate against them.

The complaints, filed Tuesday, are aimed at the Nashua Telegraph, which is sponsoring the one-on-one confrontation between former California Gov. Ronald Reagan and former U.N. Ambassador George Bush — the two GOP candidates generally believed to be leading in New Hampshire.

The three members of Congress are charging the newspaper's expenditure of money for the debate is discriminatory be-

cause it advances the candidacies of Bush and Reagan to the detriment of the other contenders.

Dole's Washington office said late Tuesday if the FEC turns down the complaint or fails to act soon, he will seek a court injunction to block the affair.

Common Cause, the national citizens lobby, also opposes the debate and is seeking to have it canceled.

A new CBS-New York Times national poll found Sen. Edward Kennedy's presidential campaign in serious trouble. CBS said that while 75 percent of the Democrats contacted in a poll last June said they had a favorable impression of Kennedy, the figure fell to 69 percent in November and plunged to 31 percent Tuesday.

The president is riding high, CBS said, and the Democrats polled want him nominated by a 3-1 margin.

On the Republican side, the poll found Ronald Reagan still leading but with George Bush closing the gap.

Another poll, this one confined to New Hampshire, showed Carter with 47 percent to Kennedy's 29 percent. California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. had 6 percent, with 17 percent undecided.

On the Republican side, Bush — who registered only 10 percent in a similar poll in October, now had 37 percent to Reagan's 33 percent and former Texas Gov. John Connally's 2 percent. Dole and Illinois Rep. Philip Crane each received less than 1 percent, with 12 percent undecided.

In Charleston, S.C., to campaign for the state's March 8 primary, California businessman Benjamin Fernandez said Bush's campaign in Puerto Rico "probably was the dirtiest political campaign I have seen in 30 years experience in Republican politics."

Connally, rushing via an interstate highway in Massachusetts from one New Hampshire appearance to another, was pulled over by state police and his driver was given a warning for speeding.