

# World and Nation

## Iranian head says mobilization prepares Iran for war with U.S.

### Iraq, Kuwait meet to discuss coordinated defense plans

KUWAIT (AP) — An Iranian leader Monday urged Iran to mobilize for an all-out war against the United States, and senior officials from Iraq and Kuwait met to discuss a coordinated defense against Iran.

British officials meanwhile confirmed that Kuwait has registered two of its tankers to fly the British flag and is in the process of registering a third.

The British move would entitle the Kuwaiti vessels to the protection of British warships. At least three British warships and four mine sweepers are stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Eleven of Kuwait's 22 tankers have been registered under the American flag, giving them U.S. naval protection from attack by Iran, which considers Kuwait an ally of

Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war that has been going on for seven years.

One tanker, the Sea Isle City, was hit by an Iranian missile in Kuwaiti waters Oct. 16, wounding 18 crewmen, including the American captain.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Interior Minister Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Mohtashemi as urging "people in every Iranian city and village to be prepared for a full-fledged war" with the United States in the gulf.

"Since we are facing a savage enemy, we should mobilize all our resources and manpower to deal effective blows against" the United States, Mohtashemi, a leading radical, was quoted as telling regional governors in Tehran.

Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan and Foreign

Minister Tariq Aziz wound up several hours of defense talks with Kuwaiti officials.

In the past 11 days, there have been three Iranian missile attacks on Kuwait. Kuwaiti newspapers also have blamed Iran for Saturday's bombing of a ticket agency representing Pan American World Airways.

State-run Kuwait Radio said the Iraqi officials discussed Tehran's "repeated aggressions" against Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia with the Kuwaitis. It did not elaborate.

The Iraqis' visit followed a meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia of foreign ministers of the Saudi-led Gulf Cooperation Council. Member states closed ranks with partner Kuwait against Iran, which attacked Kuwait with Chinese-made missiles.

Responding to the arms sales, the

United States announced last week it was imposing trade restrictions on the Chinese, denying requests for some technology with military uses.

In London, British Transport Ministry officials confirmed that the 27,841-ton petroleum products carrier Ras al-Jalayah, renamed Chilham Castle, and the 263,679-ton supertanker al-Faijah, renamed Tonbridge, had been re-registered.

A third vessel, the 28,031-ton Ras al-Barshah, was in the process of being reflagged, they said.

Salah Khalaf, second in command in Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, the leading guerrilla faction in the Palestine Liberation Organization, said Palestinians "are fully prepared to fight along with the people of Kuwait in defense of Kuwait's national soil and the dignity of the Arab nation."

## First lady's mother dies at 91

WASHINGTON (AP) — Edith Luckett Davis, the mother of first lady Nancy Reagan, died of a stroke Monday at her home in Phoenix, Ariz., the White House announced. She was 91.

Davis, a one-time actress who was the widow of Chicago neurosurgeon Loyal Davis, had been ailing for several years.

The White House said she died at 2:15 EST of a cerebral thrombosis, a blood clot in the brain and a form of stroke.

President Reagan was told first about Davis' death at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Reagan's press secretary, Elaine Crispin, as he concluded an interview. He immediately went to the residence to inform his wife and remained with her the rest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Reagan, who underwent breast cancer surgery Oct. 17 and returned to the White House last Thursday, was described by Crispin as "very upset."

"She's going through some old photographs of her mother. (She's) very teary," Crispin said.

Davis had been ill for some time and had round-the-clock medical care at her condominium. "She died peacefully in her sleep," Crispin said.

Tom Chauncey, a family friend who visited Davis several times a week, was at her home when she died. He informed Crispin, who said she told the president because she thought he "should be the one to be with her."

Mrs. Reagan last saw her mother Aug. 13 before joining her husband at their ranch for a summer vacation. Mrs. Reagan visited with her mother, who has been confined to a wheel chair for several years, a number of times a year.

The first lady "called nightly. She checked on her every day and if her mother was asleep she talked to the girls who cared for her," Crispin said.

President Reagan and the first lady will travel to Phoenix today. Reagan will return to Washington this evening while the first lady remains in Arizona. The president "will return to Phoenix at the end of the week when funeral arrangements are complete," the statement said.

## Two assailants kill president of Salvadoran commission

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Two men firing handguns with silencers killed the president of the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission as he left home Monday to drive two of his six children to school, official sources said.

As the children stood some distance away, the assailants shot Herbert Ernesto Anaya point-blank in a small parking lot, a police source said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. A spokesman for the human rights commission blamed the killing on rightist death squads linked to the military.

A government spokesman called the murder "an irrational act" and appealed for calm. A leftist rebel group said it could endanger further talks with the government under the Central American peace plan.

Anaya's father, Rafael Lopez, told reporters his son was being watched by men the father did not identify, and had received several anonymous death threats because of his work with the commission.

Anaya, 32, was the fourth member of the commission, an indepen-

dent private organization made up of lawyers and other professionals, to be assassinated since 1980. Two other members disappeared while in police custody.

For security reasons, the commission keeps the number of its members and their identities a secret except for the spokesmen, president and a few other leaders.

The assailants fired on Anaya outside his home in the Zacamil district of the capital as he prepared to enter his car, said military sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Anaya died almost instantly between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m., said the police source, also speaking on condition he not be identified.

The children, a girl and a boy, who were not identified for security reasons, were not hurt.

Police said the gunmen fled in a vehicle, but witnesses' descriptions of the vehicle were confusing.

The commission, founded in 1977, has been highly critical of human rights violations in the government's 8-year-old civil war against leftist guerrillas.

Rightists within the military have

## Chinese government may allow peasants to control land rights

BEIJING (AP) — The government soon may allow Chinese peasants to buy and sell their land rights, letting some leave the land for good and others farm more efficiently on a larger scale, a Communist Party official said Monday.

The announcement came as the party held its first national congress in five years to reaffirm top leader Deng Xiaoping's policy of introducing market reforms and opening to the world.

"We are now considering the transfer of (land) utilization rights," Du Runsheng, head of the party's Rural Policy Research Office, said at a news conference.

Du stressed that only land rights would be sold and not the land itself, which still is considered public property even though communes have been dismantled and families farm separate plots.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted acting party chief Zhao Ziyang as telling one discussion group that investment should be allowed to flow freely to whatever area of the

country has the lowest costs and greatest efficiency.

Xinhua quoted Bo Yibo, vice chairman of the party's advisory commission of retired officials, as saying the congress would be a milestone in party history.

The party arranged what it said would be a daily news briefing for reporters. Monday's featured Du and an official who discussed the problem of price controls.

The evening television news showed footage of some of the nearly 2,000 congress delegates holding small-group meetings to discuss the keynote speech delivered Sunday by Zhao. They were not expected to make changes in the report, which was drafted after prolonged discussions among top leaders.

The proposed agricultural policy would be in line with the government's stated goal of reducing the farming population by 30 million more by 1995. Already this decade, 70 million peasants have left the fields to work in new rural indus-

tries, but in most cases their plots have been farmed by other family members.

Some localities have allowed peasants to sublease their plots on a temporary basis, but those who lease ultimately remain responsible for meeting state grain quotas for the land.

About 80 percent of China's 1 billion people live in rural areas.

Du was joined at the news conference by Gao Shangquan, vice minister for the State Commission for Restructuring the Economy. Gao acknowledged popular discontent with rising prices under the reforms.

The government has said inflation will average 6 to 7 percent this year, and the prices of some foodstuffs have doubled due to selective decontrol.

Gao said the emphasis at the party congress will be on increasing the authority of enterprise managers. One of the key elements of Deng's economic reform program has been to reduce central planning and allow industries to retain an increasing portion of their profits.

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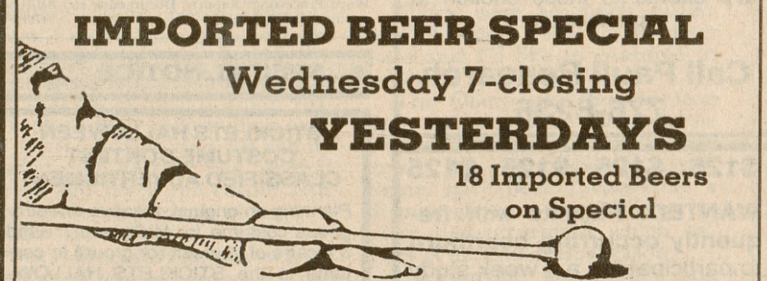


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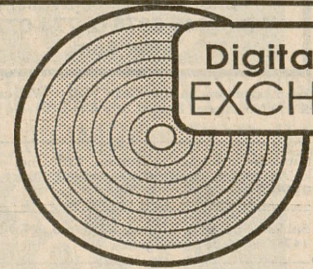
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