

Shah's return for trial demanded

Iran mob seizes U.S. Embassy, staffers

The Associated Press

A mob of Iranian students overran U.S. Marine guards in a three-hour struggle yesterday and invaded the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, seizing dozens of staff members as hostages, Tehran Radio reported. They demanded that the United States send the exiled shah back to Iran for trial, the radio said.

No serious injuries were reported. Tehran Radio said as many as 100 hostages were being held, but an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said he believed it was fewer than 45 — about 35 Americans and seven or eight Iranians.

The spokesman, reached in Tehran by

telephone from New York, said an estimated 200 or 300 students were involved.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Jack Touhy said it was estimated 59 persons were being held captive, and there was no firm evidence the invaders were armed. He said a State Department working group was set up to monitor the situation and added that the U.S. government would have no immediate comment on the demand that the shah be returned to Iran.

White House spokesman Alan Raymond reported in Washington that President Carter, spending the weekend at the Camp David retreat, was in contact with his na-

tional-security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

The Tehran Radio broadcasts, monitored in London, said the embassy's Marine guards hurled tear-gas canisters but were unable to hold back the students. None of the broadcasts mentioned any weapons besides the tear gas.

Japan's Kyodo news service reported from Tehran that the invaders called a news conference in the embassy compound, and a sweater-clad man in his mid-20s told reporters, "We will continue to stay here and won't release any of the hostages until the United States returns

the ousted shah, which is what the Iranian people want."

There were reports that the hostages were blindfolded and handcuffed. The Foreign Ministry spokesman denied this, saying the embassy takeover was "a very peaceful exercise. They are dealing with them very nicely."

But television film broadcast in some Western countries showed a few hostages, blindfolded and either bound or handcuffed, in front of an embassy building.

Asked if the students were armed, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said only he had heard no reports that they were.

He said a Scandinavian ambassador in Tehran would act as a mediator "to try to convince the students to get out of the compound." He reported an Iranian Moslem religious leader also was trying to talk the invaders into leaving.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said he was unsure of the identities of the two mediators.

The State Department said in Washington the Iranian government had "given assurances that our people being held are safe and well."

Tehran Radio said the Marines and

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Protesters' message

Good Morning

Top of the News

Weather

Sunshiny 70s. Mostly sunny skies are expected today. The high should be in the mid-70s, with the overnight low in the mid-40s. Yesterday's high and low were 75 and 54.

Yesterday's national temperature extremes were 85 at Fort Myers and Islamorada, Fla., and 13 at Aspen, Colo. Details on Page 4A.

News

Higher hospital bills. Local hospital administrators are critical of a cut in federal Medicare aid that pays for a portion of a hospital's malpractice insurance. And as a paying patient, you'll have to pay more next year because of it. Page 3A.

Teachers' helper. "I try to help them learn to reach out for help . . . to see what they're doing to themselves, how they set themselves up for disappointment," says Norma Grey, a counselor at Southern Arizona Mental Health Center who helps teachers fight an occupational hazard — stress. Page 3A.

More Klan-rally arrests. Greensboro, N.C., police arrest two more suspects and charge them with conspiracy to commit murder in connection with a shooting at a "Death to the Klan" rally that left four dead and 10 wounded. Page 5A.

The conscience of his country. When Will Rogers spoke, the political and industrial leaders listened. The cowboy from Oologah, Okla., became their friend and adviser; he met the great and the near-great, but he always remained what he had been, sincere and unaffected. Part 2 of "The Best of Will Rogers." Page 4A.

Jets buzz Bolivians. Two military jets roar over protesters gathered in La Paz, Bolivia's capital city, firing their guns but apparently aiming away from the students and workers opposed to the right-wing coup engineered Thursday by Col. Alberto Natusch. Page 7A.

Newborn struggle for life. In a Thailand camp for Cambodian refugees, newborn babies battle starvation and disease, and many lose. But a 17-day-old, premature infant, with arms thinner than a woman's finger, faces the same struggle and may survive because of an Australian nurse's help. Page 6A.

Sports

Push 'em back . . . The Seattle Kingdome resounds with boos as the Seahawks set a National Football League record for futility. The Los Angeles Rams hold quarterback Jim Zorn and the Seahawks to minus seven yards in total offense. Page 1B.

Comment

Meet Andy. Andy Rooney, whose wit and unique view of the world have been featured on television's "60 Minutes," starts a regular column in the Star today. For his inaugural effort, Rooney takes a not-too-serious look at himself. Page 8A.

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Rugger action is plenty rugged — With two Tucson teams and five other teams eliminated, two California squads battled it out yesterday afternoon in the Wild West Rugger Fest at Reid Park. The Kiwis

from Orange County beat Belmont Shore from Long Beach 6-0 in the second annual double-elimination tourney sponsored by the Tucson Women's Rugby Club and Miller Lite beer. (Star photo by Joe Vitti)

55 deaf, blind kids feel that disco beat

By AL ARIAV

The Arizona Daily Star

Some of the kids were as young as 12, and most were deaf — but they were Travolta-style knockouts on the dance floor.

Gyrating to the Village People's "Macho Man" and other throbbing disco favorites, 55 students from the Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind danced for three tumultuous hours last evening at the Ramada Tucson Resort's Bananas discotheque.

"They were so excited about going to a bar that some got dressed at 1:30 (p.m.)" said Sue Solano, who with her husband, Frank, is a dorm parent at the westside school.

School officials escorted the students to the Ramada after deciding that getting really "discoed out" can only be done at a bar, not at Wednesday night disco classes.

At 5 p.m. sharp, the students arrived — some of the boys in silk-sheen "disco shirts," the girls in heels and soft dresses. Taking the floor, they were soon spinning, shaking and swaying in true disco form to "Born To Be Alive," "The Boss," "Fire Cracker" and other tunes.

"They can hear the music to a certain degree. Each of them has a different ability to pick up sounds," Solano said.

Except for 10 of the students, who are blind but have normal hearing, all

the other dancers relied on floor vibration, loud thumping of the turned-up bass and the colorful, moving lights in their movements, Solano said.

Between dances, the students chatted in sign language, and even the bar's cocktail waitress, Alice Campbell, quickly learned the hand signs for Coke and 7-Up, the only drinks served.

Using sign language, Debbie Carpenter, 16, said, "It's a lot nicer in here than disco classes at school."

"I like hearing different kinds of music," added Jesus Casarez, 18, who also is deaf.

Although the Ramada donated its staff and equipment, the students were charged 50 cents a soft drink, because, "They are learning that not everything in life is free," said beverage manager Mike Trost.

"At the 'Ice Capades,'" Solano said, "the seller gave them free candy when he heard they were deaf. It's important that they learn to pay their own way sometimes."

Twelve-year-old Carol Joe, her hair meticulously combed and outfit perfectly creased, said she likes "all music, but 'specially disco."

Vibrating to Johnny Mathis' "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late," Lydia Venzuela, 17, concurred: "Disco is all right!"

They flock here fleeing the cold to 'flop, beg, steal' as way of life

By DAVID L. TEIBEL

The Arizona Daily Star

They drift into town riding the rails, thumbing the highways and driving battered old cars. They have been called a variety of names and have been considered a problem by some Tucsonans for as long as they have been coming here.

"Hoboes, bums, knights of the road, street people, whatever you want to call them; they've always been around," says Maj. John L. Carter, chief of the Tucson Police Department's field operations bureau.

They come here to escape northern winters, according to Detective Sgt. Clem Rogers, head of the assault detail, while Carter says, "Tucson is known as a very good place to flop."

Rogers thinks that violence among the street people has increased in the past couple of months, but police said they do not know why. "They're fighting each other, plus they're fighting the general public" for anything of value, Rogers said, adding, "they beg and steal" as a way of life.

Frequently, the street people congregate during the day in one of two downtown-area parks, Catalina Park, at North Fourth Avenue and East Second Street, or De Anza Park, at North Stone Avenue and East Speedway.

And there much of the trouble starts, including complaints from Tucsonans who live near the parks and say they have

become headquarters for transients dealing in drugs, burglaries and murders.

Much of the outcry started with the stabbing of one drifter Oct. 23 in Catalina Park and the stabbing death of another Oct. 29 in De Anza Park.

"Most of them (street people) sleep with a knife stuck in the grass, ready for action," said David Herrera, an undercover officer currently working the parks.

"You're asleep at night, someone comes along and you feel them tug at your bedroll. You've got your hand on your knife and ffff, you just react," Herrera said.

Knifings over a bottle of wine or a bedroll always have been a problem, Carter said.

The solution to the problem, Herrera said, is to "arrest them for every violation they commit, but that takes time and manpower." And that is something Herrera said the Tucson Police Department definitely is short of.

Carter agreed with Herrera's solution. "We try to discourage the unlawful use of the parks, but we cannot discourage the lawful use of the parks, and these people merely being in the parks is not illegal," he said.

Part of the problem, Carter said, is lenient city courts.

Most of the street people arrested by

police are charged with misdemeanors and minor felonies. City magistrates throw them in jail for a night, give them a meal and turn them loose the next morning, Carter said, adding that he does not consider stiff punishment.

Nonetheless, police increased patrols in the parks about Sept. 1 and beefed them up again after the late-October stabbings. In the last week, Carter said, police have made about 30 arrests in the parks.

The pressure is on is attested to by "Boston" Ed York, the 29-year-old self-proclaimed spokesman for the street people. In a telephone interview Friday night as he tried to catch a ride out of town, York said he was stopped twice by uniformed officers since his picture was published Thursday.

One officer, York said, stopped him near Catalina Park and said, "Hey you, I never want to see your face around here again."

The other, York said, found him near North Fourth Avenue bar and told him, "Get off my streets. If I see you on my streets again, you're going to jail."

York said he was going to Nebraska to attend the funeral of a friend killed in a hit-and-run accident and would return in about two weeks.

He added that he would rather see the street people and neighborhood residents cooperate with each other instead of being at odds.