

# Sick's claims refuted by Iran

## Officials deny intentional delay of 1980 hostage release

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The Iranian diplomat who negotiated the release of American hostages in Tehran denies that his country delayed the release to help the candidacy of Ronald Reagan in 1980, Iran's official news agency reported Saturday.

Behzad Nabavi was quoted by the Islamic Republic News Agency as saying that Iran had tried but failed to resolve the matter before the presidential election in which Reagan defeated the incumbent, Jimmy Carter.

Nabavi said that negotiations bogged down a month before the election, because of fears on the U.S. side that Iran's conditions for the release would become a campaign issue.

Gary Sick, who was on the staff of Carter's National Security Council, charged in an April 15 column in the New York Times that Reagan campaign staffers made a deal with the Iranians to hold up the hostages' release until after the election.

Sick said the Reagan people agreed to arrange arms shipments from Israel to Iran in return for the delay. Arms supplies were critical to Iran during its 1980-88 war with Iraq.

All those involved in the Reagan campaign, including President Bush, have denied any effort was made to delay the hostages' release.

The hostages were taken in November 1979 after followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Kho-

meini stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Concern over their plight dominated the rest of Carter's presidency. Some were released in the early days of the crisis, but most were not released until the day Reagan took office on Jan. 20, 1981.

The United States released some Iranian assets in return.

Nabavi, who headed the Iranian negotiating commission, was quoted as saying that Iran had made no attempt to help either Carter or Reagan.

He said Iran wanted to free the hostages in October after the Majlis, Iran's parliament, set a series of conditions. He said the U.S. election delayed the release because Iran's proposals were "not dealt with ef-

fectively" by the American side out of fear they would become an election issue.

"We were after mechanisms so that we would be able to get financial guarantees from the United States before the release of the spies (the hostages) and our proposal led to a month-long halt in negotiations," Nabavi was quoted as saying.

Sick claimed the deal to delay the release was arranged in meetings between William Casey, then Reagan's campaign manager and later director of the CIA, and leading Iranian clerics, including Mehdi Karrubi, now speaker of the Majlis.

Nabavi told IRNA that "Mr. Karrubi played no role in the negotiations."

# Pro-drug Stanford lecturer may lose job

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Stanford University lecturer Stuart Reges has flaunted his drug use since last fall when he told the campus newspaper his favorite was an amphetamine derivative nicknamed "the love drug."

No one seemed to care until Reges wrote U.S. drug czar Bob Martinez, saying he carries illegal drugs in his backpack "to make fools" of those heading the war on drugs. He also confessed to advising a student it was safe to try MDA, known as "the love drug," because it produces euphoria.

"I wanted to make Martinez mad; I guess I wanted him to go after me," Reges said. And he got his wish when Martinez wrote school administrators this month, pressuring them to get rid of Reges or lose federal funds.

An investigation of the popular senior lecturer in computer science, a boyish 32-year-old, non-tenured faculty member, is under way. The dean of engineering will make a recommendation to Stanford's provost.

Reges, who says he has never taught while on drugs, has become the focus of a debate about free speech and personal freedom vs. government efforts to stop drug use on campuses.

"It's certainly foolish behavior on the part of Stuart Reges to personally provoke this, but it's also a legitimate issue — whether the war on drugs has gone too far," said Phillip Johnson, a criminal law professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

The campus anti-drug rules began last fall after the government threatened to pull funds from schools that don't have anti-drug policies. Stanford got more than \$120 million in federal funds last year, nearly 30 percent of its operating budget.

Under the regulations, teachers can be fired and students expelled or disciplined if they make, distribute, possess or use illegal drugs on campus.

"That's just simply blackmail," Reges said. "The government has no business using universities to conduct their ridiculous

war on drugs. This is supposed to be a place of free thinking, free speech and personal freedom."

But Martinez, the former Florida governor named by President Bush as head of the National Drug Control Policy Office, told Stanford President Donald Kennedy in an April 12 letter that "pro-drug" teachers like Reges cannot be tolerated.

When Kennedy saw the letter a week later, he ordered Reges placed on paid administrative leave after 12 years at Stanford — 11 as a lecturer and one as a graduate student.

"Privileged intellectuals who argue in support of what is in fact an industry based upon exploitation are, I think, morally disoriented," Kennedy wrote to the Stanford Daily after the paper editorialized against him.

In 1989, he presented himself for arrest at two Virginia police stations, saying he had violated state laws against sodomy. They refused to charge him.

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