

Shah's adversary rules Moslems from Paris

PARIS (AP) — The man who may shape the future of Iran, a country ravaged by political violence and crippling strikes, smiles gently as he speaks of his followers cutting Iranian policemen to pieces.

There is no visible sign of the firebrand fanatic in the Ayatullah Khomeini. The old man sitting cross-legged on the floor of his suburban home rarely raises his voice. But that gentle voice, exiled from Iran since 1963, has aroused revolt among Shiite Moslems, who constitute more than 90 percent of Iran's population.

The embattled government of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi has accused Khomeini of masterminding a campaign to impose an anti-Western regime on one of the West's crucial suppliers of oil. Khomeini rejects the accusation that he is anti-Western.

"I am neither anti-Western nor anti-Soviet," he told an interviewer. "I am pro-Iranian, and I am against allowing American interests to rob Iran of its natural wealth."

Khomeini makes no secret of his hatred for the shah and has said in interviews that he wants to

depose him and form an "Islamic republic." If the present effort fails, he said, he will call for all-out civil war.

He said he would reject any alliance with Iran's communists — even to overthrow the shah — because they are "against God." But he never has concealed his admiration for the late Prime Minister Mohamed Mossadegh, whose seizure of Iran's Western-run oil industry in 1951 threw the West into its first oil crisis.

The crisis in Iran was sparked by orthodox Moslems demanding an end to the shah's westernizing reforms, which they say are contrary to the Koran, the Moslem holy book. They were joined by the political opposition and hundreds of thousands of strikers. It is estimated that more than 1,000 persons have died in civil strife since January.

Ayatullah means "sign of God." Iran's Shiite Moslems regard the 78-year-old Khomeini as one of the imams, or religious leaders, temporarily chosen by God to replace the promised "12th Imam," the bringer of ultimate salvation.

making the news

From Associated Press reports

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Larry Flynt publishing company executive was shot from ambush Monday night, deputies said, eight months to the day that Flynt was shot from ambush and left paralyzed in Georgia.

Walter William Abrams, 33, of Mount Sterling was shot once in the chest with a high-powered weapon, said Franklin County sheriff's deputies. He was listed in guarded condition in University Hospital here early today.

The shooting occurred as Abrams and Flynt's brother, Jimmy, left the headquarters of their firm, Leisure Time Products, and walked to their cars.

NEW YORK — The city's anti-dog doo law is such a success that "New Yorkers are finding it easier to walk the streets with their heads held high again," says Mayor Edward Koch.

Koch said Tuesday his conclusion was based on reports of public compliance with the law which went into effect last Aug. 1.

Despite initial public skepticism, the mayor said: "Today, I can safely say the law is working and is serving as a model for other cities throughout the world."

Under the law, people walking dogs are required to pick up their pets' droppings or face fines of up to \$100. The mayor said that in the first three months, a total of 4,298 dog owners cleaned up the droppings after being warned by law enforcement officers that they would be issued summonses.

PORTLAND — The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has ordered an immediate emergency closure to all fishing on a section of the Trask River in Tillamook County.

The commission closed the section between the mouths of Hatcher and Blue Ridge creeks Monday because salmon have congregated in the area and are being snagged by fishers. The closure continues through Dec. 15.

A Fish and Wildlife Department representative said the commission acted to ensure enough salmon are left in the river for spawning. Snagging is the illegal practice of hooking fish other than in their mouths.

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union marked the 61st anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution Tuesday with a huge Red Square military parade and a remark by President Leonid Brezhnev that the past year had some "rainy days."

Thousands of Soviet troops marched through the snow-dusted square under the gaze of the Soviet leadership.

This year's display of military hardware featured 200 vehicles of 15 different types, rumbling tanks, armored personnel carriers, rocket launchers, and surface-to-air missiles. But Western military observers said they saw no new weapons in the show.

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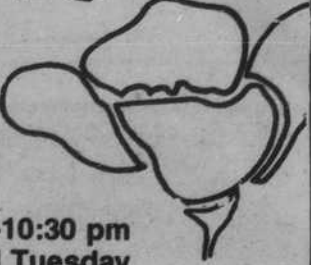
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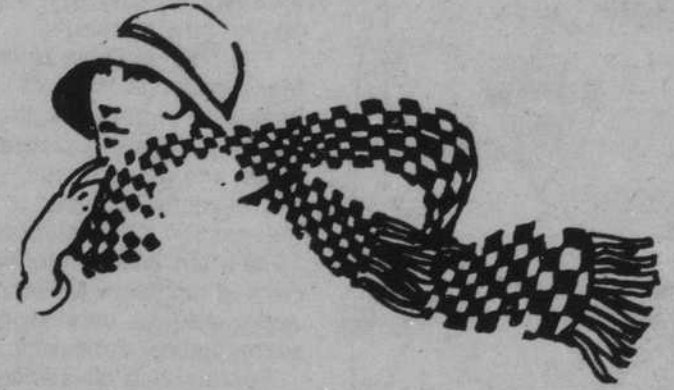
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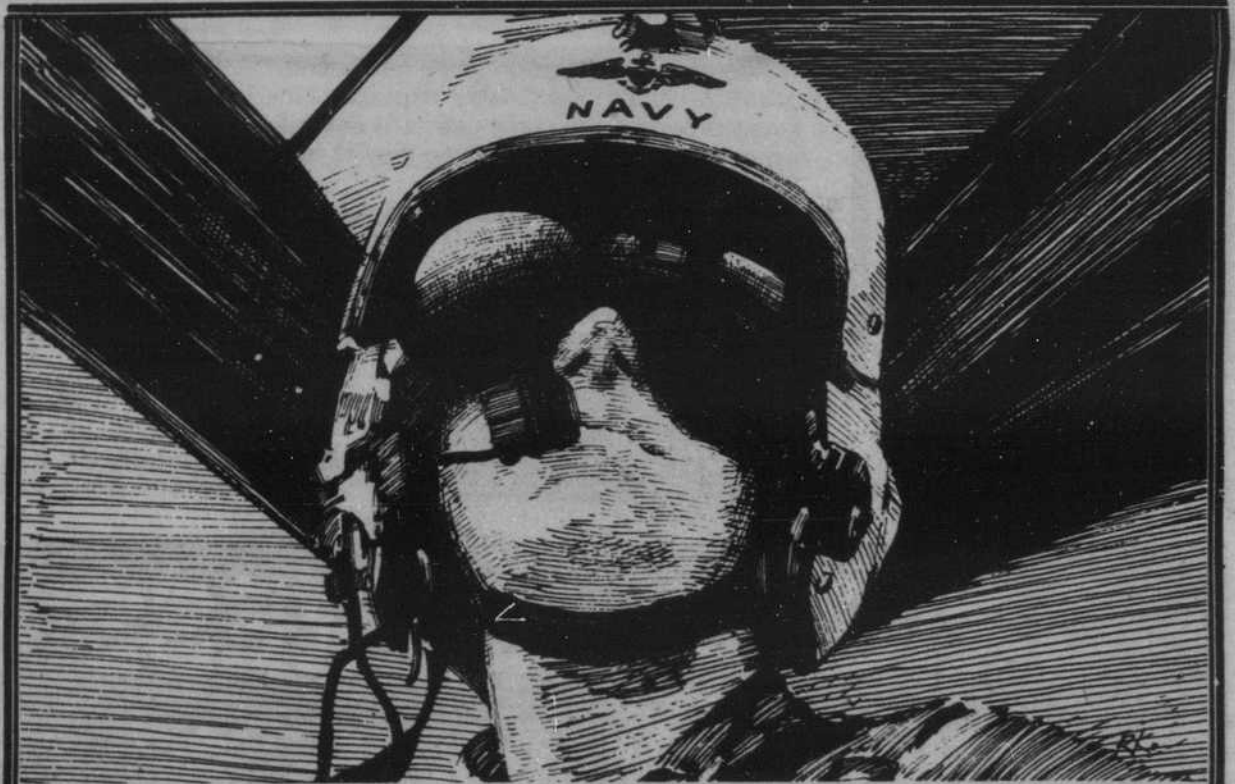


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