

Khomeini urges national unity after clashes

(AP) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini urgently appealed for national unity Thursday after two days of clashes between opponents and supporters of Iran's Islamic Constitution that was overwhelmingly approved by voters this week. He asked the nation to focus instead on the conflict with the United States.

At the same time, Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said he and Khomeini agreed

the U.N. Security Council resolution on the U.S.-Iran crisis was a "step forward" to negotiated settlement, the official Pars news agency reported. The crisis centers on demands that the ousted shah be sent to Iran in return for the release of 50 American hostages held in the occupied U.S. Embassy since Nov. 4.

The revolutionary leader issued his unity call after meeting in the holy city of Qom with

Ayatollah Mohammed Kazem Shariat-Madari, who has said the Islamic charter does not give adequate autonomy to Iran's minorities and vests too much power in Khomeini.

"Do not quarrel between yourselves and focus on the one and only enemy ... It is your religious duty and national responsibility to concentrate on the confrontation with the United States," Khomeini said in a nation-wide radio broadcast.

Khomeini and Shariat-Madari, the most powerful leaders of Iran's predominant Shiite Moslem sect, appear to be in essential agreement on national policy and the new charter despite clashes between their followers.

Meanwhile in Washington, Pres. Carter is sending Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance to four West European capitals next week to seek support for new "diplomatic initiatives"

aimed at pressuring Iran into freeing American hostages.

Vance will stop in Britain, France, Italy and West Germany "to solicit their views on the situation," said Hodding Carter, the State Department spokesman.

Sources disclosed that Britain, West Germany and Italy had decided not to supply Iran with military spare parts — a move welcomed by the Carter administration.

The sources, declining to be identified, also told reporters that former Foreign Minister Abolhassan Bani Sadr and an unspecified number of colleagues on Iran's Revolutionary Council favored releasing the hostages.

But it was not clear how close that number was to a majority, or whether it could influence Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini or the militants holding the 50 Americans.

Lebanon steps up security precautions

(AP) — Lebanon stepped up security precautions at Beirut International Airport and at major highways Thursday because of reports at least 10,000 Iranian volunteers would go to southern Lebanon to fight alongside Palestinians there.

The government of Prime Minister Salim el-Hoss asked

Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to make certain the volunteers do not leave Iran. Foreign Ministry sources said the Lebanese government was "deeply concerned" by the announcement that the volunteers would help fight Israeli-backed Christian militias in southern Lebanon.

"If these (volunteers) do show up here, we will send them back to Iran on the same plane," an airport official said.

Iranian diplomatic sources in Damascus, Syria, confirmed Iranian fighters were on their way to Lebanon. An Iranian religious leader in Damascus, Sheik Mustafah Rahmana, said

1,000 Iranians would enter south Lebanon Saturday.

The announcement about the possible movement of Iranians into Lebanon was made by Hojatoleslam Mohammed Montazari, son of Tehran's religious leader Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazari.

making the news

From Associated Press Reports

LONDON — The day-old Zimbabwe Rhodesia cease-fire agreement ran into a snag Thursday when Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders balked at proposals to confine their forces at 15 assembly points in the former British colony.

Patriotic Front co-leader Joshua Nkomo was quoted as saying he was ready to "tear up" the agreement-in-principle announced Wednesday by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington unless government troops were forced to withdraw to the same number of points.

Confidence sources also quoted Nkomo as saying Britain must rethink its "totally unacceptable" proposals. A spokesman for Carrington said the latest dispute would be addressed during Friday's negotiating session.

SOLEDAD, Calif. — Two Soledad Prison inmates were killed and 18 injured Thursday in a race riot that was quelled by guards who waded in among the battlers firing birdshot, officials said.

"The fighting was among inmates," said Phil Guthrie, spokesman for the state Department of Corrections. "It was a serious riot, but it's under control now."

He said two men were killed and one was in very serious condition. The condition of the other injured men was not immediately known.

"It was tentatively learned that it was a fight in which browns and whites were aligned against the blacks," Guthrie said. "We don't know which, if any, group was the aggressor or if it was a spontaneous thing."

PEKING — Apparently embarrassed by anti-government sentiments, the municipal administration ruled Thursday that citizens no longer can post their grievances on the "Democracy Wall" in the heart of the city and must use a less conspicuous one instead.

The government said it acted because "certain people with ulterior motives had wrapped themselves in the banner of 'democracy' to damage socialist democracy."

But Western observers said some of the posters put up at the downtown wall embarrassed the government, a feeling heightened by proximity of foreign diplomats and reporters who watched a unique kind of free speech movement there over the last year.

When activists learned the new wall would be in Moon Altar Park, about one mile to the west, they said they were relieved posters were not being banned entirely.

Herbicide ban petition approved

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's attorney general has approved the language of an initiative petition seeking to ban the aerial spraying of some herbicides and restrict the use of others.

Principal sponsors of the measure are doctors John Fahrquhar of Ashland, Renee Stringham of Lincoln City and James Scott of Swishome.

They seek a ban on phenoxy herbicides, the chemical group that includes 2,4-D which now is most commonly used to control underbrush in Oregon forests.

Opponents claim the herbicides cause miscarriages and birth defects.

For the spraying of other herbicides in the forests, the initiative would require buffer zones of 200 feet along private property, streams and other bodies of water. Residents within one mile of the area would have to be notified 15 days prior to spraying. Spray areas would have to be clearly posted.

Under current law, buffer zones range from 10-100 feet, depending on the type of application.

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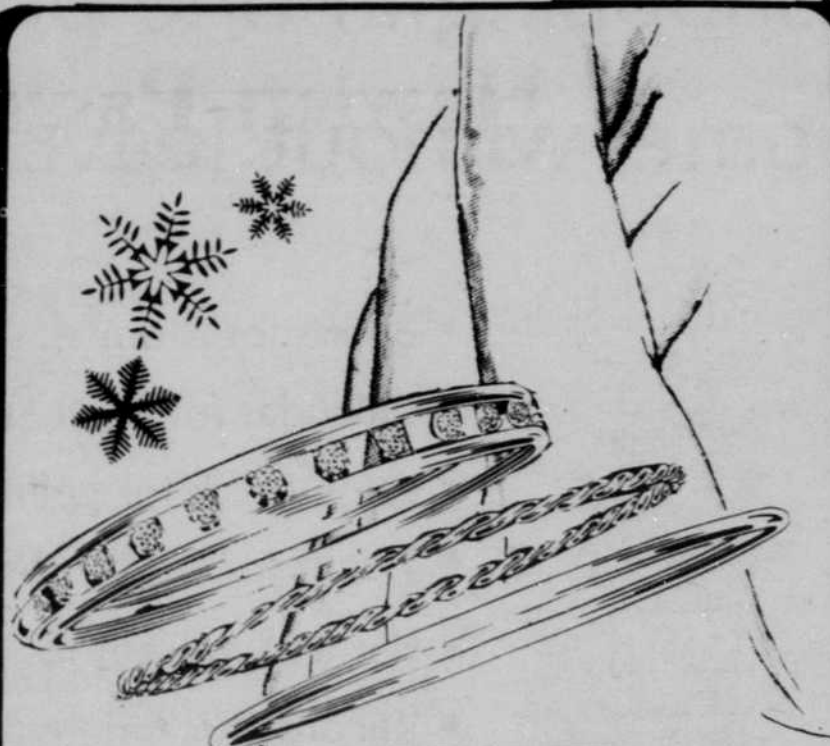
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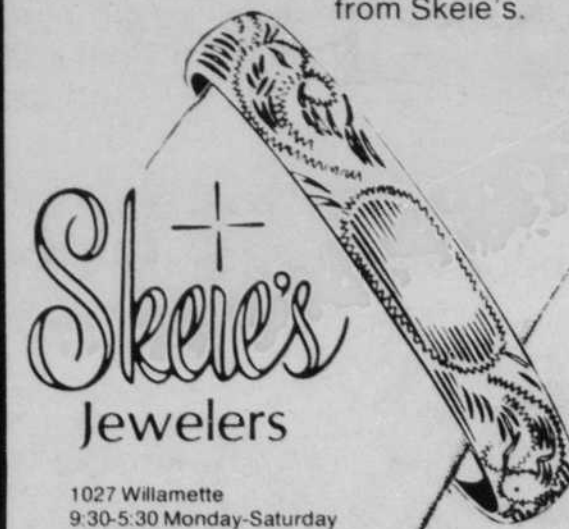
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