

inter/national news

Iranian government executes 154 leftists

BEIRUT, Lebanon

Iran announced Monday the executions of 57 leftists for staging riots in Tehran aimed at undermining "the effects" of a proclaimed victory over Iraqi forces at Abadan.

Khomeini's revolutionary guards and other government forces beat back the challenge Sunday, and one resident reported by telephone that the city was quiet again Sunday evening. But he said there had been "fighting on every street corner, behind every tree, everywhere. It was the worst and most violent street clashes since the days of the revolution."

The state-run radio also said 52 leftists were put to death in the central city of Isfahan, and 45 others were executed in several Iranian cities for being

members of the outlawed Mujahedeen. Monday's executions raised the officially reported total to 1,028 since the ouster of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr on June 22.

Court approves constitution transfer

OTTAWA, Canada

The Supreme Court ruled in a historic decision Monday that Canada's law — but not its tradition — allows the federal government to press ahead with its bid to transfer the Canadian constitution here from Britain.

The 52-page judgment said the court was not ruling on the content of the federal constitutional package but rather on the question of legality of the action.

Canada's only existing constitution is the British North America Act of 1867, a document drafted by the British Parliament.

Canadian Prime Minister Elliot Trudeau wants the act brought home, or patriated, to Canada as the Canada Act, a move requiring the consent of the British Parliament. He also wants it amended by the British Parliament to include a sweeping charter of human and civil rights binding on the federal and provincial governments.

Coal production expected to decline

WASHINGTON

The National Coal Association predicted Monday that a 72-day miners' strike and a slump in the steel industry will cause coal production to decline 4 percent this year.

The association projected that 795 million tons of coal will be mined in 1981 compared to 824 million tons last year. The new 1981 projection is 55 million tons less than the association predicted in March.

Eastern coal, affected more by the strike, was predicted to show a production drop of 67 million tons from the March estimate while Western coal output was expected to increase by 12 million tons, to 275 million tons total.

Avowed racist sentenced to life

SALT LAKE CITY

Shouting obscenities and an ethnic slur, Joseph Franklin was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences in state prison Monday for the sniper slayings of two young blacks.

In sentencing Franklin, 3rd District Judge Jay E. Banks told the avowed racist, "It will be my recommendation to the (state) Board of Pardons that you never get out of prison."

Franklin responded with a string of obscenities and an anti-Semitic remark to Banks, who is not Jewish, as he was taken from the courtroom.

Senate rejects debt amendments

WASHINGTON

The Senate rejected a series of amendments Monday that Republican leaders said could endanger a bill to boost the debt limit to more than \$1 trillion so the government can pay its bills.

By a vote of 56-32, the Senate turned down an amendment by

Sen. John Melcher, D-Mont., to require President Reagan to consult with the Federal Reserve Board in an effort to reduce interest rates within 90 days.

The senators also defeated, 58-30, a move by Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., to trim tax deductions for business lunches from 100 percent to 70 percent and use the proceeds to restore funds cut from school lunch programs.

On a 74-13 vote, they tabled — that is, killed — another Hart proposal to postpone any individual income tax cut until the federal budget is balanced.

Administration sends proposal

WASHINGTON

Discounting Saudi resistance, the Reagan administration has sent a new compromise proposal to Saudi Arabia in an effort to win Congress' approval for selling AWACS radar planes to that country, sources said Monday.

The proposal is a variation of those drafted last week that would require joint U.S.-Saudi manning of the Saudi radar planes, said a knowledgeable Senate source.

The Washington Post quoted a Saudi leader, whom it did not identify, as rejecting the proposal for joint U.S.-Saudi manning of the planes.

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