

New Trial Threats

Iran to Break U.S. Relations?

By The Associated Press
The majority of Iran's ruling Revolutionary Council wants to put the American hostages on trial if the shah and his fortune are not returned to Iran. Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, Iran's justice minister and the council's first secretary, said today.

He also told reporters at his weekly news conference in Tehran that he advocates breaking diplomatic relations with the United States. Beheshti said trying the hostages is "the general idea in Iran" and most members of the Revolutionary Council are behind it if the shah is not

brought back to stand trial for alleged crimes. The ailing shah escaped extradition proceedings in Panama and flew Monday to Egypt, where he is hospitalized. Meanwhile, Dr. Michael DeBakey, the Texas surgeon, left Houston today for Cairo, apparently to operate on the shah. The shah has lymph cancer that is believed to have spread to his spleen.

DeBakey was to have removed the spleen in Panama, but Panamanian doctors objected to the operation being performed by a foreigner.

A spokesman for DeBakey in Houston said he was going to Cairo "to fulfill his commitment to the shah." He was accompanied by a full surgical team, including another surgeon, an anesthesiologist, two pathologists, a nurse and a blood technician.

Sadat, after a visit to the shah in Cairo's Maadi Military Hospital Tuesday, said he was running a high temperature and would probably undergo surgery in the next few days.

"He is in the hands of very capable doctors," said Sadat.

Beheshti was the second major leader of the revolutionary regime this week to advocate trying the hostages because the shah had been allowed to leave Panama.

The threat of such trials was raised often after young militants seized the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4 but had not been made for several months.

It was revived Monday by Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, a leading revolutionary and former chief judge. He said after the new Iranian Parliament meets, those Americans accused of being spies would be judged by revolutionary courts and sent to prison if found guilty, while the others would be freed.

However, Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said on Tuesday there are no plans to try the Americans, and those demanding they be tried were "irresponsible people."

"They can shout 'til the end of the world but I will not heed



A Big Lift

Gary Coleman, the young star of TV's "Diff'rent Strokes," is putty in the hands of Hawaiian sumo wrestler Jesse Kuhaulua. The pair met during a visit to the state capitol in Honolulu.

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as many as 30 male victims since 1972.

Many cases are similar in that the victims were young, thin, white, and were hitchhiking or known to hitchhike.

In nearly all instances, the nude bodies have been abandoned along major roads, including Ortega Highway, the San Diego Freeway, Pacific Coast Highway, the Riverside Freeway and Garden Grove Freeway. Other bodies have been found in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Investigators stress there are dissimilarities as well as similarities and that the murders may be the work of more than one person.

In several cases, the victims' blood has shown evidence of tranquilizing drugs, including chloral hydrate, Valium and Tylenol.

The sheriff's investigation is focusing on five victims who were found in county territory, Hart said.

In addition to Barker and Rugh, those victims include:

- **Richard Keith**, 20, a Camp Pendleton Marine, whose body was found June 19, 1978, alongside the San Diego Freeway in the Mission Viejo area.

- **Keith Klingbell**, 23, of Chula Vista, found three weeks later at a freeway location not far from where Keith's body was found.

- **A John Doe**, found along Ortega Highway, on Dec. 2.

Other agencies involved in the investigations include police departments in Seal Beach, Anaheim, Irvine, Long Beach, and the Riverside and San Bernardino county sheriff's offices.

Refund Eaten

Dog Devours Tax Check

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Eric Nystrom will have to go to state officials to get a new tax refund check. His reason — the dog ate it. Honest.

Nystrom, 20, son of State Sen. Jack Nystrom, returned home and found that his seven-month-old basset hound, Alice, had mangled his Iowa income tax refund check for \$195.16.

Alice declined to eat the portion of the check declaring the amount due, but did consume the rest, making it non-negotiable.

Suspects in Another?

Two Men Arrested In Newport Holdup

Two men, arrested Tuesday by Newport Beach police moments after the \$1,800 holdup of a savings and loan, have been identified as suspects in the robbery of another Newport Beach financial institution.

Duvalle Rene Johnson, 26, of Los Angeles and Earl Reed Warner, 24, of Hollywood were taken into custody Tuesday after the 11:30 a.m. holdup of Beverly Hills Savings and Loan Association, 3748 E. Coast Highway.

Police said today the two men have been identified as the

money and a .32-caliber automatic handgun.

Both men remained in the city jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

'New Man' Has a Boy

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A man who made medical history in 1977 by receiving the first testicle

Dog's Owner Faces Charge

HAWTHORNE (AP) — The alleged owner of a pit bull dog that mauled a toddler to death faces charges of keeping an animal known to be dangerous and failing to observe proper precautions, authorities said.

Hawthorne police arrested Louis Greenwald, 37, on a complaint issued last week after the death of 3-year-old Norman Ben Jr.

Greenwald was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Census Set to Go

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite some minor problems, Census Director Vincent Barabba reported Tuesday that his agency is ready for the country's 20th national head count. The U.S. Postal Service is set to deliver census forms to nearly 96 million American homes Friday.

Sterilization report unveils dark chapter in state

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A 35-year-old report unfolded the startling details Thursday of the involuntary sterilization of more than 4,000 California mental patients from 1919 to 1943. The existence of the re-

port was disclosed this week by the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch, which said that 19,000 mental patients and prisoners in California between 1909 and 1949 — more than twice the total of Virginia, the second-leading state.

The report was written in 1945 by the late Dr. F.O. Butler, who for 31 years was superintendent of Sonoma State Hospital, where more than 5,000 sterilizations were performed.

Butler was a strong advocate of involuntary sterilization of a broad range of persons — not only those who would be considered mentally retarded or disordered to day, but also epileptics and "incorrigible" juveniles.

"It was part of the philosophy of the times, I guess — that one way to eradicate things like epilepsy, sexual promiscuity, criminal behavior was not allowing people with things like that to procreate," Patrick Martin, current executive director, told an interviewer Thursday.

He said he "wouldn't be surprised if people started coming forward" and asking if they had been sterilized at the hospital.

Martin said hospital records would show if any particular person had been sterilized there, but there is no way of finding people who don't come in to inquire, so it is conceivable that some people now living would never know they had been operated on.

Mental hospitals in California had virtually free rein to order sterilizations under a 1909 law, which Butler called the second such law in the nation, following a 1907 measure in Indiana.

Courts were required to approve each commitment. Butler said the hospital also obtained the written consent of the patient's parent or guardian, though that wasn't legally required, plus approval of

a majority of the hospital staff and the state mental health director.

He said more than 80 percent of those sterilized had been committed for "care and training, sterilization, sex difficulties, custodial care, general maladjustment, i.e. burglary, theft, sex, forgery,

truancy from school and epilepsy."

He didn't account for the other 20 percent, but said more than one in five persons sterilized had been committed to the hospital specifically for sterilization.

Some restrictions were placed in the law in 1951

and the practice decreased dramatically.

"We'd gone through the war and seen what happened in Germany," Martin said, speculating on the reasons for the change. "This (sterilization) smacks a little of the purification of the race."

Border fence construction halted

SAN YSIDRO, Calif. (AP) — Construction of the controversial high fence between Mexico and California has ground to a halt, halfway through. Vandalism and the recent rains were blamed.

Project manager Harold Williams, a senior U.S. Border Patrol agent, said Thursday the 10-man construction crew had been robbed and threatened with guns.

"Look, that fence doesn't set too well with the folks down there," said Williams.

The hydraulic system of a road tractor was tam-

pered and its gauges smashed, he said. Several armed men approached the workers on another day and threatened them.

In another incident, wiring was ripped out of a skip loader being used to position posts and erect the 10-foot, tightly entwined steel-mesh fence.

The heavy rains and flooding in February ripped out 70 feet of fence near Tijuana's Bullring by the Sea and "the tides came up again a week later and knocked out another 30 feet," Williams said.

The erosion from rains undermined fence posts along portions of the the three miles of fencing already completed, which is slightly more than half of the 5.6-mile job stretching inland from the Pacific Ocean. Access roads have washed out.

But, said Williams, "if we have no more problems and the weather holds, we should have the job completed by June."

The original completion date was in January.

FDA recalls eggs believed tainted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says 3,240,000 eggs are being recalled from Safeway stores and military installations in several western states because they may be contaminated with the illegal pesticide chlordane.

About one-fourth of the eggs were stopped in the distribution pipeline by the producer, Hayre's Egg Farm of Lathrop, Calif., FDA spokeswoman Faye Peterson said Thursday.

The recall began March 13. The eggs were sold under the Lucerne brand, Hayre's and military labels, and distributed in California, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Hawaii and to military bases in California, Guam, Okinawa and Korea.

Ms. Peterson said agency investigators found traces of the pesticide, which causes cancer in laboratory animals, on eggs at Hayre's Farm. An investigation found three of seven henhouses had been sprayed with chlordane when they were vacant last October, reportedly to rid them of spiders.

L.A. council proposes curbs on pit bull dogs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The city moved Thursday toward stricter controls on pit bull dogs, which are traditionally bred for fighting, after one of the dogs mauled and killed a 3-year-old Hawthorne boy.

Councilman Bob Ronka proposed restrictions on pit bulls similar to those required for sentry dogs. The council voted Thursday to have the matter considered by the Police, Fire, and Public Safety Committee.

The action came a day after 37-year-old Louis Greenwald was charged with keeping a dangerous animal at his Hawthorne home.

Greenwald's dog fatally attacked a 3-year-old neighbor boy, Norman Ben Jr., last month.

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