World

Iranian embassy seized — Three Arab terrorists seized the Iranian embassy in London on Wednesday, taking 20 hostages. The three guerrillas rioted within the embassy building and the hostages until 9:19 Arab political prisoners held in Iran were freed by noon yesterday.

Nation

Lance acquired — Former OMB director Bert Lance was acquitted Wednesday after a 16-week bank fraud trial. Lance was found not guilty on nine charges.

Carter to begin "limited" campaigning — After paying $4.5 million in political expenses over six months in "Rose Garden" politics, President Carter announced Wednesday that he would leave the White House "for a limited travel schedule." Sen. Edward Kennedy was reportedly present.

By Jay Glass

Weather

Mostly cloudy again today, though there may be some periods of sun. Highs will be in the middle 50's, and near 60 generallv. Generally northeast wind will reach 10-25 mph. Partly cloudy Sunday with a chance of a few showers; Highs near 60, Lows around 50. Partly to mostly cloudy Monday; Highs in the middle to upper 50's. Lows Saturday night in the 40's. Partly to mostly cloudy Tuesday; Highs near 60, Lows near 40. Chance of rain today 40%; Saturday 30%; Sunday. By James Franklin

Finboard situation tight; UAP praises efficiency

"It's a success," said Peter S. Buck, Assistant Director of the Program in Science, Technology, and Society. "We have hopes of developing our own degree as a dual degree." Currently, degrees in STS are given only in programs XXA-XX and XXI-XXII, option 2 of the Humanities Department.

Prevent Walter Rosenblith said, "We have given good start in terms of early appointments and in placing of graduate faculty." He pointed out the award recently given by the Exxon Education Foundation for postdoctoral fellowships in STS and the receipt of 200 applications for doctoral work in STS as a sign of success.

Concerned MIT faculty, realizing the need for trained liaisons and seeing the interest in such training among the MIT student body, organized the Program in Science, Technology, and Society in 1971, as the developmental phase of a prospective College of Science, Technology, and Society.

According to Travis R. Merritt, Associate Professor of Humanities, a dual degree would consist of one science and one humanities concentration with STS courses as "a distinct bridge" between the two. "There doesn't seem to be any special need for this dual degree program as much more emphasis is being put on the existing one," Merritt believes. "We have a good start. The working relationshop with Departments of the departments is a good one."

About two dozen graduate program in STS, Rosenblith commented, "Research is not developed enough. It is too early." He believes there is a need for such a program, but that it is not something a department can do. "You need a core, but also people from all over the institutions," Rosenblith said.

Although the program has gathered a distinguished faculty of experts from many fields throughout the Institute, and has received funds from the Sloan, Hewlett, Mellon, and Exxon Foundations, there is still a need for "funding of significant amounts and research development," according to Donald Blackmer, Assistant Dean of Political Science and Director of STS.

Announcements


Registration Material for First Term '80-'81 will be available in IBM 10 office on Monday, May 15 and Tuesday, May 16.

The Committee on Facilities Management Systems (OFMS) will open an Equipment Exchange on Monday, May 2, at 234 Albany Street. The Equipment Exchange Store will handle the sale of MIT surplus equipment and salvage materials that have been thoroughly screened for reuse by the MIT Departments. Hours at the store will be 10-11 am Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science has scheduled a meeting for Course VI juniors to discuss Admission to Graduate School, Graduate School Financial Aid, and Employment Prospects. The counseling meeting is planned for Monday, May 5, at 4 pm in room 10-250. Any junior at the Institute who may be interested in graduate work is welcome to attend.

Lectures

The fallactic role of technology will be the topic when Professor History Leo Marx speaks at the Cambridge Forum on Wednesday, May 7 at 8 pm, 3 Church Street in Harvard Square. The Forum is free and open to the public.

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Bicyclists Wanted!! I'm looking for several people to team me on a three-week bicycle tour starting after finals week. Route will cover parts of the Mid-Atlantic States and New England. If all interested, call Ray (dls- 8202) after 7pm.