

Panel backs Iranians

"People Against Deportation of Iranian Students" became on Monday the Iranian-American Friendship Committee.

The name change came at the group's second organizational meeting. The committee also planned a debate and demonstration for this weekend and approved its "principles of identity."

Harris Hall will be the site of the debate Friday at 7 p.m. The group decided on a debate format rather than a one-sided "teach-in" in an effort to draw spectators.

"We'll draw in more people if we have a debate," said one IAFC member. "More people would come if they thought they were going to hear a real hot political issue."

Another member said the debate could be organized to promote the committee's views.

"We could set it up so our views come out real strong," he said.

The committee voted to have four "pro" speakers and six "con" speakers at the debate.

Issues to be debated were left un-

clear, but Krissy Keefer, chairer of the meeting, said they probably would revolve around the group's six unifying "principles of identity."

- Opposing U.S. military intervention in Iran and the Middle East.

- Working to extradite the shah to Iran.

- Stopping the deportation process.
- Opposing the use of the United States for what they see as a haven for war criminals.

- Stopping the perceived "racist attack" against Iranians in the United States and preventing this "hysteria" from snowballing and targeting other minorities.

- Promoting friendship between Iranian and American people.

Amin, a spokesman for the Iranian Student Association, said the group should concentrate on the first two principles.

"The big issues are the U.S. involvement with the shah and U.S. military intervention in Iran," he said.

The committee will stage a rally and march in downtown Eugene at noon Saturday.



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The People Against Deportation of Iranian Students group, which organized last week's protest at Oregon Hall against the Iranian visa checks, has become the Iranian-American Friendship Committee, but its goals haven't changed: extraditing the shah and preventing student deportation.

Paulus criticizes vote turnout

Disturbing political trends are developing across the state, Oregon's Secretary of State Norma Paulus told the monthly meeting of the Lane County Republican Women's Club in Eugene on Monday.

Paulus decried the 1976 voter

turnouts, the lowest ever: 43 percent of the registered voters cast ballots in the primary, she said, while 62 percent turned out for the general election.

The worst showing came in the 18 to 25 age group, Paulus reported, saying it was frighten-

ing that a minority of the voters were making decisions for the majority at the polls.

"I can't understand why Oregonians aren't more involved in the good, clean, responsive government we have here," she said.

Paulus said initiative petition attempts for the 1980 elections have nearly doubled the 1976 election totals — 43 to date. More are usually filed after January, she added.

The ballot measures in next year's elections will be worded to eliminate the confusion of past years, Paulus said, due to a bill passed by the last Legislature. Voting no meant yes and vice versa on some measures before, she said.

Another disturbing trend, Paulus said, is the rash of recall attempts that have sprung up statewide since the last elections. She warned citizens from recalling officials on purely philosophical grounds.

"Show me an elected official with whom you agree on every issue and I'll show you one who's not telling you the truth," Paulus said.

Paulus flies to New York Wednesday, where she will receive the Ladies Home Journal "Ten Women of The Future" award, along with ex-First Lady Betty Ford, actress Katharine Hepburn and journalist Barbara Walters.

Carter invited shah, asserts Kissinger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Monday denied allegations that he pressured the Carter administration into allowing the deposed shah of Iran to enter the country for cancer treatment.

In fact, Kissinger told reporters, he had not discussed Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's status with administration officials since July. The shah was granted a visa last month.

"I think the administration took the correct decision," Kissinger said after a call on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. "It was a courageous decision. I support the decision, but it was not at my urging."

Charges that Kissinger and New York banker David Rock-

efeller cleared the way for the shah have been aired since Iranian revolutionaries seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4.

Jody Powell, the White House press secretary, said on Monday that Pres. Carter accepts full responsibility for allowing the shah to enter the United States.

Powell said the president's decision to issue the shah a U.S. visa was "his own decision. It was one supported by his advisers here. We made that decision on humanitarian grounds."

Powell described as "absolutely not true" a report that the president agreed to admit the shah to the United States in a deal to get Kissinger's support for the strategic arms limitation treaty with the Soviets.

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