

Iranian Voters Okay Shah's Reform Plans

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranians approved their shah's reform program by a vote of 5,598,711 to 4,115, the government announced Monday.

As the final tally of Saturday's referendum was made public, the shah broadcast a message thanking the nation for the "positive and definite" answer to his appeal.

"My dear nation . . . from now on we together shall turn the pages of history," he said. "With the help of God we shall make a country rivaling the most progressive in the world. The chains of bondage are broken."

'Legal Revolution'

The shah termed his new program of social reform a "legal revolution," which he said now has been definitely approved without bloodshed.

Iranian women voted for the first time in the referendum, but their ballots were not included in the official results. Newspapers reported 271,179 women cast votes.

Hinting that women soon would be enfranchised, the shah said in his radio address, "men and women of Iran will henceforth be able to work together, shoulder-to-shoulder in social life."

In presenting his program, the shah aligned himself with workers and peasant against the conservative class of wealthy, feudalistic landlords and religious leaders who long have dominated Iran.

Boycott Move Fails

Land owners, businessmen, Moslem religious leaders and politicians of the National Front, once led by Mohammed F. Mossadeq, had called for a boycott of the referendum after provoking riots before the balloting Saturday. The boycott call had little effect.

About 200 followers of Mossadeq picketed the White House in Washington Sunday to protest the referendum as "undemocratic and unconstitutional."

The shah called the referendum to get approval of these six laws:

- A land reform program which thus far has distributed more than 2 million acres of farmland among 52,112 families.
- Sale of government-owned factories to finance the land program.
- A new election law aimed



Vote Appeal

The Shah of Iran climbs onto a table to address a public meeting at Qum, a town south of Tehran, in support of his land reform program. Returns Sunday and Monday indicated Iranians had overwhelmingly backed his program.

Team to Explain Reserve Program

An Air Force Reserve team from the 313th Troop Carrier Squadron at Portland Air Base will be in Eugene Thursday to explain active reserve openings available under a new Air Force program.

A nationwide reorganization of Air Force Troop Carrier Wings is creating new openings, according to Capt. H. P. Plehn, who will be with the team at Eugene Air Reserve headquarters, 37 W. 13th Ave. The team will be at the headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday.

Pilots and navigators are particularly wanted by the 313th, but non-rated personnel openings also exist, according to Plehn.

Beer Substitute Stout

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Deprived of their beer by a brewery workers' strike, Africans are turning to a heady coconut wine called tembo. The hangover crop is large and the Kwale District on the Kenya Coast plans to restrict tembo drinking to the hours between 4 and 9 p.m.

Winter's Toll Over 400 In Europe

Fresh Snow Covers Southeast Regions

LONDON (AP)—Winter's fury continued to lash southeastern Europe Monday, but elsewhere milder weather brought some relief.

However, freezing temperatures at night turned partly thawed snow into ice and made highways more hazardous again. The latest unofficial toll of deaths attributed to the arctic weather rose to more than 400.

Fresh snow was reported in central Greece, along Italy's Adriatic coast and as far south as Bari, and all across Hungary.

Seven inches of snow were reported in cities along Italy's northeast coast. Lake Traimeno, south of Florence, froze over for the second time this century.

Supplies Parachuted

The Greek air force parachuted medical supplies, food and fodder for livestock to several mountain villages in Macedonia, isolated by snow for a week.

Hungarian authorities reported nearly 20 million cubic yards of snow have fallen on Budapest—twice the normal average. Northern and northeastern winds piled up snow drifts over most of Hungary, blocking many highways.

Milan and Rome were sunny but temperatures still ranged down to 24 degrees.

The thaw returned to The Netherlands with the temperature expected to reach 37.

Milder weather continued in Germany, but the overnight low was 23 degrees. Ice still blocked the Rhine and other rivers.

Freezing in Paris

Temperatures also moderated throughout most of France. In Paris, however, it was still around freezing point.

Snow ceased falling in Austria and the temperatures, ranging from 19 to 26, dropped again. Alpine regions reported a danger of avalanches.

The disastrous situation created by heavy weekend snow in East Germany appeared to have improved slightly. East German ADN news agency reported all major railroad lines open again and smaller lines being cleared.

MIGs, Troops Called 'Defensive' by Rusk

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviet Union has placed four heavily armed combat groups in Cuba and Soviet pilots there are flying MIG fighters capable of carrying nuclear weapons, says Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

The continued presence of Soviet armed forces on the island is a "matter of real concern" to the United States, Rusk said Sunday night. But he hewed to the administration line that the Red forces essentially are defensive in nature.

The best U.S. intelligence guess, Rusk said in a radio and television interview, is that there are no nuclear warheads in Cuba. He added, "We have had some indication from the Soviet Union" that at least portions of the combat forces and missiles "will be removed in due course."

Rusk gave no hint that there is any U.S. deadline for Soviet troop removal from Cuba. He said there has been some "out-traffic" in recent weeks and declared: "It must be our policy that penetration of this hemisphere by a Communist regime from outside is unacceptable to this hemisphere."

MIG fighters have been entering Cuba for many months, Rusk said. He also confirmed reports that Soviet pilots are training Cubans to fly them.

Commenting on the Soviet combat groups on the island, Rusk described them as "relatively small" but, nonetheless, "a matter of some real concern."

Several Congress members, primarily Republicans, contend Soviet military power in Cuba is increasing dangerously. The situation was the subject of a Senate inquiry last week and another Senate probe will be held shortly.

Rusk was to testify Monday on Soviet military activity in Cuba before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Over the weekend an intelligence summary circulated among top U.S. officials reported that since last fall's crisis only one Soviet ship has put in at a Cuban port with a "significant amount" on military equipment.

The summary left little doubt that the Soviet Union has assembled very heavy conventional fire-power in Cuba, but maintained the buildup was achieved between July and October.

Double Explosion Shatters Windows

NEW YORK (AP)—A double explosion Sunday night shattered some 40 windows and tore loose paving stones in the Washington Market area of downtown Manhattan.

Officials said the blasts apparently were touched off when melting snow and salt dripped into the utility company vaults under the street containing electrical equipment.

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