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Khomeini seizes power, Iran's capital in chaos

From our wire services
TEHRAN, Iran — Abandoned by the army high command, Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar's regime crumbled yesterday before the guns and masses of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who seized Tehran and declared a new Islamic government.

However, loyalist units, including members of the elite Immortals Brigade and Imperial Guards, counterattacked and fought pitched battles in outlying areas with Khomeini supporters armed with weapons looted from army bases.

Bakhtiar's downfall had been assured hours earlier when the nation's top generals abruptly withdrew their support for Bakhtiar and ordered their men and tanks back to their barracks from battle stations throughout the city.

The apparent climax to Iran's 15 months of turmoil began building Friday night, when the nation's previously unified military forces began fighting among themselves. Hundreds of people had died in 36 hours of bloody rioting that swept the capital.

Khomeini's triumphant supporters seized the national radio and television and declared an "Ad Hoc Islamic Revolutionary Command" was ruling Iran.

"This is the voice of the revolution," a radio announcer exulted repeatedly. "The dictatorship has come to an end."

Hundreds of Khomeini followers, their faces blackened in guerrilla fashion and carrying automatic weapons, seized

control of Tehran, setting up road blocks and patrolling the streets.

Almost unchallenged, the rebels sacked Bakhtiar's office, official residence and private home in north Tehran. They took over both houses of parliament, radio and television stations, the shah's ornate Golestan Palace and captured most military bases.

Mehdi Bazargan, the Shiite Moslem leader's hand-picked prime minister, declared in a radio broadcast that the army's chief of staff had swung over to his side. Bazargan was expected to formally take control of the government today.

The fate of Bakhtiar, 64, was not known. The radio first reported he had resigned, then said there were rumors he committed suicide. Other reports said he may have fled to France.

Precise casualty counts were impossible. The radio reported yesterday morning, when it was still controlled by the government, that more than 200 people had been killed since Friday night, when the final disorders began with an attack on pro-Khomeini Air Force cadets by loyal army units.

Iranian guards at the U.S. Embassy in Iran deserted their posts, but 19 U.S. Marines stood by in combat uniform and kept order. In Washington, the Pentagon ordered a detachment of 69 Marines sent from the United States to Turkey, to be kept on standby in case the embassy is attacked.

The Pentagon's airlift for American personnel was suspended, along with all other flights out of Tehran. Six Air Force helicopters were being flown to Turkey in case Americans had to be evacuated from Tehran, Defense Department spokesman Thomas Lambert said.

Pentagon sources said Ambassador William Sullivan had asked for the precautionary moves by the Marines and the helicopters, and asked that the Pentagon update contingency plans for a possible mass evacuation of Americans.

Sources estimated there are still some 7,000 Americans in Iran, most of them employees of American defense contractors and their wives and children.

State Department spokesman Kenneth Brown said the 7,000 Americans in Iran were safe "to the best of our knowledge."

Eleven thousand Iranian political prisoners, convicted murderers and common criminals, plus a handful of Americans, Canadians and Europeans, huddled and clawed their way out of Iran's largest prison at the height of yesterday's chaos.

As the news of the upheaval in Iran flashed around the world, there was no comment from Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who ruled the nation of 34.5 million people until Jan. 16. The shah was still in seclusion in Marrakesh, Morocco, with his empress, four children and mother-in-law, and the Iranian embassy in Rabat said he would have no statement.



An injured Iranian prisoner is shown escaping from prison in a massive break which followed the resignation of prime minister Shahpour Bakhtiar. More than 11,000 political prisoners and criminals escaped when guards walked off the job. UPI wirephoto

Students discuss Iranian events

By AMY ENDLICH
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Although top generals withdrew support of Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar yesterday, several Iranian students said the army still poses a threat to ultimate Iranian goals of independence.

"I am glad that what happened yesterday happened," said one student in reference to the seizure of the capital by followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. "I wish the American-trained and American-equipped army would be crushed by the people," she said.

Another student said he is fearful of a coup d'etat if the army remains in Iran. He said the army supports a monarchy.

"All Iranians are looking for a democracy," he said. "For Iranians complete freedom is the most important thing."

Arthur Goldschmidt, associate professor of history, said the situation in Iran could be worse with Khomeini's seizure.

"I'm not sure Iran can go through without a civil war," he said. Foreign embassies, including the United States embassy, will certainly begin heavy evacuation, he said.

"You can't tell if the Islamic Republic will bring back medieval practices. They probably couldn't be enforced."

One student said the same advisors who worked with the army when it supported the Shah work in it now. She

said the success of the new regime will depend on "wiping out the old elements."

"Success depends on the political and economic programs of the new government," she said.

Goldschmidt said continued fighting for a long period of time could open the option of return to Iran to the Shah. Another possible development could be Soviet intervention to keep the United States from intervening, he said.

He said Khomeini garnered much of his support because he was opposed to the Shah. Khomeini is also a strong religious figure which accounts for some of his popularity, he said.

Religion could be the only thing that will hold the Iranians together, he said.

Veto rights questioned

By MIKE SILLUP
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A controversy exists over State College mayor Arnold Addison's right to veto a human rights resolution that may be passed by the municipal council tonight.

The resolution has places for the signatures of council members and the mayor. Addison, who has not reached any conclusion about the proposal, said, "I either sign it or I don't sign it, and if I don't sign it, I don't know what it means."

Borough Solicitor Robert Kistler said he was not sure if the mayor could legally veto a resolution, and said no one has asked him to look into the matter.

Borough Manager Carl Fairbanks said, "The charter says he vetoes ordinances, it doesn't mention resolutions."

The proposed resolution urges equal and fair treatment in employment, housing, and public accommodations regardless of "race, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, or affectional or sexual orientation."

Council heard about four hours of testimony from about 50 persons last Monday, but voted to table the resolution until tonight.

Addison said he was very pleased at the amount of testimony given by both sides.

Testimony was delivered over a period of months to the council's human services committee before the resolution was introduced by that committee.

Council member Dorothy Lennig, chairwoman of the committee, said she believed a resolution, not an ordinance, "was the best way to handle it."

She said she did not think the mayor could veto a resolution. Other human rights measures came before council in both ordinance and resolution form. All were defeated.

The resolution currently before council is the result of a proposal from the Centre County Advisory Council to the state's Human Relations Commission that the borough adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance.

Although council has heard testimony for and against the resolution, they have not discussed it in an official capacity, Lennig said. "I feel we should discuss this in public."

Council President Ingrid Holtzman said, "We're not anticipating any more testimony." She would not comment on the resolution itself.

The council meeting will be held at 7:30 tonight in the State College Municipal Building, 118 S. Fraser St.

'Director calls education shift 'easier to live with'

By NANCY BOYD
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The shifting of the art and music education division of the College of Education to the College of Arts and Architecture is a move that is "much easier to live with" now that the recommendation to make the shift has been accepted by President John W. Oswald, said Harlan E. Hoffa, division head.

The move, announced by University Provost Edward D. Eddy last Monday at a joint meeting of faculty of the education division and of the art and music department, will create two new academic units in the college of Arts and

Architecture.

"All of us feel much more at ease now that the decision has been made," Hoffa said. "It's not going to be easy, but we have every intention of making it work."

The realignment will create a combined unit of the art and art education faculty and programs and a second unit consisting of the music and music education faculty members, Eddy said.

David B. Van Dommelen, professor of art education, said although he regrets leaving the College of Education, the "marriage of the two faculties could be exciting." He said during joint meetings ideas for future programs and innovations have surfaced.

Van Dommelen said the merger has gained more acceptance among the art faculty members since the provost addressed their concern that the art education programs remain autonomous fiscally and in programmatic goals. The art education faculty sent a letter to Eddy Feb. 2 indicating acceptance of the move with the provision that the department maintain its identity.

Eddy told the faculty the realignment "will not destroy the integrity of a particular program."

Van Dommelen also said the tenured faculty feel "much more secure" since Eddy's announcement that "there has never been any intention of terminating

tenured faculty members."

Hoffa said the shift is strictly an "administrative change" and he does not expect the quality of art or music education to suffer a loss of integrity. However, he said the number and quality of service courses offered to non-majors in art and music may decline.

"The enrollment decline of the college is not in the art and music majors, but in the number of non-majors taking these courses," he said. "It is these programs that might be affected."

Kenneth Decker (9th-music education) said he does not expect the music education program to be affected by the move, but he said members of the

Blue Band are concerned that their funding might be cut.

Because the band is heavily supported by the athletics department, its operations are not in jeopardy because of the move, Ned C. Diehl, director of the Blue Band, said. Diehl also said the band will not be moved physically from its present location.

Hoffa said he does not expect the studios and other art and music education facilities to be moved to another building. The two colleges do have a duplication of some facilities, Hoffa said, but it is unsure at this time if any changes will be made.

Hoffa said similar mergers have been

made at other universities without harm to the programs involved.

However, some students feel the trend may adversely affect other programs inside the College of Education.

"It makes me nervous," said Crystal E. Nicholson (7th-counseling education). "The counseling education program is small and who's to say we won't be moved to the psychology department in Liberal Arts? In 15 years there might not be a College of Education."

Hoffa said the recommendation is subject to approval by the University Board of Trustees at their March meeting. He said he expects the board to pass the provost's recommendation.



Headless wonder

Amy Knoell (8th-graphic design) seems to have the advantage as she contemplates a figure of art, "Pompeii" by Siena G. Potta.

Photo by Mark McIntyre

Israel accepts talks with Egypt

JERUSALEM (UPI) — The Israeli Cabinet yesterday formally accepted President Carter's invitation to renew peace talks with Egypt at Camp David but refused to give Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan the wider negotiating powers he sought.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat announced his acceptance of the American invitation Thursday. He said Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil would head his delegation to the discussions expected to begin around Feb. 21 after being deadlocked since November.

"The government has decided to accept the invitation of the president of the United States," Prime Minister Menachem Begin said after a Cabinet meeting in his office that lasted more than four hours.

"The representative of the state of Israel will be the foreign minister and he will certainly have his advisors," Begin said, adding there would be no other ministers in the Israeli delegation.

Dayan had requested a widening of his decision-making powers during the talks

to forestall frequent trips home for consultations with the Cabinet.

"We did not discuss widening his powers," Begin said. He stressed Dayan is empowered only to act according to the decisions of the cabinet and advice from the prime minister.

"As President Carter wrote to me, there will be also an interval in the discussions so that both Prime Minister Khalil and Foreign Minister Dayan will be able to go to their respective countries for consultations with their governments," Begin said.

Legislators talking of part-time

HARRISBURG (AP) — The issue of full-time and part-time legislators is creeping into conversations on Capitol Hill again, prompted by the pay raise pending before the General Assembly this week.

Some legislators, tired of the controversy stirred by a proposed 8 percent hike in 1981 and 7 percent in 1982, say they should end the sniping by increasing their salaries significantly and limiting outside income.

The Senate will vote this week on the proposal to raise their \$18,720 salaries in the next session.

"Let's increase our pay to \$25,000 or \$30,000, and insist that we be full-time," Rep. William DeWeese, D-Fayette, said.

"How can you practice law or sell shoes in Donora, and say you're a full-time legislator?"

"You wonder why we have so few session days on Thursday and Friday? It's because so many members have jobs back home that they give the leaders a bad time if they have to come in here," Rep. Joseph Hoeffel, D-Montgomery, said.

"We ought to encourage more full-time legislators, although our salaries would have to be a heck of a lot higher," he said.

Of course, some legislators say the hours they put in for their \$18,720 salary make them more than full-time, and

that's where everything gets fuzzy.

Senate Majority Leader Edward Zemprelli, a Penn State trustee, considers a full-time legislator with limited outside income as "an idea that is fast coming."

Flake out

The atmosphere will flake out today with snow developing, becoming heaviest around midday and accumulating 1 to 3 inches. A high of 15 is expected. Tonight will be mostly cloudy with some snow flurries and breezy conditions with a low of 6. Tomorrow will be breezy with partly to mostly sunny skies and a high of 13.