

## Letters to the Editor

### *Khomeini's regime in big trouble*

To the editor:

It has been a long time since Khomeini's regime isolated itself from the outside world by expelling the representatives of foreign media from Iran. It was under certain conditions when recently a group of American and European reporters were allowed to visit inside the country. They were permitted to report only on the "victories" of the regime in its war with Iraq. Even in doing so, their reports were to be passed from under the scrutiny of the regime's censor.

This isolation has been used as a measure against the widespread leakage of the news of the virtual incapability of the Khomeini regime in dealing with economical and social problems it is facing.

In a chain of confused reactions, the Khomeini regime has involved itself in a massive campaign to eliminate its political opponents. So far, the official figure of the execution of dissidents is about 4,500. A great number of children and some pregnant women are reported to have been among those executed. As an example of its savagery, in one incident, eight members of Mesbah family, including the father, mother, three daughters, aged from 10 to 16, and three sons, aged from 18 to 23, were massacred because of their support for the opposition People's Mojahedin Organization. Furthermore, the opponents of the regime say that the number of the political prisoners currently reaches 45,000, and that the number of executions surpasses 15,000. Torture, summary trials without any due process have become commonplace. Social and individual freedom and rights have been totally abolished. And only those papers eulogizing the regime are permitted to operate.

The economic state of the regime is tragic. The oil production, the only significant source of revenue, has reached an all-time low of one million barrels a day. More than 85 percent of all basic necessities are being imported. Concerning the food shortages, Financial Times, March 10, 1982, writes, "daily goods have all but totally disappeared. Eggs are rationed at 30 per family every three weeks...butter and cheese have not been in most shops for

two months and milk supplies recently dried up almost completely." And concerning the general state of economy, the Boston Globe writes, "the economy is in shambles," one diplomat there said, "with an extensive war dwindling foreign reserves and a limited market for what oil they are able to produce, it's sometimes hard to see how the country keeps going at all." And while people have been forced to stay in the long lines to obtain their basic food rations, the regime has been desperately trying to generate revenues by auctioning its gold and antiques, in order to finance its meaningless war with Iraq.

It is unlikely that regime of Khomeini which originally took power by abusing the religious inclinations of the people, and their lack of experience in determining their own destiny, due to many years of dictatorship under the shah, will be able to cope with its present crises. Khomeini regime is also facing the increasing pressure of the widespread guerrilla movement by its opponents, united under the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which is a coalition of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, former president Mr. Bani Sader, Democratic Party of Kurdistan, and other national and anti-dictatorial organizations and individuals.

This well-organized coalition seems to have forced the regime to split its forces to recombine the attacks of the militants on its leadership and centers of power.

Due to the presence of such complex circumstances, Khomeini's regime should be considered as one of the most fragile and unstable regimes of the region which maintains its power through violence and suppression.

In fact, one of the most important reasons that Khomeini is trying so hard to get credit on the war with Iraq is its complete lack of credibility in internal affairs of the country. Therefore, as far as the stability of its regime is concerned, we should not let these passive victories deceive us. For it is very doubtful that once Khomeini dies, the regime can hold itself together and not crumble under the pressure of the discontented majority of the people.

Yours sincerely,  
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### *Women urged to judge candidates carefully*

Dear Editor,

After leaving the July 1 ERA rally in Lincoln, one thought stuck in my mind: while women have made some gains in years past, they still have a long ways to go. They not only have to educate the public, they still need to educate themselves.

Case in point was the presence of Bob Kerrey as one of the speakers. Women on both sides of the abortion issue should be upset with his opportunistic switch on abortion. Here is a man who led everyone to believe he was pro-choice in the primary, and primary won, left a lot of pro-choice supporters hanging in mid-air, and pro-lifers confused. Here is a man who treats women like objects to be charmed, who plays games with us on issues, and HE is selected as an ERA speaker!

In addition, the coverage in the Lincoln Journal by Melanie Grey gave him more coverage than the main speakers, who were written off with a summary sentence. People who've given their lives for the women's movement were shunted aside for a political wonder boy who can't even remember what rallies he attends.

I've had many women privately agree that they were insulted by Kerrey as a speaker, but NONE OF THEM had the intestinal fortitude to co-sign this letter! I'm tired of women professing dissatisfaction in private, but not having the guts to do anything in public.

Women will be a long time getting anywhere if they can't call a spade a spade. I, for one, am not afraid.  
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### Winnebago man, 33, charged with rape

OMAHA (AP) — A 33-year-old Winnebago man has been arrested and charged with rape, assault with a dangerous weapon and robbery in connection with entry into a couple's home near Macy on June 21.

Herbert Hawkins Jr., agent in charge of the Omaha office of the FBI, said Calvin Gomez Jr. was arrested at his home. He offered no resistance. A juvenile, whose name was not released, has been charged as an accomplice. He appeared before U.S. Magistrate Richard Peck in Omaha Saturday and is being held by juvenile authorities.

Gomez, has been held in the Thurston County Jail in Pend-er.

Thurston County Sheriff Clyde Storie earlier reported that incident began when a woman was confronted outside her home by a man with a shotgun. The man forced her back inside the couple's home, bound and gagged her husband, taped his eyes shut and took the woman into a bedroom where he raped her.

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## Audiophiles do it to music

BY JENNI BURROWS

Audiophiles can now listen to the sounds they love wherever they go, thanks to tiny, super-lightweight stereos and headphones.

The stereo-headphone combination was developed as the demand for mobile music grew. According to Mel Gray, salesperson at Team Electronics, 127 S. 19th St., before the lightweight stereos were marketed, the only portable source of stereo was the relatively heavy, nearly briefcase-size cassette player. The larger cassette player had to be held in one arm, making bicycling and running with stereo music accompaniment difficult or impossible. The new portable stereos are the size of a small transistor radio and weigh 1 pound. A cord connects the stereo to the headphones, which weigh 8 ounces, Gray said.

Most of the people who buy the portable stereos, according to Gray, wear them bicycling or jogging. The freedom of movement provided by the stereos makes them ideal for those who love to skateboard, walk, run, rollerskate or work to music. For those underwater fanatics, a German firm, Goedecke and Co., has developed a clear plastic casing to protect the stereo and headphones, enabling swimmers, scuba divers and surfers to submerge to music. The casing costs \$40.

The stereo-headphone combinations at Team range in price from \$79 to \$199. The stereo units can perform several functions, Gray said. Some units are cassette tape players only, while others not only play tapes, but also record them. Others give listeners the option of AM and FM radio stations.

There have been some problems with the headphone-heads. Listeners have been so in tune with the music coming from their headphones that they have run, walked or skated right into traffic. Because these headphones are open air headphones, which do not seal the ear, Gray said the wearers are able to hear external noises. But if the music is too loud or if the listener is completely absorbed in the music, he or she may tune out the world, Gray added.

The Lincoln Police Department doesn't see the headphones as a big problem. According to Lt. Lyle Roberts Lincoln headphone-heads are cautious. "There have been no accidents in Lincoln that were caused by the use of these (stereos and headphones) that we're aware of."

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