World

Americans evacuate Iran — Diplomatic forewarnings of "big trouble" caused US business firms to begin bringing home employees and their families on Wednesday. Violent outbreaks started before US Secretary of State James Baker arrived. The US government warned citizens to terminate their travels to Iran. President Carter reiterated support for the Shah and announced plans for a National Security Council study on Iran.

National

Unleashed gas price hike looms — Alfred Kahn testified before the congressional Joint Economic Committee. If price regulation is causing a shortage of unleaded gasoline, the committee figures, the gas gap is the greatest challenge to long or rational, Kahn, chairman of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, is President Carter's chief inflation fighter.

Local

Firm exploits no-bid bonanza — Persil Construction Company of Roslyn has collected a large portion of hundreds of thousands of dollars in no-bid contracts awarded by the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Most of the contracts were for emergency tasks or projects with wages under $2500. They were thereby able to emerge from guidelines requiring publicly advertised bidding. Nobody has charged legal wrongdoing in the affair.

— Lenny Martin

notes

• Finalized evaluation forms are due on Friday, December 15. In advance of the deadline is Thursday, Tuesday 3.
• Many foreign students planning to travel outside of the United States during the holiday/vacation period usually travel to the US for their Spring studies. Students anticipating such travel are urged to visit the Foreign Student Office, 3107, to secure their position the downward trend in the number of students remaining for the December 107, to insure that they possess the necessary documents for travel.
• Bell Laboratories Summer Program for Americans, Minorities and Women: This program offers women and members of minority groups opportunities for technical employment experience at Bell's research laboratories in Murray Hill, Crawford Hill, West Long Branch, and Holmdel. New Jersey residents who apply should plan to be available for at least 10 weeks starting in early June and normally should have completed their first year of college. Applications must be received by January 11 and may be picked up in Room 3-306 or by writing directly to: Administration, Summer Research Program, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, NJ 07974. Further information can be obtained from Dean Jennifer Richard, Room 3-136, ext. 3-699.
• Acclaimed playwright Edward Albee will speak on "The Playwright Versus the Theatre" as part of the University Distinguished Lecture Series on December 11. The lecture will begin at 8pm in Morse Auditorium, 602 Commonwealth Ave. Admission is free with a Boston University ID (valid 11:00-11:49), the general public, who will be admitted only after 7:45pm.

Special to The Tech

Steve Franzen '80 was elected Chairman of The Tech for Volume 99 by the members of the outgoing Volume 98 Board in the annual election meeting held last Saturday.

Franzen heads the first all-junior Executive Board since 1972. In his address, he announced the Executive Board's and Executive Editor Bob Wasserman's. The Executive Board will supervise the operations of The Tech.

William Cinco '80 and Ken Hamilton '81 were elected News Editors at the meeting. They will join Franzen, Curtis, Gropp, and Wasserman on the Editorial Board, which sets The Tech's editorial policy.

Other election board members are Night Editors Eric Saker '81, Stephanie Pollack '82, and Jon von Ziezioloswki '82; Arts Editors Joel West '79 and David Shaw '81; Sports Editors Gordon Holt '82 and Bob Holt '81; Photo Editors Chuck Irwin '80 and Steve Slopek '81; Advertising Manager Lynn Graber '80; Contributing Editors John Hopper '79, John Grunsfeld '80, Jordana Hollander '81; and Senior Editors Mike Brzostowicz '79, Brenda Hamilton '79, Lee Lipton '79, and Gordon '82.

They must be completely contained in sealed boxes or cases. The boxes or cases must be clearly marked with the owner's name, term address and expected date of return.

Articules may be placed into or taken out of storage during the hours 8:30am to 4:30pm. Monday through Friday, including holidays. All items will be stored in a storage space located in Development Headquarters, 3131-215.

Storage space will become available at 500pm, Monday, December 18, 1978. All items must be returned by Second Term Registration Day, Monday, February 5, 1979. Receipts will be given for articles placed into storage. These should be retained, as they will be required in order to reclaim property stored.

police blotter

(* The Police Blotter is a report written by the Campus Police on crimes, and actions on the MIT campus each week.)

EC investigation

As investigation into the disappearance of a valuable Institute equipment has led to the East Campus area. Officers will continue to pursue their leads.

Christmas/1AP Storage

As in past years, the Campus Police will make available storage space for students absent from the campus during the Christmas vacation and/or 1AP, who have small, valuable property to store (stereo, TV's, etc). Due to a serious shortage of storage space, the following guidelines will be observed:

• Items to be stored must be reasonably small (No bicycles please).

SCIENCE vs MATH

Imagines identical basketball playing twins in identical space ships traveling at .9c speed and closing on each other directly so that they will crash at 1.8c relative to each other with twice as much mass. According to time limit, each twin notices absolutely no change in his own space ship or clock. When each twin stands on the floor or wall and sprays the ball on the end of his finger the other twin sees the ball shortened only in the space ship's direction of relative motion no matter what the ball's spin is given. Imagines we rapidly switch the twins back and forth between the same ship. How many switches would they make before they conclude mass does not increase with speed? time does not run fast. Is there an absolute maximum that may not increase with speed? These things only appear to change because of relative motion and the finite speed of all forces at a distance. An accelerated charged particle does not increase in mass as it is accelerated it simply becomes more difficult to reach a fixed state such as we have in all experimentors. For details see page 103 of 12 Oct. 78 New Scientist, page 8 of 23 Oct 78 Physics Today, or send SASE to: J.W. Wasserman, 1434 E. Clifton Rd., Alexandria VA 22304. If you want to collaborate on a physics textbook or a magazine articles please advise.

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