

# Muslims slam shah, media distortion

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American newspaper reports of Iran's chaotic domestic situation frequently distort the true nature of forces opposing Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's regime, members of the Iranian Muslim Association claimed Wednesday.

The IMA held a press conference in the EMU to correct some of those distortions and to declare that Pres. Carter's statements of support for the shah contradict American's reputation as freedom-lovers, Shariati said.

IMA members are followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the exiled enemy of the shah and leader of the world's Shiite Muslim sect, to which a majority of Iran's 35 million people belong.

Khomeini, who lives in Paris, has vowed not to return to Iran until the shah is ousted from power. Shariati maintains 98 percent of Iranians have rallied behind Khomeini in



*Emerald photo*  
Iranian Muslims living in the United States (shown here in a local demonstration earlier this year) continue their attacks against the shah of Iran and American media coverage of the political situation in Iran.

opposing the shah and in favor of establishing an "independent, democratic Islamic Iran."

Shariati and other IMA members zeroed in on two "distortions" they say frequently appear in American media reporting on Iran—the claim that conservative Muslim leaders like Khomeini are angry over the shah's so-called land reform program and his attempts to liberalize the status of Iranian women.

The shah's land reform has entailed confiscation of thousands of acres of farmland traditionally held in a kind of public trust called "waqf".

Rather than redistributing this land among peasants, Shariati said, the shah has sold it when the price was right. The program has forced many Iranian farmers to relocate to distant parts of the country, leaving them to raise crops without government aid in the form of machinery and fertilizers.

Thanks to the government's pricing system for agricultural goods, many farmers find it impossible to make a profit and migrate to the cities in search of jobs, Shariati said. The shah's agricultural policies have forced Iran, a former food exporter, to import 93 percent of its food.

One IMA member, who identified herself as "Sarah," denied the Khomeini's followers want to oppress women. Many Iranian women have been jailed and even executed for opposing the Shah, she said. The sight of Iranian women in traditional dress participating in anti-shah demonstrations testifies to their preference for life in a democratic Islamic Iran over some Western-style "liberation," she said.

Shariati describes the Iranian state envisioned by Khomeini and his followers as Islamic and independent.

An independent Iran would be essentially neutral, free of control by outside superpowers, Shariati said.

## Bookstore votes to give up control of stock

In the wake of a decision made last month to divest itself of South African bonds, the University

Bookstore has decided to allow an investment firm to manage its investment portfolio.

The board, which voted 7-2 Tuesday to give up control, previously controlled the \$96,250 in TENNECO Corporation securities by meeting on its own.

The board has yet to select a firm to handle the stocks.

With the move, the board hoped to save time on its investment dealings. The board voiced concern over keeping the funds in Oregon and also was concerned with the returns and the liquidity of the investments.

In other business, Steve Girsch, speaker for the Long Range Planning Committee, suggested the allocation of money for the planning

of a bookstore guidebook and service listing. The text would also include maps and a short history of the store.

Early in the meeting, bookstore General Manager Jim Williams demonstrated the new computer-linked cash register which will judge efficiency and profits of non-text merchandise.

"Now we will have a much more intelligent organization of our business," Williams said.

The board also decided in a unanimous vote to adopt a re-stated pension plan, which, according to bookstore attorney, Jim Harrang, would give employees

better retirement benefits.

The board also passed a motion to allow the bookstore to give no more than \$10 in donations to groups asking for merchandise or money.

Williams reported total store sales had slowed to an 8 percent increase over last year. Lower University enrollment and available store space are factors in the sales decline, according to Williams.

Finally, Williams was appointed to investigate hiring an architectural firm to do a preliminary study regarding alternatives for expansion of the Bookstore.

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Q. In your first column, you said that women don't ejaculate. Why then in so much literature does this happen?

A. A sexually aroused woman is a well-lubricated woman. In females a semi-liquid material is excreted by the vaginal walls. This fluid serves a purpose of lubrication and is not really comparable to the male ejaculate, which plays an integral role in orgasm and reproduction. However, sometimes when a woman has an orgasm she or her partner will feel a

"gush" of this fluid as her vaginal muscles contract and expel this fluid. Hence the misconception of "ejaculation" in the "classical literature."

Q. Please comment on "blue balls" as to what it is and what causes it.

A. There are two answers to this — one is medical and the other is popular fiction. Medically speaking, after surgery or a trauma to the testes, blood will accumulate subcutaneously in the scrotum. This effect, a natural response, is

called blue balls for obvious reasons and lasts several weeks.

In the popular lingo, men often refer to themselves as having "blue balls" when deprived of sex. This is primarily a psychological feeling—not a real physical phenomenon—but not without merit in the male culture since many a helpful female has been persuaded to rescue the poor lad in distress when he applies this tactic.

Q. What is the death rate for tubal ligations?

A. The answer to this depends partly on the procedure used. The overall rate for a laparoscopy procedure is 7.5 per 100,000 women. Breaking this into age groups: 15-20 years, the rate is 0 per 100,000, 25-35 years is 10-20 per 100,000 (this is comparable to childbirth) and after 35 the rate is 12.5-25 per 100,000.

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