

U.S. requested shah to stay in Panama

WASHINGTON — The United States tried to persuade the deposed shah of Iran to remain in Panama, fearing that his departure might further exacerbate the Iranian hostage crisis, it was learned Monday.

Obviously, our desire was that the surgery be performed in Panama," said a White House official. Whether that (the shah's trip to Egypt) has any impact on the hostage situation is debatable. We obviously would have preferred not to take a chance."

But the official also indicated all did not seem well between the Panamanian government and the shah despite earlier assurances from Panama that he was welcome in the country.

There were some statements made by the shah's people which "defended Panama," the official said. He did not elaborate.

The official said the shah "always" gave assurances that he would not be

extradited to Iran." But it was also learned that the shah was puzzled over why Panama continued to indicate to Iran that it would consider extradition of the shah with the filing of a petition from Iran scheduled this week.

White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski said Sunday the administration was committed to allow the shah to return to the United States for surgery, but the shah decided he would be better off in Egypt.

White House chief of staff Hamilton Jordan flew to Panama last Thursday with the President Carter's chief counsel, Lloyd Cutler, to try to smooth out a rift between the Panamanian government and the shah over his medical treatment.

The official said Jordan ironed out the difficulties and got the problem of the shah's surgery resolved between Panamanian and U.S. doctors. "But by that time, the shah

had made up his mind to leave." The official also denied — despite claims by Iran — that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller were involved in the latest developments involving the shah.

The White House official questioned statements by Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotzbadeh that, with the filing of an extradition petition in Panama, the Iranian militants would have turned custody of U.S. hostages over to government authorities.

"We have absolutely no indication that they were about to release the hostages," the official said.

"I don't think there's anyone who takes that seriously. They haven't kept their promises before. They have always said if they got the shah back they would release the hostages, and we have said we can't operate that way."

Ecologists single out 'filthy five'

WASHINGTON — An environmental group Monday named its "filthy five" — corporations it said have had cleanup records supported through big contributions to sympathetic members of congress.

The five companies singled out by Environmental Action were Dow Chemical Co., International Paper Co., Occidental Petroleum Corp., Republic Steel Corp. and Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.

The group, which also hicks a "dirty dozen" members of Congress at election time based on voting records, said the five companies gave \$694,272 to 352 candidates for federal office in 1978. Of that \$39,072 went to anti-environmental candidates compared to \$122,227 to proenvironmentalists, it said.

Sex lawsuit review set

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday ordered review of a class action lawsuit filed against the city of Greenville for sex discrimination.

The civil rights suit, filed by Minnda Satterwhite after she was turned down for a job as Greenville Municipal Airport manager in 1972, was dismissed in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling Satterwhite was not a proper representative of the class allegedly harmed by discrimination.

Satterwhite appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing she was denied a hearing to show she was a representative of the discriminated class.

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Afghans appeal for help

Afghan rebels have appealed for help in their struggle against Soviet occupation troops, warning that massive Russian reinforcements threatened the very existence of the resistance forces.

The appeal Sunday by the Hizbe Islami group, backed by other rebel forces, estimated the number of Soviet troops in Afghanistan had increased by 20,000 to more than 300,000. It was the first indication by the group that they are having problems.

It contrasted with the steady reports of heavy Soviet and Afghan losses since Soviet forces invaded Afghanistan Dec. 27.

Rebel sources said the increase in Soviet troops equipped with the most modern weapons means all resistance to the Soviet-backed Afghan government in Kabul will vanish in no time if significant assistance is not rushed to the rebels.

The rebel sources reported at least

30,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan's eastern provinces bordering Pakistan and about 500 tanks in Kunar province, an equal number in Nangarhar province and 100 tanks in Paktia province.

Afghan rebel organizations in Pakistan said they believe Soviet and Afghan troops have succeeded in cutting rebel communications and may be trying to seal off the Pakistan frontier.

Terrorists to be shot

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey issued "shoot to kill" orders against alleged terrorists Monday and it has arrested 210 people on terrorism charges in the past 15 days.


Interior Minister Mustafa Gulcigil said the dozen alleged terrorists still wanted would be given 15 days to surrender, but thereafter would be shot on sight.

He said the 12 are accused of killing security officers and of other crimes, bombings and armed robberies.

Police said seven more people were killed in political violence throughout Turkey Sunday and Monday.

Gulcigil said police had seized 15 bombs, 127 rifles, shotguns and pistols and 1,561 rounds of ammunition.

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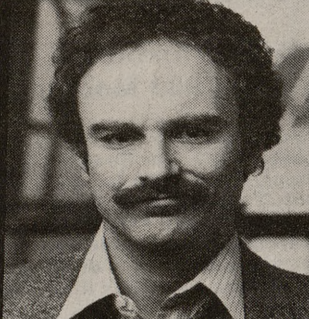
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