

# Khomeini offers visits to hostages since break

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Carter will try to "keep the door open" with Iran and take Ayatollah Khomeini up on an offer to let the United States check from time to time on the health and safety of the American hostages.

A White House official said Wednesday efforts will be made to keep channels with Iran open despite the break in relations.

Khomeini insisted in a speech Monday the hostages were in good health and offered to let outsiders

visit them if they applied through responsible authorities. "We plan to take him up on that," the official said.

The official also said the State Department is awaiting word from the three clergymen who conducted Easter services for the hostages in Tehran and took messages to them. He said they are expected to bring back tapes from the captives.

He indicated the clergymen had not made contact with all the hostages.

Press secretary Jody Powell, meantime, said in an interview on

ABC-TV the hostages "are a constant concern — what those people are going through. It is a situation in which the human dimensions completely overpower other considerations."

He conceded Carter was angry over the unkept promises of Iranian government officials, adding "I doubt there's a person in this country who's not angry over what Iran has done."

"Our friends and allies ought to support us because what we are doing is right," Powell said. But he

added the United States does not know whether it will get the support of friendly nations.

The European countries and Japan are heavily dependent on Iran for oil.

Powell said it would "not be productive to discuss what other steps the president may take, but it would be well for those concerned to ponder that for themselves."

Carter has ruled out a naval blockade of the Persian Gulf at this stage, but he has not foreclosed it as an option in the future.

# Federal offices plan 'insurance policy'

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — A number of federal agencies are piecing together "insurance policy" legislation designed to help even the weakest links in America's financial community weather a rougher-than-expected recession.

A draft of the plan should be ready "in a week or two," federal regulators said Tuesday.

The most novel and probably the most controversial provision in the yet-to-be unveiled proposal would let a relatively healthy institution in one lending class, say a savings and loan association, cross over and absorb a faltering

institution in another class, such as a savings bank.

Federal regulators said the takeover provision would be used only as a last resort.

The concept here would be to let an institution be taken over by other classes of institutions if that was the only way to solve the problem," one high-ranking official said.

The idea is not new. Toward the end of the last recession, administrators at the Federal Reserve Board toyed with the notion of seeking legislation to allow various financial institutions to absorb beleaguered institutions in other classes.

Another facet of the proposal — which theoretically will be the combined handiwork of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and several other federal regulating agencies — would allow a lending institution to wander outside its state borders to merge with another institution.

Existing law prevents this practice. In other words, a bank in New York cannot consolidate with a bank in Ohio.

Once again, regulators said they would only use this provision if all other remedies were implausible.

# Move against Iran favored

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The latest Louis Harris public opinion poll shows most Americans feel military action should be taken against Iran if the American hostages are put on trial as spies.

The results are a dramatic turnaround from a Harris poll in December, when 66 percent of the Americans questioned were against any type of military action against Iran.

The latest poll showed 51 percent of the respondents favored military action against Iran if the American hostages are put on trial.

Also, 77 percent of the Americans questioned said it was a mistake for Carter not to give Iran an ultimatum for release of the hostages immediately after they were seized.

# Editors approve anti-Iran sanctions

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Here is a sampling of editorial reactions to President Carter's Iran sanctions:

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "The time has come to deal firmly with this outlaw government that claims the privilege to inflict endless punishment and humiliation on our citizens and our country. Americans are prepared to back President Carter to the hilt to gain the hostages' freedom and (to) end this incredibly humiliating insult to all Americans."

Minneapolis Star: "After protracted forbearance with nothing gained, Carter was right to tell Iranian officials to close up shop and go home; stricter trade sanctions at least signal the seriousness of American concern; the president's drastic limitations on visas for Iranians may also fit the circumstances."

Memphis Press-Sentinel: "The sanctions announced so far by Presi-

dent Carter are not only fully justified, but restrained in view of Iran's affront to this country and to international law and decency.

"We welcome the clampdown on visas for Iranians, but rather than expelling Iranian diplomats, they should have been interned, and held for as long as the Americans are in Iran."

St. Petersburg Times: "The message was clear. Carter, under dire provocation had displayed the patience of Job. Patience hadn't worked.

He now was ready to act. Action may not work either. And as one step leads to another, more lives could be lost than saved.

"Whatever happens, however, Americans can be proud of the fact their government went the last mile to avert a disaster. In a presidential election year, talking first and shooting last may be poor politics. But, as in any year, it's good sense."

# White whale big problem

United Press International  
POINTLOOKOUT, N.Y. — Local and federal officials are trying to decide what to do about a 14-foot, white whale with a penchant for nuzzling up to powerboat propellers.

The whale has been swimming in Reynolds Channel between Long Beach and Island Park, much to the chagrin of local residents but to the trepidation of wildlife officials.

Representatives of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Hempstead Town Department of Conservation and Waterways have been trying to figure out what to do.

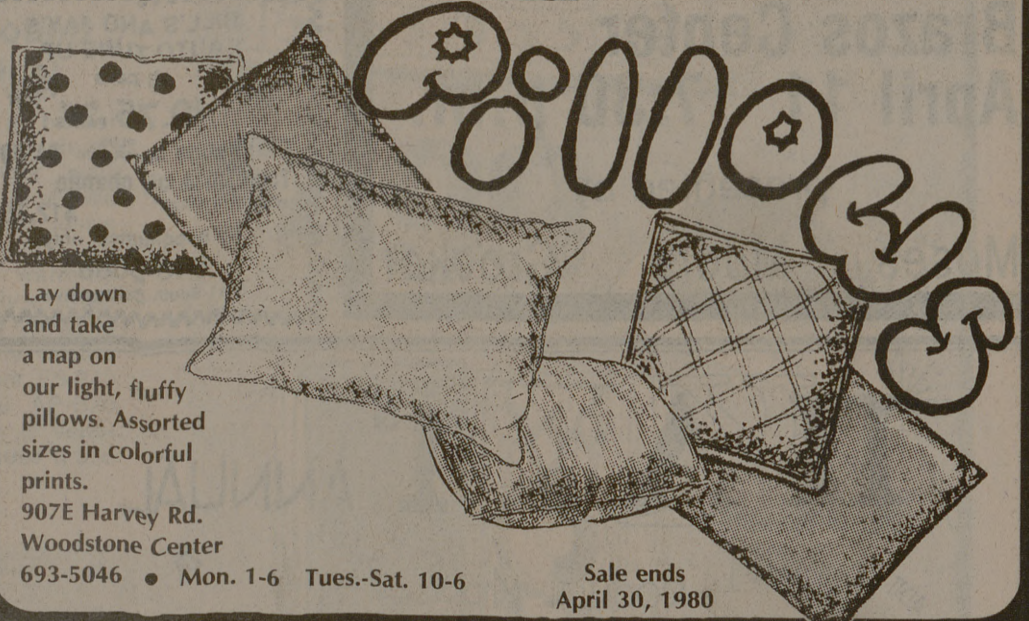
Richard Miranda, deputy commissioner of the town agency, said they were worried the whale may be injured by power boats that ply the quarter-mile-wide channel.

## Now you know

United Press International  
The oldest known zoo is that at Schonbrunn, Vienna, Austria, built in 1752, by the Holy Roman Emperor Francis I for his wife Maria Theresa.

your marketplace the **WANT ADS** Battalion Classifieds Call 845-2611

announces  
**Habitech** 10% OFF on soft, summery



Lay down and take a nap on our light, fluffy pillows. Assorted sizes in colorful prints.

907E Harvey Rd. Woodstone Center 693-5046 • Mon. 1-6 Tues.-Sat. 10-6 Sale ends April 30, 1980

**BRAKE PADS AND SHOES FOR IMPORTED CARS**

ONLY **8.95** and up

**PASSPORT AUTO SUPPLY**

1403 Harvey Rd. "The Store with the cat!" 693-9411  
On Hwy. 30 One Block West of East Bypass



**HALF PRICE UP TO 50% OFF ON SPEAKERS AND CARTRIDGES**

**NOW \$139** Reg. \$200.00

**Kenwood** LSK-200B... 8-Inch, 2-Way Speaker System

**Audio-Technica Cartridges**

AT-12SA..... Reg. \$125 ..... **\$59**  
AT-11E..... Reg. \$70..... **\$35**  
AT-10..... Reg. \$40..... **\$19**

**Shure Cartridge** M95-ED..... **\$49**

**Technics** PB-1000..... Reg. \$300.00 **NOW \$149**

**Kenwood** LS-404B... 8-Inch, 2-Way Speaker Systems **NOW \$219** Reg. \$350.00

**Kenwood** LSK-500B... 12-Inch, 3-Way Speaker System **NOW \$240** Reg. \$395.00

**SOUND CENTER** The Sound Professionals

If you need a new cartridge, or think you do, bring in your old cartridge and we'll professionally examine it under a microscope.

**SALE ENDS MONDAY.**

IN-STORE FINANCING NOW AVAILABLE PLUS LAYAWAY PROGRAM **VISA**

3820 TEXAS AVE. Less Than a Mile From Campus 846-1735

Check Our **NEW SHIPMENT** OF SALE BOOKS AND SAVE

**50% off** regular price

Choose your Books early while selections are good

**TEXAS A&M bookstore** IN THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER