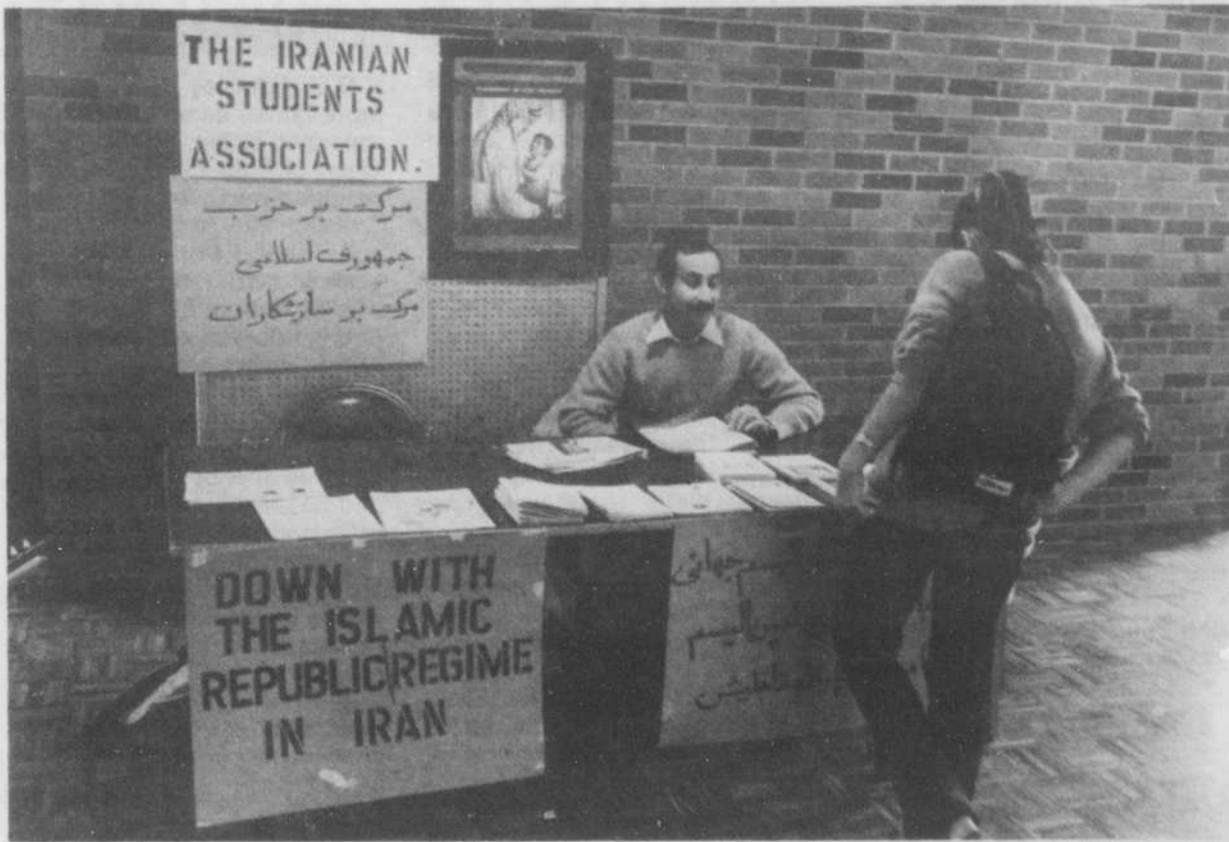


# Iranian groups attack Ayatollah Khomeini



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The Ayatollah Khomeini is more repressive than the Shah was, according to two University Iranian student groups.

Khomeini is 50 percent responsible for the Iraq-Iran war, which he prolongs to keep "a lid on internal crisis," says Mohammad, a member of the Moslem Iranian Student Society.

Iraq was partially forced to attack Iran because the Ayatollah said he wanted to export the Iranian Revolution to surrounding countries, says Mohammad.

Mohammad says he cannot reveal his last name because Khomeini has secret police working in the United States just as the Shah did. The Shah's police reportedly eliminated Iranian dissenters in the United States.

The Iranian Student Association agrees with MISS, says Amin Siadat, a group secretary. Siadat says he reveals his name because the Iranian regime already has it.

His parents in Iran have had problems with the regime because he speaks out, Siadat says.

Khomeini's secret police use the same methods as the Shah's force but they are more sophisticated, Mohammad adds.

ISA member have been suspicious of Khomeini since the Iranian revolution and numerous executions have confirmed their suspicions, Siadat says.

The Ayatollah blames everything from food shortages to unemployment on the war, Mohammad says. Khomeini does not want the war to end because he has less than 10 percent support in the country, he says.

Because of his unpopularity, Khomeini has executed about 20,000 citizens in the last 16 months and is currently holding 50,000 political prisoners, says Mohammad. Mohammad's group supports the People's Mojahedin Organization — a group working to overthrow the Ayatollah. More than 5,000 political prisoners, mostly Mojahedin supporters, have been killed since March, he adds.

Masoud Rajavy, a leader and representative for the People's Mojahedin in Paris, calculated these statistics from sources inside the prisons and government, Mohammad says.

The People's Mojahedin is working to overthrow the Ayatollah by persuasion and any other means possible, he says. The organization does not get weapons from outside Iran because there are enough guns available in the country already, Mohammad says.

The People's Mojahedin has formed a coalition with all democratic forces in Iran called the National Council of Resistance, which Rajavy chairs, he says. Few independent revolutionary groups exist in the country now, Mohammad adds.

Some pro-Khomeini students were on campus last year, but most have received jobs with the regime, both Siadat and Mohammad say.

The two groups say a democratic government will be formed after an overthrow, but they disagree on the relationship between church and state.

The ISA supports any group trying to overthrow the Ayatollah, but the group does not agree on integrating church with state, Siadat says. The group supports a secular democracy, he says.

Photo by Mark Pynes  
Amin Siadat, secretary for the Iranian Student Association, explains his group's view of the Khomeini regime to a passer-by in the EMU.

## Ducks-Irish game inspires donations

The Fighting Irish have returned to Indiana, but the effects of the Ducks' Oct. 23 standoff with Notre Dame linger in Eugene.

In addition to being an economic boon for the city, the game renewed alumni interest in the University, says Curt Simic, vice president for University relations.

Even if the alumni's primary interests are not athletics, sports events give them a chance to get reacquainted with the University and each other, says Simic.

"Athletics are a vehicle for people to rally 'round the institution," Simic says.

The rejuvenated interest is fostering unexpected benefits for the University — some in

the form of donations. For example, one letter from an alumni who attended the grid contest contained a check for \$1,000.

Another fan is Louis Cook, an announcer for KABC radio and television in Los Angeles, who decided to get more involved in the University after seeing the game, says Simic. Cook is interested in conducting seminars with journalism students.

Publicity for the city of Eugene is another positive result of the game. One alumni letter had a copy of a lengthy New York Times article enclosed in it.

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