

# New brutality surfaces; Carter deplores 'animals'

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — The freed American hostages gave new reports today of brutal treatment by their Iranian captors — beatings, mock executions, grim games of Russian roulette, death threats — and former Pres. Carter accused Iran of "savagery against absolutely innocent hostages."

At the military hospital where the 50 men and two women are recovering from their 14½-month ordeal, a State Department official said, "it is clear we are continuing to uncover evidence of serious mistreatment of our people during their captivity."

A member of the medical team examining the Americans told The Associated Press some of the physical abuse "was not unlike that which some of our boys got from the North Vietnamese."

A group of the former hostages emerged from the hospital today and walked across the street for a dental examination. They wore blue pajamas or Air Force parkas and many waved to well-wishers at the hospital gate.

Following an emotional meeting with the former hostages Wednesday that left him visibly shaken, Carter said the Iranians were guilty of "despicable acts of barbarism." On his return to Plains, Ga. today, Carter said that even as the hostages boarded a freedom flight to leave Iran they were forced, "one by one," to run a gauntlet of jeers and kicks.

He said "these are the acts of animals, almost."

But Carter said the "solemn agreement" that won the hostages' release should be kept because it involves the word of honor of the United States. The Reagan administration has said it will examine the agreement "very closely" before deciding whether to carry it out.

State Department spokesman Jack Cannon said in Wiesbaden that mistreatment included poor food, solitary confinement and being blindfolded. "On a number of occasions a number of persons were threatened with loaded revolvers," he said.

"On a number of occasions some were threatened with death. Some were ordered to strip and lie on the floor and

were threatened with death," Cannon said.

Barry Rosen of Brooklyn, N.Y., chatting with reporters on the way to a dental examination, said the former hostages had "many stories to tell" and that the agreement with Iran should be reviewed.

At a press briefing near the hospital, Cannon said he had no reports of specific injuries suffered by the hostages and in reply to a question added, "we have no reports so far of sexual abuse." He said some hostages were deprived of sleep, "some were forced to stand in the cold weather outside at night and some were manacled to chairs for 14 or 15 days."



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## Administration 'irate' over hostage treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is "very irate, very angry" over mistreatment of the 52 Americans held hostages in Iran and the treatment they received "certainly will not make it any easier" to carry out the agreement with Iran, an administration spokesman said today.

State Department spokesman William Dyess said he agreed with Pres. Reagan and former Pres. Jimmy Carter that the Iranian captors were "barbarians." Said Dyess, "I think it's a very apt term."

Dyess said the new administration was surprised to learn of the extent of the mistreatment of the hostages and that it plans "a formal reaction" soon.

Dyess emphasized that the administration still plans to "carry out the obligations of the United States," presumably including the agreement that led to freedom for the hostages, although he said it is still being reviewed.

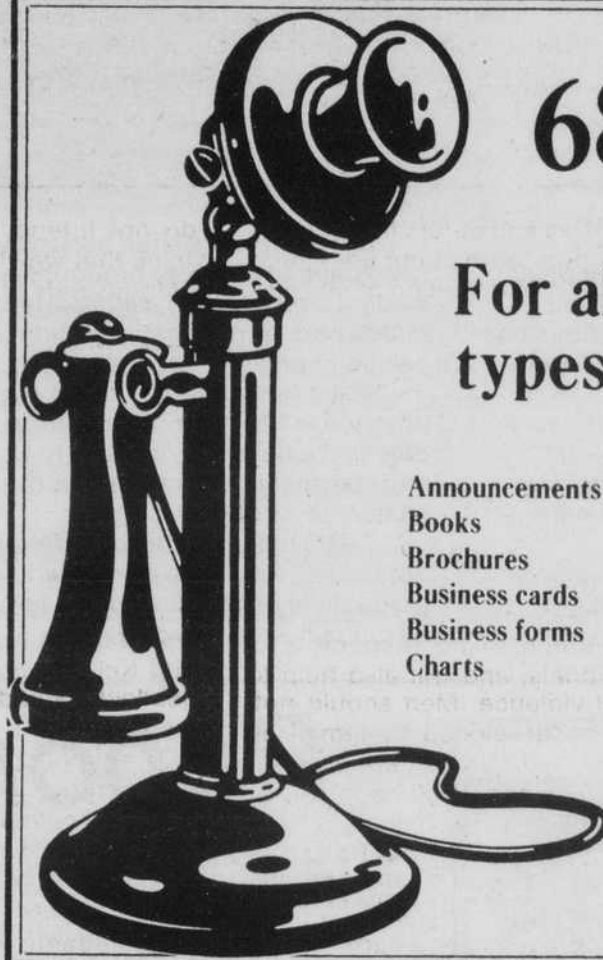
"We must all recognize that the implementing of the agreements will be a complex and time-consuming process, and one which will require the cooperation of all parties," Dyess said.

Dyess had disclosed on Wednesday that the Reagan administration was reviewing the agreements.

He said all 10 executive orders signed by Carter to implement the agreements before

he left office have taken effect, including the lifting of the trade embargo against Iran.

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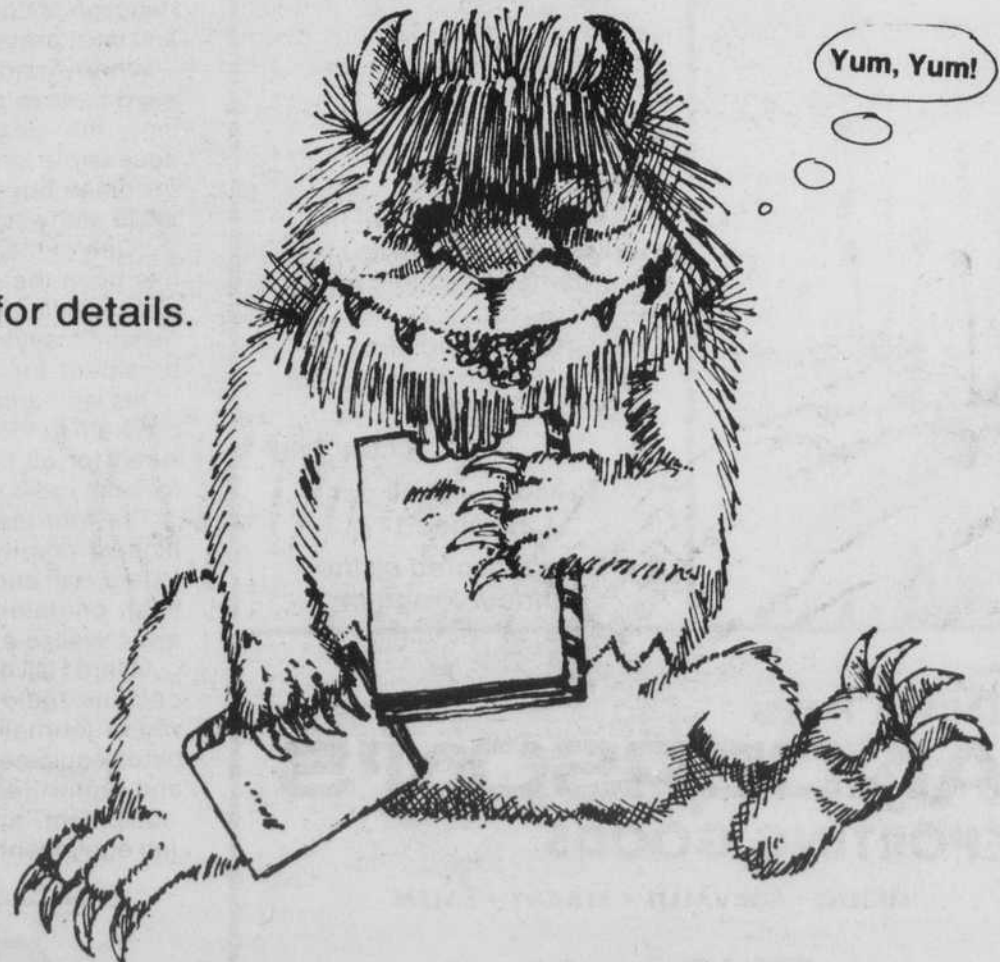
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