

Grateful Friends Donate New Home To Disabled Man

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Bob Wolfe woke up in his new home here today—a home that already is filled with at least 50,000 memories.

Iranian Shah Speaks In US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran, whose country borders on the Soviet Union, said Tuesday "world tension seems to have abated somewhat."

The 35-year-old monarch, in a speech prepared for a press, radio and television audience, quickly added that Iran has every intention of building up the strength of its armed forces.

"There is cause for gratification that world tension seems to have somewhat abated," he said. "... It is a sad commentary on world affairs that only those nations whose security forces are strong can defend themselves. ... We are resolved to do all we can to improve the defending capacity of our army."

The Shah, in this country on what has been officially described as a personal vacation, said his country is full of opportunities for private investment. He said:

"Today Iran is undoubtedly on the threshold of a period that could promise political stability and economic recuperation. We are trying to telescope centuries into decades. ... The scene in Iran offers a striking opportunity for Iran to stop looking furiously back but to work and plan ahead, and for the leading Western powers to use their vast resources, economically and technically, and by private investment to help Iran introduce wide, effective and permanent agrarian and industrial reforms, and to raise the general standard of living."

The Shah expressed gratitude for the economic help given Iran by the United States, but mentioned no plans to ask for more.

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"Some people hate a home with memories," he said. "Me—I love it because they are all pleasant memories."

Bob, who made his observations from a wheel chair, was given the home yesterday by Harrisburg residents.

The 32-year-old former Marine

was permanently disabled while fighting a fire here 18 months ago. A spinal injury, suffered when a wall collapsed, paralyzed him from the waist down.

Members of the Riverside fire company, of which he was a member, began a door-to-door fund drive and had the house built for Bob at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

"When I was lying in the hospital for 11 months after the accident, things looked pretty dim," he recalled.

"Then, out of a clear blue sky, I got this beautiful home given to me and about all I can do is get all choked up and start to snifle."

"I even caught myself crying last night when people dropped by to welcome me into my new home."

The new home, a sprawling, ranch-type building, is completely equipped with the latest appliances and fixtures. Wolfe, his wife and their daughters, 4 and 5, had lived in a rented two-story house in central Harrisburg.

"The best part of the whole thing is that now I can manage to get around my home because it is all on one floor," Bob said.

Referring to his future, Bob says:

"I am receiving some insurance to take care of me and my fam-

ily and I intend to learn some job that I can do at home to keep my time occupied."

"They tell me that the money was donated in everything from

nickles and dimes to large bills," he said.

"Along those lines I figure at least 50,000 persons had a hand in this."

"Yep, I got a brand new home and memories. That's a pretty already equipped with 50,000 pleasant good start I think."

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