

## Q&A on election, Iran, hostages

**TEHRAN, Iran** — The following questions and answers seek to explain the complicated Iranian election situation and what it means for the hostages, Iran and its president.

**Q. Who won the election Friday?**  
A. Final results are awaited, but Moslem fundamentalists led by the Islamic Republican Party have won the majority of the 270 seats in the Islamic parliament. The fundamentalists are the strongest backers of the militants who are holding the 53 American hostages in more than a dozen cities in Iran, according to their own pronouncements.

**Q. What does the victory mean for the hostages?**  
A. The fundamentalists have not said clearly what they intend to do. They have not responded either to the militants' demands that some of the hostages should go on trial for espionage. But anti-American feeling is at its peak since the failed U.S. rescue mission. Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, leader of the Republican Party, has said the hostage issue is only the second most important item to be discussed by the parliament when it convenes. Parliament's mood therefore is unpredictable.

**Q. President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr is seen in the West as comparatively moderate. What does the fundamentalists' victory mean for him?**  
A. The election result does not make his job any easier. He has indicated he wants to name a prime minister who will be able to work with the fundamentalists. He does not want a confrontation. Most political analysts believe friction between Bani-Sadr and the fundamentalists would have unpredictable results for the hostages.

**Q. When will parliament meet?**  
A. According to a government schedule, parliament is to be in session by June 5. Earlier estimates by Beheshti said the legislature may not convene until the last week of June.

**Q. Is it not impossible to expect a favorable decision for the hostages as long as there is a fundamentalist ruling party in parliament?**  
A. The attitude of the fundamentalists may be influenced between now and the convening of parliament by such factors as Bani-Sadr's efforts to cool the mood of the country and the relationship between the president and the parliament.

**Q. Is there any likelihood Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini will overturn a favorable ruling from parliament?**  
A. The parliament was designated as the final authority on the hostage issue by Khomeini himself. But Khomeini still reserves the right, and has the constitutional authority, to overturn any parliamentary vote.

**Q. Will the hostages' captors accept a favorable ruling from parliament?**  
A. The militants' attitude simply cannot be predicted.

## Pope plans more trips

**VATICAN CITY** — Pope John Paul II brushed off complaints of his whirlwind travels today and began to work out plans for more of the same — trips to France, Brazil and the Philippines.

"I don't intend to change," John Paul told reporters on his plane from Abidjan in the Ivory Coast to Rome

at the end of his 11-day, six-nation African tour, his most extensive yet. "This is a fatigue to which I willingly submit myself."

Almost as soon as he gets back to his desk, John Paul will plan the details of his next journeys — to France at the end of this month, to Brazil in July and to the Philippines in the fall. During his 11,000-mile tour of the

heart of Africa, the pope crossed the equator four times and the continental divide twice to become the most traveled pontiff in history.

In all, on his fifth trip outside Italy, he delivered more than 60 speeches and sermons — most of which he wrote himself.

Some Vatican officials complain the pope's journeys and the preparations for them leave little time for taking care of essential church matters at home.

But John Paul, scoffing at the complaints, says he can't come to grips with the church's problems by being a deskbound pope.

"The Africans said I had to go there because even with all the reports I receive, I wouldn't be able to understand them without meeting them," he told reporters.

"I can now see and understand many things I didn't know before."

## Judge considers anti-Iranian suits

**SAN ANGELO** — A federal district judge is expected to rule later this week on a request to dismiss two separate lawsuits against the government of Iran.

U.S. District Judge Halbert Woodward of Lubbock, in San Angelo for Northern Judicial District proceedings this week, heard arguments Monday from a Dallas attorney seeking dismissal of both suits.

One of the suits was filed in federal court in Lubbock last month by Associated Builders Realtors Inc. The firm alleges a chain of events, including the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the taking of 53 American hostages, precipitated a crisis leading to the freezing of Iranian assets.

Because the assets are frozen, the plaintiffs contend, a house once occupied by the deposed shah's son and currently owned by the Iranian government cannot be sold. The realty firm said it had been deprived of a \$19,000 commission as a result and is the victim of a breach of contract.

Beverly Brown, representing the

Iranian government, argued the U.S. government froze Iranian assets and, therefore, is responsible for making it impossible to sell the house.

Motions also were heard Monday on a wrongful death lawsuit filed in Lubbock by former Singer Sewing Co. employee Wendel T. Reed, who names the Iranian government as defendant.

Reed contends the government was negligent in providing appliances for the residence where he and his wife stayed when he was sent to Iran by Singer in 1978.

He cites as specific negligence the government's installation of a stove, which he said short-circuited and electrocuted his wife the day after they moved into a house at a Tehran air base. He seeks \$250,000 damages.

Part of Miss Brown's dismissal motion on the Reed case stemmed from her argument that an American court does not have jurisdiction in the matter.

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A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy said there were no injuries or damage in the incident which occurred late Monday.

One gunman sprayed the embassy with machine-gun fire while two others in the back of a speeding pickup truck tossed bombs at the complex in the northern section of the capital, witnesses said.

Neither of the two bombs made it over the concrete wall surrounding the embassy complex and exploded on the adjacent sidewalk, they said.

None of the political groups active in the violence-torn Central American nation of 4.8 million immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

U.S. Ambassador Robert E. White, besieged for 2 days at his residence by right-wing protesters until U.S. Marines got him out Monday morning, was in the embassy at the

time of the attack, the spokesman said.

Almost simultaneously with the embassy attack, an undetermined number of leftist guerrillas opened fire on a national police outpost less than a half-mile from the complex, police said. No injuries were reported in the incident.

In another development, El Salvador's military leaders sacked former armed forces commander Col. Adolfo Majano and appointed Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez to take his place, sources close to the ruling junta said Tuesday.

Majano, also a member of the ruling junta, was one of the leaders of the coup Oct. 15 that ousted former President Carlos H. Romero.

Majano, who the sources said "had been the target of a wide campaign of defamation by the extreme right," is considered a progressive and will retain his post in the junta, the sources said.

His successor, Abdul Gutierrez, who also helped lead last year's coup, will assume his duties as commander in chief immediately, they said.

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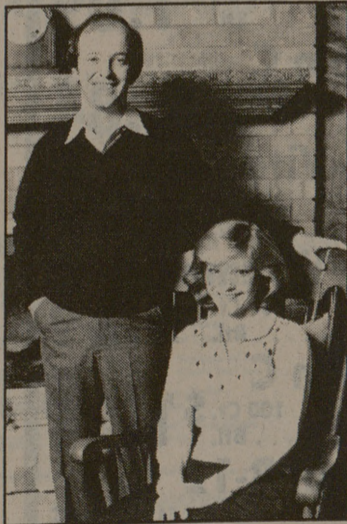
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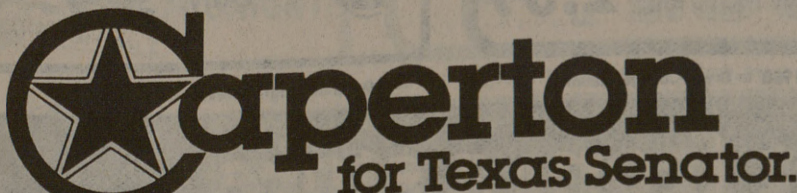
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