

Exit of shah likely before U.N. debate

NEW YORK (AP) — Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's doctors say he is well enough to leave the United States...

A spokesman for the shah in Mexico and doctors at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center on Wednesday said the former Iranian ruler would soon end his stay in this country — perhaps by Saturday.

Shortly after his arrival here Oct. 22, the shah had gallbladder surgery at New York Hospital. He later underwent radiation treatments for a malignant tumor on his neck.

A nonsurgical procedure late Monday night removed the last remaining stone from a bile duct. Hospital officials said Wednesday the procedure was a success and he is free to travel.

"We told him he can leave any time he wants," said one of his doctors who asked not to be identified.

Hospital officials said they believe the shah wants to be out of New York by Saturday, when the Security Council is to begin debate on the hostage situation in Iran.

Iranian militants took 82 persons hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran after the shah arrived here for medical treatment. Some 49 Americans are still captive.

At Cuernavaca, Mexico, where the shah found asylum in a mansion after leaving Iran, public relations man Mark Morse said, "We believe he will be here in eight to 10 days."



THE DEPOSED SHAH ... leaving U.S. soon?

Iranians escalate anti-U.S. frenzy

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators marched in Tehran today in response to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's call for massive anti-American protests...

Khomeini's Revolutionary Council fired Abolhassan Bani Sadr as Iran's foreign policy spokesman Wednesday and replaced him with Sadegh Ghotbzadeh...

The huge crowds in Tehran converged initially around the capital's Revolution Square, some four miles from the U.S. Embassy where pro-Khomeini militants have been holding the hostages since Nov. 4...

They then marched to the towering Shahyad monument near the airport, in the opposite direction from the embassy, about 10 miles away. Some in the throng wore white shrouds emblazoned in red letters with the words: "Yankees. We Will Cut Off Your Hands..."

Marshalls wearing lapel buttons controlled the movements of the hundreds of separate marching groups — men at the front of the various processions followed by women clad in chadors...

Militants with bullhorns set the tone for the marchers. As the crowds chanted praise of Allah and Khomeini, the city thundered with "Allahu Akbar, Khomeini Ragbar..."

Mixed with the green flags of Islam and religious banners, were banners declaring "U.S. Imperialism Surrender the Shah," "The United Nations — Tool of the U.S.A.," "Death to Carter and His Guest" and "Iran Does Not Recognize the Security Council Vote."

Khomeini has yet to announce whether Ghotbzadeh will go to New York to attend the emergency session of the U.N. Security Council on the U.S.-Iranian crisis.



Anti-Iranian sentiments displayed in this storefront window

Sign language expresses his hostility toward Iran

By MICHAEL MORRIS Staff Writer

"If You Are IRANIAN Stay Out" For Barry Smith, one of the millions of Americans frustrated by the current crisis in Iran, that sign says it all.

Smith, the owner of two "Milk & Things" stores in Yonkers and Pelham, has prominently displayed the sign in both of his storefront windows...

He posted the signs, he said, as a reaction to the Iranians' seizure of some 50 American hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Nov. 4. And he believes the signs not only express his own feelings, but also the emotions of many of his customers.

Smith estimated when asked what kind of reaction he has been getting from his customers. He defended his views Wednesday while at his Lincoln Avenue store in Pelham.

"I had one person in here and she said, 'That's the way it started with the Japanese in the concentration camps. But everyone else feels pretty much the way I do.'"

Smith was referring to the treatment of Japanese, many of them American citizens, and their forced internment in this country after the outbreak of World War II. He said the present situation differs, however, because it is Iranian nationals who are unwelcome in his stores and not naturalized citizens.

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'Son of Sam' probe

Friend links Carr to occult

By MAURY TERRY and JIM MITTEAGER with JACK GRAHEM, Minot Daily News Copyright Gannett Westchester Newspapers

The late John Carr, a central figure in the reopened probe of the "Son of Sam" murders, belonged to a "violent, underground" Yonkers cult that worshipped the devil and took part in Satanic rituals in North Dakota, a former close friend of Carr's has said.

The friend, Philip Falcon, who knew Carr when Carr was stationed in North Dakota during a stint in the Air Force, told of Carr's involvement with Satanism in both Yonkers and North Dakota during a recent two-hour interview with these newspapers.

Carr was the son of Sam Carr of Yonkers, the neighbor that confessed "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz says ordered him to kill.

The Queens District Attorney's office recently re-opened the "Son of Sam" investigation after Gannett Westchester Newspapers published a series of articles demonstrating the probability Berkowitz did not act alone in the year-long rampage that left six dead and seven wounded in 1975-1977.

Carr is among those investigators believe may have aided Berkowitz in the murder spree.

Falcon's statements linking Carr to what he said was a "very violent" Yonkers cult could provide new support to investigators' theories that the "Son of Sam" killings may have been occult motivated.

Specifically, investigators are probing the existence of a Satanic cult that operated near Berkowitz' home in northwest Yonkers during the time of the killings.

Sources have told Gannett Westchester Newspapers that members of the devil worshipping cult to which Berkowitz is believed to have belonged may have aided him in committing the murders.

John Carr was found shot to death in Minot, N.D., in February 1978, six months after Berkowitz' arrest in Yonkers. His death, first listed as an "apparent suicide," is now being probed as a possible homicide.

As part of the new investigation, authorities have interviewed friends of Carr in Minot.

Falcon, thought to be a key in the case because of his friendship with Carr, was sought but never found by Minot police. These newspapers found Falcon on the West Coast, where he granted an interview.

In that session, Falcon said Carr was "very much" involved in Satanic cult activities in Minot and Yonkers.

He said Carr mentioned having friends in New York who "were really into the occult." (He said) they'd all get together in like a witch's coven, a witch's church," Falcon said. "They were an underground group."

He characterized the cult in Yonkers as "very violent," adding that Carr told him many people participated in the activities in Westchester and that the ritualistic sacrifices "went all the way."

Carr's interest in the occult apparently led him to a close relationship with Falcon, who said that Carr "read my entire library" of occult books, from "how to make amulets to the 'third eye.'"

"I think I was probably his closest friend in town," Falcon noted in describing his association with Carr in Minot. He described Carr as someone

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Tight money shuts door on homebuyers

By STEVEN CLARK Staff Writer

In an age of extremely tight money and double digit inflation, Paul and Anita Driwings recently pulled off a small coup — they purchased their own home.

Armed with what banks call the right numbers — a combined annual salary of \$40,000 and the ability to put down a minimum of \$25,000 — the Driwings, who have been married eight years, bought an \$82,000 home in the Sprain Knolls section of Yonkers. They admitted to "lucking out" on their choice, an 18-year-old split level with four bedrooms and two baths.

"We found looking very exasperating," said Driwings, 33, who with his wife looked at about 30 houses throughout Westchester County before making a decision. "We saw so much garbage you wouldn't believe it. And some of the prices people asked for were unbelievable."

The closing for Driwings, a health and beauty aides salesman and his wife, a fourth grade teacher at School 22, is still several weeks away. They still must await

final approval from Citibank and sweat over the interest rate on their 30-year, \$57,000 mortgage which could climb from 11 3/4 percent to 14 percent.

Skyrocketing prices and a shutdown by most banks on available mortgage money has made it extremely difficult for young couples to buy a first home in Yonkers. Additionally, local realtors say, there are relatively few houses on the market.

"We're finding two or three buyers for every house in the 'good' category," said James O'Keefe of O'Keefe & Eisenberg Inc. "Backup offers are now a regular thing."

According to O'Keefe, the housing turnover rate in Yonkers is not what it once was either. People are not as eager to sell their houses as they once were, he said.

"Twenty-five years ago, a young couple would buy a small Cape Cod (home) on Mountandale Road, sell that and move to Crestwood if they did well," O'Keefe said. "Today, if they have extra money, they improve the house or use it to travel."

"People are finding in Yonkers that

with their mortgages all but paid off and the low taxes, they're now in the cheapest place they can live and everyday they stay in their house it's worth more money."

Home prices in Yonkers, as throughout the metropolitan area, have tripled and quadrupled. Houses in Crestwood, for example, built in the early-1960s and sold at \$30,000 are now on the market for more than \$90,000. The house the Driwings are interested in sold for less than \$20,000 two decades ago.

Only now, buyers and sellers are forced to deal with another factor — the shortage of bank money. Nearly all savings banks in Yonkers have stopped giving mortgage money, with only national commercial banks like Chase Manhattan, Citibank and the National Bank of North America able to give loans.

"The prices are not going down yet, but they will if the rates continue to go up," said Connie Vitelli, president of Arista Real Estate. "If things continue as they are, in 1980 the average wage earner, the cop, fireman and sanitation worker, will

not be able to buy a house

Commercial banks are now giving mortgages at between 11 1/2 and 13 percent, a dramatic rise from the 8 1/2 percent rate offered in 1978. These banks want a minimum salary of about \$40,000 and the ability to put down at least 20 percent of the total cost of the house. In addition, Citibank requires the buyer to take out mortgage insurance and Chase requires him to have at least a three-month-old account with the bank.

"It's not like it used to be where I could call up Yonkers Savings Bank and say 'Mike, give him the money he's good for it,'" said O'Keefe.

According to realtors those selling homes are also beginning to sweat now. While in almost all cases the seller is still guaranteed to make a tidy profit on his house, they say he now has to be a bit more realistic in order to sell the house.

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Greetings

Pope John Paul II embraces Eastern Orthodox Patriarch Demetrius I at his residence in Istanbul Thursday after the Pope arrived from Ankara. They are the heads of two churches whose members total nearly two billion. More on the pope's trip on the World-Nation page. — AP photo

INSIDE

Sports Boxer Willie Classen died Wednesday night from injuries suffered during his middleweight bout with Wilfred Scyplon at Madison Square Garden, Friday. Marc Maturro's analysis looks at the events leading up to the fatal bout and what steps the state boxing commission might take.

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Town loses fight against cult

By R. A. LEONARD Staff Writer

Two Bedford homeowners' groups have lost a court bid to stop a right-wing religious and political organization from opening a national center and boy's school on a large estate in the town.

State Supreme Court Justice John Marbach Wednesday dismissed a suit brought against the Bedford Zoning Board of Appeals by the McLain Street Area Association and the Bedford Lake Park Association.

The lawsuit had charged the zoning board acted arbitrarily in its May 2 decision to grant special use permits to the Foundation for a Christian Civilization and Charles Laczkoskie, headmaster of the proposed school for 35 boys.

But in a six-page decision released Wednesday, Marbach said the zoning board had properly considered voluminous evidence on both sides of the issue.

Marbach made no comment on whether the zoning board's decision by a 3-to-2 vote, was correct based on

the evidence

But, Marbach said that the board could not have denied permits to the foundation merely because (its) views might be considered unorthodox or unpopular.

Thomas Singleton, a Mount Kisco attorney representing the homeowners' groups, said Wednesday that he would advise his clients to appeal the case to the Appellate Division.

"We lost by a vote in Bedford, and by a vote here," he said. "I'd like to take this case before the Appellate Division, which has five justices."

The foundation now rents the 296-acre Tucker estate on McLain Street from Virginia Tatton of Texas, a supporter of the foundation who purchased the property last year.

The foundation was not named in the suit. John Spann, foundation president, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

