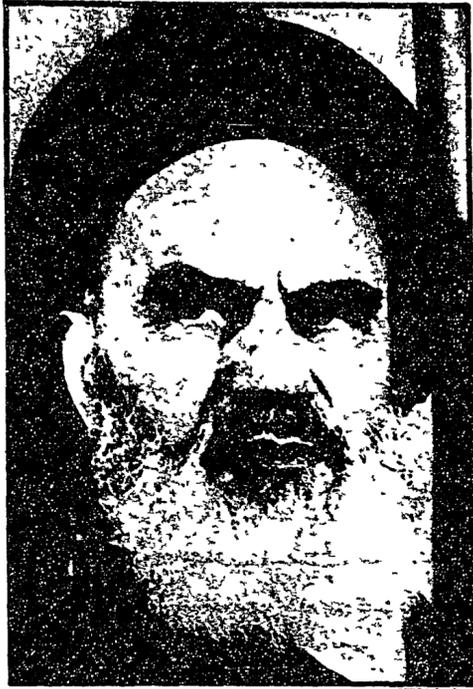


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## Standoff Carter: America will not yield to Iran's terrorism, blackmail

From our wire services

President Carter, denouncing the holding of American hostages in Tehran as "an act of terrorism totally outside the bounds of international law," warned Thursday that the Iranian government would be held accountable for the safety and well-being of the hostages there.

"The actions of the Iranian leaders and the radicals who invaded our embassy were completely unjustified," Carter declared in his speech before 3,500 delegates to the annual AFL-CIO convention in Washington. "They and all others must know that the United States of America will not yield to international terrorism or to blackmail."

In perhaps the toughest speech of his presidency, Carter drew repeated bursts of applause and cheers from the delegates as he outlined the measures he has taken to deal with the crisis.

Noting that "no act has so galvanized the American people toward unity in the last decade," Carter said the Iranian crisis underscored the need for the nation to adopt a comprehensive energy program that would reduce its dependence on Iranian and other foreign oil.

Iran looks for ways to provide relief for quake victims. U.S. government considers oil allocation methods as a result of the embargo. See Page 3A.

He also used the opportunity, without mentioning names, to accuse two Democratic challengers, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California, of "political demagoguery" in their respective calls for a continuation of price controls on domestic oil and a phase-out of nuclear power.

"I and every other public official in

this country have an obligation to speak the truth and to deal responsibly with the hard facts," he said in the most overtly political passage of his speech.

The proposals to close down nuclear plants, oppose the production of synthetic fuels and artificially hold down oil prices, he said, constitute "a ridiculous combination of proposals which could only be put forward in an election campaign."

The president's long-scheduled speech before the labor convention became the occasion for his first full comment on the Iranian situation. Except for a brief statement before television cameras on Monday, Carter had avoided direct public comment for fear of exacerbating the situation and endangering the hostages.

Although he announced no new measures against Iran Carter



Ramsey Clark returns to U.S.

## Pistachio firm seeks freedom

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — American consumers accustomed to skyrocketing prices and dwindling supplies of foreign-produced goods could be independent within a few years of yet another foreign commodity — Iranian pistachio nuts.

"We will approach independence by 1981 — depending on our consumption habits," Morris Mahlman, special products manager for Tenneco West, said Wednesday. Tenneco is a major processor of the popular nut.

Americans ate 30 million pounds (13.5 million kilograms) of pistachios last year, two-thirds of which were imported from Iran, industry officials say.

Iranians began limiting pistachio exports about two years ago, forcing price increases by as much as 40 percent, Mahlman said. Pistachios currently retail for about \$5 a pound, he added.

"The statement they made was, I think, a little political. They said they were going to use the nuts in their school lunch program. That was two years ago," Mahlman said.

But industry observers are buoyed by this year's U.S. pistachio harvest, which exceeded 12 million pounds (5.4 million kilograms). Not only is the harvest increasing, but growers believe they have improved the product.

The American nut, a hybrid of the Iranian version, is about one-third larger and a greater percentage of the shells are split, making them easier to open and

## Radiation shah's therapy

NEW YORK (UPI) — Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi has received three of a series of 10 radiation treatments for cancer in a Manhattan hospital, and a spokesman said Thursday that the deposed Iranian leader had shown no adverse side effects so far that would prevent him from leaving the United States.



The shah

for a malignant neck tumor was completed next week.

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Spokesman Robert Armao, a former aide to the late Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, said Thursday a decision on when the exiled Iranian monarch would leave the United States could be made within a week.

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decided to delay the chemotherapy and begin radiation treatments instead after another stone was found in his bile duct.

When Moslem students took over the U.S. embassy in Tehran, the shah said he would be willing to leave the United States if that would help resolve the situation.

His doctors said then they felt he should not leave Sources said, however, that the physicians have now reversed their opinion and believe he could be moved from the hospital without risking his life.

Armao began the news conference with a lengthy description of the Pahlavi Foundation, which the shah founded in Iran. He said the shah divested himself of all interest in the foundation in 1978 and does not now have any financial interests in the United States. Armao would not specify what other holdings the shah had outside Iran or how much he was worth.

As for the wealth, Armao said, "The shah is not a poor man," but he described as "totally inaccurate" recent articles that calculated the shah's worldwide assets in the billions of dollars. "He is worth less than many American millionaires," Armao said.

Armao also read a statement from the exiled monarch in which he said he believed "it would be insensitive to inject my views into a tense international situation. My continued silence is my statement. I continue to pray for peace."

## U.S. decision prevents cutoff of student funds

From staff and wire reports

A decision by the U.S. Treasury Department Thursday prevented the cutoff of financial support for as many as 25 Iranian students at the University during the government's freeze on Iranian assets in this country.

After a meeting between American and Iranian officials in Washington Thursday, the government decided to lift the freeze on money used for tuition and expenses by Iranian students in American universities.

President Jimmy Carter issued an order Wednesday freezing all Iranian assets in the United States. The Treasury Department quickly announced that the order did not include money for diplomatic operations of the Iranian embassy and consulates. It was not known until late Thursday, however, whether that exemption extended to embassy funds slated for distribution to Iranian students. The embassy acts as a clearing house for scholarship money coming to students from the Iranian government.

Treasury Department officials said

the funds for tuition and expenses of 50,000 Iranian students were being freed to avoid placing a hardship on the students.

Of more than 250 Iranian students at the University, about 25 are receiving some sort of scholarship funding from Iran, according to Carl Leistner, assistant director of the University Center for Student Life in charge of programs for international students.

Leistner said he saw no point in cutting off the funds for students already in the country.

"It helps the balance of payments," Leistner said. "Those are exchange payments."

If the freeze had been extended to money for Iranian students in this country, it could have further complicated matters for the students when they report to officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as ordered Saturday by President Carter. A student whose tuition is not fully paid could be subject to deportation. The freeze also could have tied up tuition and support funds for the coming winter semester.

## Insight

### Mary Carr, mother of 14, Klan's state grand genie

By Kathy Kerr  
Missourian staff writer

Mary Carr, a quiet-spoken, brown-haired woman in her 40s, is the wife of an electrical engineer and the mother of 14. She also is the grand genie of Missouri's Ku Klux Klan.

Mrs. Carr of Blackjack, a suburb of St. Louis, says Klan membership is booming because of frustration produced by forced busing, civil rights programs and a "collapsing economy."

"In the early '70s it died out," she says. "But now there are really quite more. We're taking hold again."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a national Jewish organization, agrees that the Klan is enjoying a resurgence. The ADL this week reported a 25 percent increase in members since March 1978, to an estimated 10,000 Klan members nationally. Mrs. Carr says the number is higher, but she refuses to provide a figure.

Columbia Police Chief David Walsh says he doesn't think there are more than 15 members in Missouri outside Kansas City and St. Louis.

James E. Wallace, FBI special agent in Kansas City, says the FBI has no figures on Klan membership. The FBI dropped its infiltration of the Klan along with that of other groups after the protests against abuses by agents of civil liberties during the 1960s. Nor does the intelligence unit of the Missouri Highway Patrol keep files on the Klan and its activities. The Columbia and Moberly police departments do have such files.

In October, 30 Klan members gathered in Centralia to recruit members. The Klan recently announced plans to march in Columbia. However, bad weather will delay the march at least until spring, Mrs. Carr says. The KKK

will request a permit to hand out literature about the first of December. Next summer the KKK plans to recruit in southern Missouri.

Mrs. Carr says she joined the Klan out of frustration four years ago after becoming concerned with the government's handling of the Vietnam War.

"I listened to all the reports and read everything I could... it could have ended sooner. I realized the government representatives were allowing it to linger on. I joined several organizations, but they weren't taking any action to correct the problems — the Jews. So it finally evolved to the point of joining the Klan.

"It's a wonderful institution. It doesn't try to destroy the Constitution — but strengthen it."

Mrs. Carr describes the typical Klan member as "an ordinary working man who regularly attends a Christian church and has three children. However, we have a lot of young people in their 20s and a lot of high school students in the Youth Corps."

The Youth Corps is made of people ages 14 to 17. Mrs. Carr says the youth are instructed in self-defense "in case of a crisis" at school. They also are taught Christianity, white superiority and how to shoot a rifle.

"My two boys are in it," she says. "My kids are receptive to it. I have two girls who are eligible but they have an awful lot of homework and that keeps them busy." Mrs. Carr's husband is not a member because of his job. However, he supports the organization, she says.

The KKK believes in the supremacy of a white Christian race. Mrs. Carr says the Klan is against the Jews because "they are the parasites of the white man. They control the Federal

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## Court to decide on retirement center funds

By Julie Wiens  
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The Boone County Court must decide within a week whether it can provide the Boone Retirement Center with nearly \$190,000 necessary to increase a planned two-story addition from 54 to 60 beds. All three judges agreed the funding would have to come from county sales tax revenue, not from a property tax increase.

Presiding Judge Bill Frech said the decision will be difficult because the

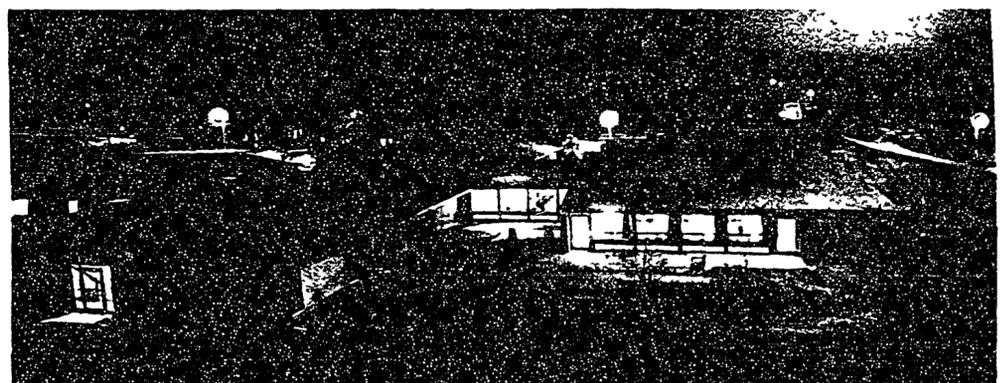
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county's 1960 budget still is in its early construction stage.

The court on Thursday unanimously accepted the bid of H & O Construction Co. Inc. of St. Louis for the construction of a 54-bed addition to the retirement center, 1623 Anthony St.

Construction of the addition will begin within a week, and it will be completed within 13 months, said Dick Hersch, a representative of the construction firm. Hersch said the firm needs to know the court's decision on the six-bed addition within one week, so he can order the necessary materials for its construction.

A 60-bed addition originally was planned to double the current 60-bed



The Boone County Retirement Center

facility, but it would cost nearly \$190,000 more than the \$1.3 million provided by the bond issue county voters approved last February to finance construction of the addition.

All three County Court judges agree that the extra six beds are needed.

Persons seeking admittance to the retirement center now are put on a waiting list for about 2½ years, according to John L. Jones, center administrator. The addition will reduce that

wait to "a matter of months," he said. The County Court will hold a special session at 9 a.m. Nov. 21 to determine whether the extra money can be found.

"The press should convey to the public the difficulty of our decision," Frech said. He said the voters have been "generous" in the past year — approving the retirement center bonds, the bridge bonds and the county sales tax. But a number of citizens have been asking the county to "use

constraint" in the spending of its additional funds, Frech said.

Jones said the six extra beds would provide \$50,000 in annual revenue. Without them, the center would have \$2,000 to \$5,000 less a year to retire the bonds.

"We are hoping to generate enough money to pay off the bonds from our own revenue. Then we won't have to get money from the taxpayers," Jones said.

## Inside today

### The snow route

Snow tires, anti-freeze, tune-ups... Columbia experts tell you how they keep their cars warmed in winter weather. Read how the city copes with snow and cold in today's special car care section.



## Stalking those Missouri antlers

For the 250,000 hunters in Missouri, Saturday is the day — the opening of deer season. Read about Dan Wyman

and Francis Buckholz of Fulton and the thrill of the hunt in today's Weekend section.

## In town today

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Second Annual Storybook Characters Costume Ball at Columbia Public Library. Children can dance with Tin Man, Cowardly Lion. 7:30 p.m. "Diary of Anne Frank" Stephens College Playhouse. \$3.50 general public, \$1.75 Stephens faculty, students and senior citizens.

7:30 p.m. "A Life in the Theater" Gentry Hall basement, graduate students free, others 50 cents. 8 p.m. "Godspell" Baptist Student Union tickets \$3, call 874-9184. 8:15 p.m. "Tashi" Chamber Ensemble with Clarinetist Richard Stoltzman. Jesse Auditorium. Tickets \$6 and \$5.