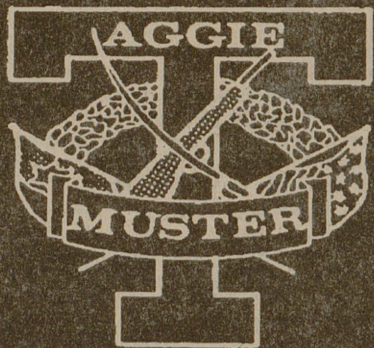


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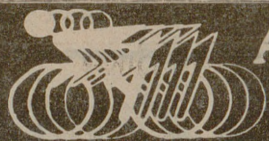
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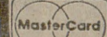
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Khomeini heir becomes latest victim of revolution

Montazeri turns in resignation under pressure

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Ayatollah Ali Montazeri resigned on Tuesday as the heir-apparent to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and said he did so at the bidding of the 88-year-old revolutionary patriarch himself.

Montazeri was the most prominent casualty so far in a fierce drive by Khomeini to return Iran to the roots of its fundamentalist revolution.

Iran's U.N. ambassador, Mohammad Jaafar Mahallati, also resigned Tuesday, two days after deputy foreign minister Mohammad Javad Larijani handed in his resignation. Both were U.S.-educated.

Khomeini last month harshly attacked those who would rebuild links with the West and denounced lagging revolutionary fervor.

Montazeri's resignation came after Khomeini sent him a letter on March 26 asking him to step down, reported Iran's official Tehran radio, monitored in Nicosia.

"I see myself compelled to obey your orders, because the survival and stability of the Islamic Republic rests on obeying your command," the radio quoted Montazeri, 64, as saying.

The immediate cause of Montazeri's ouster appears to be his critical assessment of the revolution's accomplishments.

Montazeri declared last month that Iranian leaders made many mistakes in the first 10 years of the revolution which isolated the fledgling republic from much of the world.

After the speech, Khomeini blasted the man he personally had selected as his successor, without mentioning Montazeri's name.

"How short-sighted are those who think that because we did not reach final victory at the front, that martyrdom and self-sacrifice are worthless," he said.

Immediately after the cease-fire in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war last August, Khomeini apparently gave free rein to the pragmatists. Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, seeking loans and technology to rebuild Iran, spearheaded a drive to soften Iran's radical image.

Mahallati and Larijani were instrumental in rebuilding diplomatic ties with the West. The ties had been strained since the radical outbursts

of the first days of the 1979 revolution. Iran saw the West then as backing the ousted Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. It violently purged internal opposition and held 52 Americans hostage in the U.S. Embassy for 444 days.

By last week, Khomeini was proclaiming that Iran had drifted away from the values of the revolution.

He warned pragmatists in a lengthy speech that "the government must do its very best to govern the people as best it can, but this does not mean that it should drift them away from the great goals of the revolution, which is the creation of a global Islamic government."

Khomeini first fired up the resurgence of the fundamentalist camp by condemning Salman Rushdie to death for the British author's novel "The Satanic Verses," saying the book was blasphemous and proof of the West's attempt to undermine Islam.

When 14 Western nations withdrew their top diplomats to protest the death sentence, Khomeini said it was proof of the futility of normalizing relations, and Parliament voted to sever ties with Britain.

Convicted murderer gets execution stay from appellate court

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal appeals court in San Francisco on Tuesday issued a stay of execution for Charles Rodman Campbell 33 hours before he was scheduled to die for slaying two women and a little girl.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the stay pending an appeal, and ordered additional briefs submitted by June 21.

Campbell, 34, had been scheduled to be hanged Thursday morning at Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. He would have been the first person hanged in the nation since Kansas executed four men in 1965, including Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, whose story was told in the Truman Capote book, "In Cold Blood."

It would have been Washington's first execution in nearly 26 years. Campbell was sentenced to die for the 1982 slayings of Renae Wicklund, who testified against him after

he assaulted her, her daughter and a neighbor years earlier.

Hanging is Washington's official form of execution, although a prisoner may opt for lethal injection. Campbell had exhausted his bid for a stay in state courts. A federal appeal was rejected Monday by U.S. District Judge John Coughenour in Seattle.

Campbell's attorneys filed a notice of appeal with the San Francisco court Tuesday morning. That panel's ruling came 33 hours before Campbell's scheduled execution at 12:10 a.m. Thursday.

Campbell's attorney, Al Lyon, said he was very pleased by the decision.

Informed of the stay, Gov. Booth Gardner reiterated that he would not intervene on Campbell's behalf. "I've made my position clear," Gardner said. "The decision is now in the hands of the courts. We have to wait until the legal system has finished its work."

Assault

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Head football coach R.C. Slocum declined to comment on the incident until the proper authorities make a decision on it.

"Student Activities has ways to deal with it," Slocum said Tuesday. "I'd have nothing to say until the matter is officially resolved — until it's decided one way or the other. The witnesses and those involved are in a much better position to comment on it than I am."

Slocum has not taken any form of disciplinary actions against Jones and the tight end is participating in spring football training.

Assistant Sports Information Director Colin Killian said Jones did

not want to comment on the situation.

Whitacre said the Intramural Office was planning to make Jones pay the department for damages to intramural equipment, including an electric score clock.

Director of Intramurals Tom Reber did not wish to comment on the incident.

Whitacre said Jones should have realized the possible penalties for striking a referee.

"These guys know if they're out on Kyle Field they can run their mouths at the officials, but they know not to touch a referee," he said. "They know that as soon as they do, they're gone."

Student regent

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Austin, said the student-regent bill is a bad idea.

"The students are only one of the many constituents that the University has," Mobley said.

He said the Board also serves faculty, staff, the communities the universities serve and the communities in which they are located.

To have a separate regent for students creates the possibility of the student regent representing his own opinion and not that of the entire student body, Mobley said.

The students' interests must be merged with those of the faculty, the employees and the general public, he said.

He said the Board already is concerned primarily with the students' interests, and said it gets feedback from students through Student Services.

Regent Chairman William McKenzie would not comment on the bill because he had not read it, he said.

None of the other regents could be contacted.

John Koldus, vice president for Student Services, said the existing system is adequate to represent student concerns.

He said he has dinner every Thursday with student leaders to hear their ideas and problems. He said he also has a luncheon each week with either students, faculty or staff.

Students have another channel to the regents through the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, he said.

The CSAB meets once a month and is made up of students from the four universities comprising the A&M University System.

Zelia Wiley, chairman of the CSAB, said the board has been effective this year in communicating with the regents, but added that direct contact between it and the regents would be beneficial.

Currently, Wiley meets with the chancellor once a month, and the CSAB rarely gets to meet with him because of his busy schedule, Wiley said.

Jay Hays, A&M student body president, is a member of the CSAB.

He said the bill for a student regent would be unnecessary if the CSAB could report directly to the regents.

If the CSAB had direct contact with the regents, its chairman's responsibilities basically would be the same as those proposed by the advisory-regent bill.

But the A&M System is the only university system in Texas with a CSAB.

Under the bill, student governments at each school within a system could nominate a student for the advisory-regent position. The governor then would select one of the nominees for the regent position.

The student regent would have the right to participate in all board activities except voting.

To prevent dominance of the largest school in a system, the student regent could not be chosen from the same school for two consecutive years.

The bill is expected to come to a vote in the Senate later this week or early next week. An identical bill will be acted on next month in the House.

Rocket gets green light for launch

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The nation's first licensed commercial rocket ship passed its pre-launch tests Tuesday and was given the green light for a Wednesday morning launch.

The last test was completed about 2 p.m. Monday and the weather was predicted to be ideal for the launch, scheduled for 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, said Mark Daniels, project manager for the Consort 1 flight.

The Consort 1 was loaded Tuesday with a 630-pound package of six scientific experiments designed to measure the effects of near-weightlessness on various materials. The 15-minute, sub-orbital flight was scheduled to blast off from a pad at White Sands Missile Range, and the payload was designed to parachute onto the range about 50 miles north of the launch site.

The Consort 1's launch will mark a milestone in the history of space flight because it is the first spacecraft to be licensed by the federal Department of Transportation in a 4½-year-old program designed to open the heavens to private enterprise.

"We are here today to participate in and observe the beginnings of a transition from a service performed by the government to one provided by private enterprise," said Carol Lane, director of the Transportation Department's office of commercial space transportation.

The Consort 1 was built by Space Services Inc., a Houston company that launched the Conestoga 1 rocket from Matagorda Island in September 1982. The rocket contained a dummy payload that landed in the Gulf of Mexico, 300 miles east of the launch site.

The success of the Conestoga 1 showed that private industry could launch a rocket safely, but it also showed the federal government was unprepared to handle private spaceflights. The Transportation Department was assigned the task of licensing private launches and working with other government agencies.