

Iran embroiled in civil war as armed forces battle

Tehran, Iran—Mutinous pro-Khomeini air force cadets supported by armed civilians battled the elite Imperial Guard Saturday in a virtual civil war that engulfed much of eastern Tehran. Hospitals reported at least 64 dead and 325 wounded.

department said. Predictions that China could import as much as \$200 billion from Western nations by 1985 are unrealistic, primarily because China will lack the resources to pay for them, he added.

favors keeping the speed limit at 55 mph. At the same time, 39 percent said the individual states should be allowed to set

higher speed limits, if they so choose, and 2 percent of the 1,600 persons questioned were undecided.

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Dozens of U.S. military advisers had to be airlifted out of Farahabad air base in east Tehran, the center of the clashes.

The fighting, the bloodiest here in five months, seemed to dispell any notions of unity among Iran's armed forces in the face of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's bid to oust the shah-appointed government of Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar. Strikes and rioting forced the shah to leave Iran in mid-January and he is now in Morocco.

U.S.—China trade

Washington — The Commerce Department warned Saturday that "unjustified euphoria" over the prospect of U.S. trade with China could lead to mistaken decisions by government and business officials in this country.

The potential for trade with China is much less than many people believe, the

Damage by farmers

Washington—Officials estimate it will cost more than \$2.6 million to repair the damage and pay police overtime for the first week of protest by 3,500 farmers seeking higher government support prices.

Three-quarters of that estimate covers damage—accidental and deliberate—to the 146-acre Mall between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, where police have hundreds of heavy farm vehicles and campers penned in to foil traffic disruptions.

Speed limit

While more than a dozen states, including Nebraska, are discussing abolishing the 55 mph speed limit, an Associated Press-NBC News poll shows a majority of Americans want to keep the "double nickel."

It's been five years since they first posted those 55 mph speed limit signs—the "double nickel" in CB slang—and anyone who drives farther than the county line knows they don't slow down a lot of folks.

Nonetheless, the AP-NBC News poll last week showed that 59 percent of the public

Blind athlete seeks sponsors

By Tom Prentiss

Nebraska's only representative in the United States Association for Blind Athletes National Championships may not participate this year because of lack of a sponsor.

Doug Rose said that is the only thing keeping him from competing this year. He said he would need about \$300 to cover transportation, lodging and meals.

Rose, a 20-year-old education major from Homer, faced a similar problem last year, although he received a \$40 donation from the Bethany Lions Club.

"The only way I got there last year was because my parents decided to take me and make it a vacation," said Rose.

Rose lost his eyes to cancer, which developed shortly after his birth. One eye was removed when he was five months and the other at age five.

Three Medals

Rose brought home three medals from last year's competition.

He finished first in the standing triple jump, second in the standing long jump and third in the 60-meter dash.

Last year was the second year for the Blind Olympics, which Rose said, drew about 300 people from across the country.

He said it was easier to get to Macomb, Ill., the site of last year's games, than it will be to get to Seattle, Wash. this year.

Rose said his biggest problem is the date. The national championships are scheduled for March 18-24, at the University of Washington.

Rose said the games last year fell over spring break so it was easy for him to go. This year he'd have to miss a week of school.

Poor timing

"I guess because I knew the date they

were on, I didn't try really hard to find a sponsor," he said.

"I'm not really excited about the idea of missing a week of school, though," Rose said. "It would be really nice to go but it doesn't look like it's going to work out."

He added, "If they were going to have it over spring break, I'd be out selling pencils on the street or something to go. It's just that part about missing school and no money that really has stopped me."

Rose said if the money becomes available he'd probably change his mind about school and go to the Olympics.

He called last year's games a "good experience".

He said he is also looking into the possibility of starting a chapter of the Association for Blind Athletes here in Lincoln.

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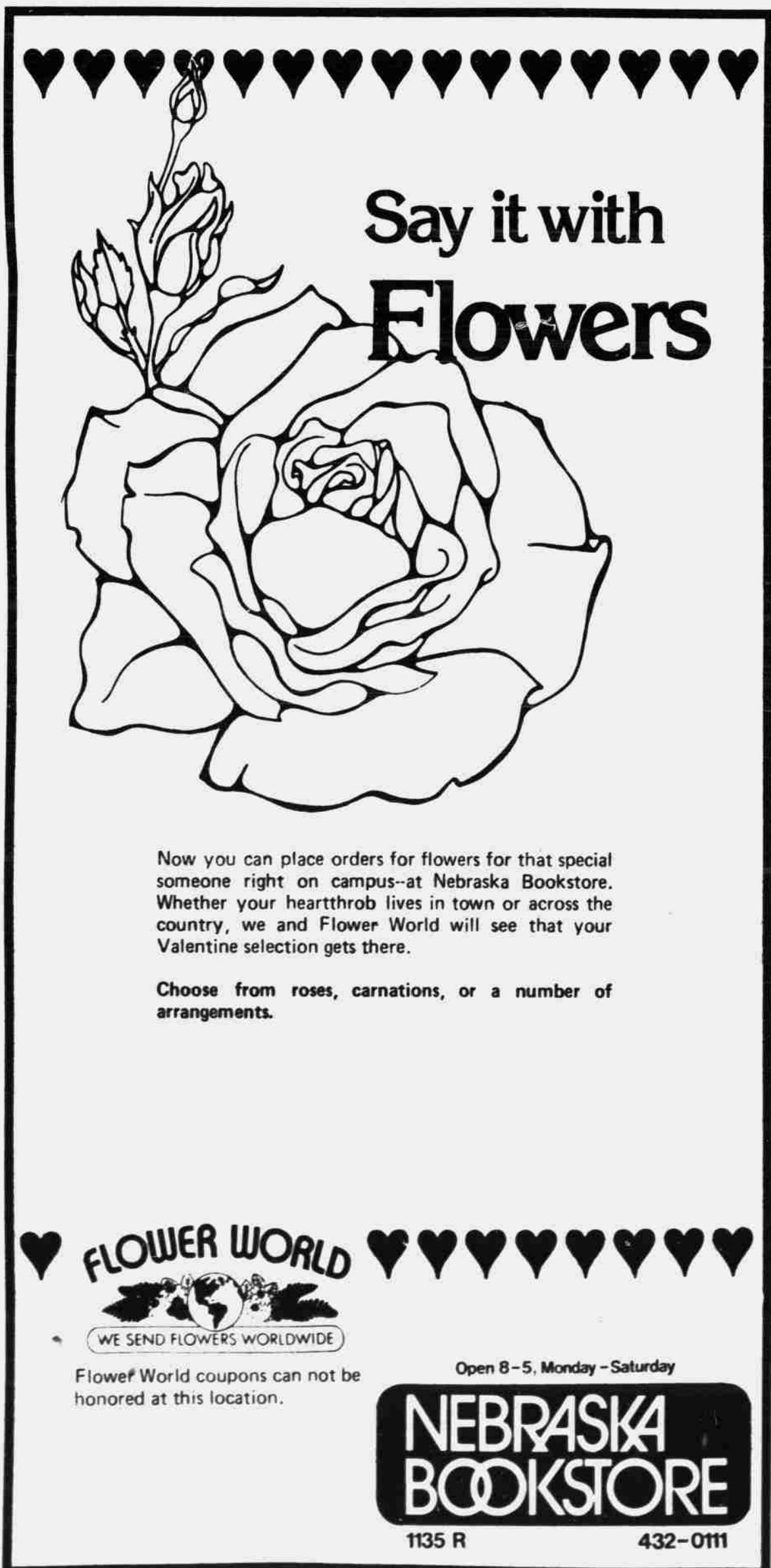
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