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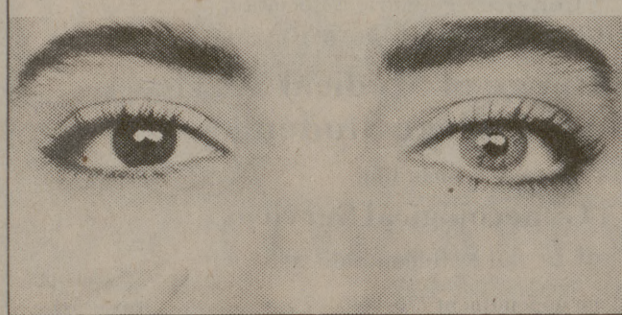
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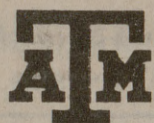
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France expels members of group opposing Iran

PARIS (AP) — France expelled 17 opponents of the Khomeini regime Tuesday in what appeared to be another step in a plan for restoring normal relations with Iran and securing the release of French hostages in Lebanon.

The government denies any deal with the fundamentalist Shiite Muslim regime in Tehran, but recent developments indicate an arrangement.

Welcoming two freed hostages home Nov. 27, conservative Premier Jacques Chirac said resumption of normal relations with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's government was desirable but could not occur until all French hostages were released. Still held by pro-Iranian extremist groups in Lebanon are French diplomats Marcel Fontaine and Marcel Carton, and journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

A fourth Frenchman, researcher Michel Seurat, is believed to have died or been killed in captivity.

Since Chirac's conservatives gained power in March 1986, the government has won the release of seven hostages from Lebanon.

In addition to the French hostages, eight Americans and at least 12 other foreigners still are captives in Lebanon.

Held longest is Terry A. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, who

was kidnapped March 16, 1985. Although the Interior Ministry said Tuesday it acted for pressing reasons of national security, some of the people involved have spent years in France as exiles.

According to the statement, the members of the People's Mujahedeen of Iran were arrested Monday and deported Tuesday because the group's actions in France country constituted a serious and immediate threat to the public order and harmed French interests in the world.

If the nation was in such immediate danger, Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin wondered aloud to reporters, "Why was it noted only today?"

Jack Lang, a former Socialist Cabinet minister, called the expulsions an unworthy gesture (that) denies the right of asylum and makes a pact with the Khomeini dictatorship.

The ministry said 14 Iranians and three Turkish citizens were put on a plane Tuesday to Gabon and nine other people — eight Iranians and one Turk — had been placed under house arrest.

It said all were members of the People's Mujahedeen, the most active opponent of Khomeini's regime, but Mujahedeen spokesman Behzad Naziri said he knew of no Turks in the organization.

Jean-Louis Malterre, a lawyer for one of the expelled Turks, said he was not aware of involvement with the Mujahedeen.

No reason was given for sending the 17 to Gabon, but Basque guerrillas and others expelled from France in the past have been sent to the former French colony in Africa. France provides economic and military aid to Gabon's government and has good relations with President Omar Bongo.

Mohammed Ali Massoumi, a Mujahedeen member, declared: "The Chirac government has dishonored itself." His organization has called the roundup part of an ugly deal with Tehran.

The Mujahedeen appealed to President Francois Mitterrand, a Socialist, to intervene personally to dissipate all constraints against the Iranian refugees in France.

Lawyers representing the Iranians said the expulsions, conducted under emergency regulations that do not require court approval, were the price paid to the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Khomeini's government has pressed for a crackdown on the Iranian opposition in France, where the Ayatollah also lived in exile while plotting the revolution that ousted the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in February 1979.

U.N. says 400 files on Nazi war crimes discovered missing

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations disclosed Tuesday that more than 400 files on Nazi war crimes are missing from its archives, and it has ordered an urgent investigation.

The sensational disclosure that the U.N. archives staff knew of the missing files last year but did not tell the secretary-general raised questions of whether a coverup was involved.

Israel's U.N. ambassador said vital information on atrocities against Jews and others by the Nazis during World War II may have been lost or destroyed by a source who is both unknown and possibly dangerous.

It was the second dramatic revelation about the archives of the U.N. War Crimes Commission, kept in a Park Avenue office building since the end of World War II. In March 1986, it was discovered that the 8,000 files with more than 36,000 names contained a file on former U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, now the president of Austria.

There also was talk of a coverup then, a charge denied by the United Nations and archivists. Waldheim has denied any wrongdoing during his service in the German army in World War II.

Bewildered U.N. diplomats and staff were asking Tuesday how the files could have disappeared and

how the information could have been kept secret. Last year they were asking how Waldheim's file could have been lying unnoticed for so many years.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar issued a statement saying he was "surprised and disturbed" to learn for the first time, through news reports, that some files of the war crimes commission were missing.

"This was not known in the United Nations Secretariat outside of the Archives Section," the statement read to reporters by the secretary-general's spokesman, Francois Giuliani, said.

The U.N. chief ordered a full investigation by Richard Foran, assistant secretary-general for general services.

The inquiry will try to determine whether the missing files were separated from the archives while they were in U.N. custody or whether they ever were received by the United Nations when it first got custody of the archives after the war.

It also will investigate whether the files concern adjourned and withdrawn cases, which are filed separately and are not on microfilm.

When asked whether there might have been a coverup in the present case or in the case involving the president of Austria, Giuliani said, "Of course not."

Stocks rally in last part of trading

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue-chip stocks rallied impressively in the last half-hour of trading Tuesday, with the Dow Jones average jumping more than 56 points on a wave of futures-related buying.

After languishing throughout most of the session and even dipping into negative territory, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials ended the day up 56.20 points at 1,868.37, a rise of 3.1 percent.

That was the average's eighth largest point gain and gave it a rise of more than 101 points in two days. Gainers outpaced losers by a 5-to-

2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,142 stocks up, 465 down and 371 unchanged.

Analysts said futures buying triggered the big push upward in the Dow average.

With less than 30 minutes to go, computer-guided, futures-related programs kicked in to dump futures contracts and buy the underlying stocks.

Analysts were quick to characterize the rally as healthier than Monday's advance, which was confined mainly to the bluest of the blue chips.

Big Board volume totaled 227.1 million shares, up sharply from 146.66 million on Monday, however, 62.3 million of those shares involved purchases of just two stocks to boost high-yield dividends, analysts noted.

Last week the Dow Jones average approached the record mark of 1,900 hit during the October market crash.

The big question going into the week was whether the market's index would test the 1,700 barrier

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