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Iranians seize U.S. Embassy

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TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — Moslem students battled U.S. Marines for three hours and seized the U.S. Embassy Sunday, taking 90 Americans hostage to press demands that the deposed shah be extradited to Iran to face Islamic justice.

About 450 Moslem youths, who said they had tacit approval from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, stormed the embassy and "fought with embassy personnel" for three hours, press reports said.

"We shall not give up the hostages unless the shah is given to us," one of the student spokesmen told the few reporters allowed into the compound.

"So long as we are here, the embassy will remain closed," he said.

The students seized some 90 American men, women and children and another 10 Iranians, the spokesman said.

"American Marine guards armed with sophisticated weapons and tear gas resisted our advance. We were armed only with cold weapons (clubs) — nobody carried any firearms," the spokesman said.

The State Department in Washington said there was no indication the Americans were hurt. A special task force, headed by Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders, was established to handle the matter.

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi is in New York Hospital recovering from gall

Shah protesters chain selves to Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven demonstrators, protesting the deposed Shah of Iran's presence in the United States, chained themselves in the Statue of Liberty's crown for 3½ hours Sunday before authorities cut the chains and took them into custody.

The seven were being questioned by

National Park Service officials on Liberty Island. They did not resist, according to Ellen Britton, acting superintendent of the national park in New York harbor.

Ms. Britton said she was not certain what charges may be filed against the seven.

bladder surgery. Doctors have said he will need at least 18 months of chemotherapy to fight the spread of cancer in his lymph system.

Sunday's embassy takeover climaxed a week of bitter attacks on the United States by Khomeini. On Thursday, militants shouted in front of the compound, "This house of spies must be closed."

"A year ago the United States attacked the house of Islam and now it has given the shah sanctuary," a woman shouted over a loudspeaker. "This is why we have taken over the embassy."

She said the American hostages had been treated well according to "Islamic rules."

The spokesman for the students said Khomeini's office in Qom had contacted the group and "not opposed our action." He said the Experts Assembly, currently processing Iran's new Islamic revolution, had passed a special motion approving the action.

Asked what will be the fate of the hostages if the shah was not returned to Iran, the spokesman replied:

"We'll come to that later. Our occupation of this building reflects popular demands. We'll respond to what our people want."

State Department spokesman George Sherman said embassy charge d'affaires Bruce Laingen was not in the compound during the attack and has been in constant contact with Iranian officials. (Continued on Page 24, Col.1)



A banner reading, "Shah must be tried and punished," is hung from the crown of the Statue of Liberty by demonstrators who chained themselves inside. (AP)

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20 coup protesters killed

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Two Bolivian air force jet fighters roared over downtown La Paz Sunday with their guns blazing, scattering students and workers who had gathered in a central plaza to protest the 4-day-old military regime.

The buzzing incident followed a night of bloody clashes between soldiers and civilians in which Red Cross and hospital officials said at least 20 civilians were killed and 40 wounded.

A broadcast communique issued by the new military administration of Col. Alberto Natusch, who led a coup against the civilian government last Thursday, described Satur-

flights Sunday as part of a "cleanup" operation.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the planes' gunfire. It appeared that the pilots sought only to intimidate the civilians in San Francisco Plaza and did not fire directly at them.

The plaza was also surrounded by about 20 tanks and armored cars, and one was heard firing a cannon shot.

The square is five blocks from the presidential palace, Natusch's headquarters.

Anti-coup civilians building barricades on city streets Saturday night were attacked by troops who kept up gunfire barrages for about

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