

opinion/editorial

U.S. should not bow to Iranian black mail

Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini's decision Wednesday not to receive two envoys, seeking the release of American hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, has placed the United States in a difficult position.

Failure, now, to move quickly and firmly to secure the release of the Americans will be criticized by many as weakness. Acting with unnecessary force, on the other hand, could cause the untimely deaths of those whose lives might be saved through some other course action.

Hopes now seem to rest on a dele-

gation of the Palestine Liberation Organization which, at the time of this writing, apparently was on its way to Iran. The PLO has had good relations with the Islamic government and an earlier siege of embassy this year ended after the PLO spoke on American behalf.

Whatever the outcome of these negotiations may be, however, the United States cannot submit to blackmail. On this point Americans must remain firm. Demands that the ousted Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, hospitalized in New York for cancer treatment, be returned to

Iran for trial are outrageous.

The earlier decision by the Shah to live in Mexico upon exile had been greeted with relief by the American government. At a time when our government was seeking to establish friendly relations with Iran, the decision was politically prudent. But it would have been an act of inhumanity to deny the Shah medical treatment. And it would be morally wrong for this country to turn the Shah over to those who seek militant vengeance.

The traditions and customs of this country would not allow us to bend

to the demands of a country whose judicial and political ideals conflict so radically with our own.

When the Shah was exiled, the United States was criticized for what the Iranians called immoral U.S. intervention into their country's laws, customs and lifestyles. Now, however, because of Iranian intervention, they ask us to violate the laws of Western civilization.

But the integrity of the United States as a just, humane nation cannot be sacrificed—for the whims of another country or even for the lives of the 60 American hostages.

Football road trips don't 'stymie' fans

I walked into the bar and asked the bartender for two cups of coffee for my comrade and me. "Wadda ya think this is, a hospital?" he quipped. "Why not just have a nice scotch and water?" At that point, a "nice" scotch and water was the furthest thing from my mind. It had been a long weekend.

shelley smith

But, it was a weekend I wouldn't trade for a press box date with Don Meredith, or matching baseball cards of Billy Martin and Reggie Jackson.

Road trips are the epitome of life, and ours to Missouri was definitely a lifetime highlight.

I mean, where else but on road trips can you see three football games in three days?

Where else could you be totally impulsive for 96 hours and through it learn more about people and their lifestyles than you had in 21 years of sanity?

Nebraska fans are great.

I EXPECTED a good fan showing at the varsity game Saturday, but even at the freshman game Friday, which they lost, the color red was predominant.

It also was the predominant color in several Columbia bars.

Friday night it was mass confusion when the stereo played the Missou fight song, Nebraskans yelled the Cornhusker fight song, and somewhere in the crowd two people screamed "Stymie."

Typical of the hysteria to follow.

Around campus, night was day, and outside, streets looked like dance halls.

A girl in the bathroom at a sorority house asked us if our football team was doing very good this year.

My friend politely informed her that we hadn't lost a game yet this year, and were ranked number two.

"In the state?" she asked.

Saturday morning I asked my friends where they stayed last night.

"On the football field," they said.

AND WHAT'S worse they did until they got kicked off by Columbia police at 4 a.m.

"We wanted to make sure Warren (Mizzou Head Coach Powers) wasn't watering down his field," they said.

The game Saturday was like someone had erased the blackboard during the first half, and then ran their fingernails down it the second half, not coming to a halt until 0:00 was left on the clock.

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It would appear that Mr. Nabil Dahdah has a one-sided if not unfounded view of history in the Guest Opinion of Nov. 1. He points out that Israel was officially declared the Jewish Homeland in 1948 but fails to mention that the original U.N. partition plan included a Palestinian state with equal rights and privileges in the U.N. and indeed in the world community. The state was never accepted by the Arabs and they declared war on Israel the next day to "Push the Jews into the sea."

The 1.5 million Arabs that were "forced to flee from Palestine into Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Egypt" in fact left under pressure from those countries and only after being assured that their land would be returned to them after the war.

Again from 1948 until 1967 Jordan controlled the West Bank as well as East Jerusalem. At any time during those 19 years a separate Palestinian state could have been established and was not. In truth, only after the Six Day War of June 1967 has the issue of a Palestinian state been of any major importance in the Arab world.

His charges that 15,000 Palestinians who are subject to systematic torture by "the infamous Israeli prisons" have been proven false year after year by such international or-

ganizations as the Red Cross and Amnesty International.

He says that "alone in this racist state Arab's rights of expression, association and political organization are denied" when in fact the only free press in the Arab world is in the Israeli controlled West Bank.

Not a word is said about the PLO's constant massacre of civilian lives or the abusive propaganda used on Palestinian children by their "Arab brothers" teaching them the mentality to kill the "Jewish Enemy."

We do not need any more absurd black or white accusations based on myth or speculation. Instead we need to view the real possibilities for peace and, in the light of Camp David, strive toward the goal.

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Working class oppressed

While I respect Sen. Ernest Chambers' opposition to the death penalty and his anti-racist political struggle, he sometimes loses perspective and is a disservice to progressive political change. According to the Daily Nebraskan (Nov. 1) during a Student Y sponsored forum, Mr. Chambers said he wouldn't mind if white people practiced homosexuality because in a few generations whites would disappear, along with problems for black people. I grant that there are many whites who oppress blacks and that those whites must be resisted and overcome. It should be pointed out that many of those whites (working class whites) are basically oppressed as well as working class blacks and that racism serves to divide peoples who would be better served to unite in an anti-racist, anti-sexist struggle to overcome class oppression. The fundamental issue isn't whites versus blacks, males versus females, or even Russians versus Americans: the issue is the oppressive relationship that exists between those few people who own the means of production and the masses of people who don't.

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