Rebels send peace mission to Khomeini as Tehran punishes profiteers to counter inflation

Iranian clergy calls

Kurdish ceasefire

IRAN’s ruling Moslem clergy yesterday vowed to proclaim a ceasefire on all fronts in the Kurdish revolt. קורדית השוטרים הצעדה

Kurdish spokesmen said the plans had been

reached after talks with Ayatollah Mah-

mon Tashmai. Also in Tehran, three

Kurdish protesters were hanged, charged with

profiteering, in the first public punish-

ments in the capital.

From Lu Tharjed

in Tehran

An uneasy calm settled over

Iran’s troubled Western pro-

vince of Kurdistan yesterday

as reports of government

troops were making for a two-

fronted attack on the rebel-

stronghold of Mahabad.

The tense, described as the

calms before the storm, met

with conflicting reports of Kurdish

rebel appeals for a full-scale

attack on the West Azerbaijan,

town of Qamish in a clash in

which one Kord was killed and

two civilians were miss-

ing, according to the Govern-

ment news agency.

The attack was followed yester-

day by reports of the arrival

in the capital of a large Kordish

troop which has since

joined the Kordish Front to

fighting. According to the

Iranian newspapers the trip

took more than 80 days dur-

ing the past ten days.

In a letter made public yester-

day, the revolutionary council

of Mahabad told the Ayatollah

that the Ayatollah was informed

about the situation in Kurdis-

tan. The letter, signed by

Ayatollah Rehman Abbasian, who is

now leading the troops in

Tehran, expected assurances of

the Kurdish people’s support for

the Ayatollah and “in return hope

that you will not pass orders to cer-

tain people to wipe out the

dead and divide the

nation.”

But in Mahabad itself, there

were indications that the Kords

were ready to fight. Reports from

villages told of the arrest of

young Kurdish refugees by

local army bases “to register for battle”

and both men and women were

receiving training in four cap-

tured tanks and armored

vans. Outside Mahabad, which

Kord declared it an auto-

nomous republic, two armor-

ed columns of the Kordish

military had reportedly

moved into position on a key road leading into the

small town not far from the

mountainous border with

Iraq. According to a member

of the banned Kordish Demo-

cratic Party, close to 60 tanks

were involved.

IRANIAN Government forces

evacuated two Iraqi military

villages near last week’s

battle for the Kordish city of

Parsabad in an appeal to

Tehran. Iranian news agency re-

ported yesterday. Ali Qalayi,

a deputy commander of Iran’s

Revolutionary Guard Corps,

said that the two men had

been killed in the fighting.

But their Iraqi citizenship

would be abolished by the

ideological and military

conversion cords, Ali Qalayi said.

and armed personnel carriers

had been assembled by the

government, together with long

range artillery and heavy

trucks.

The activity in and around

Mahabad yesterday followed a

government victory over the

weekend in Qamish. More than

100 Kurds and men loyal to

the Ayatollah are believed to

have died during the five days

of fighting which ended on

Sunday when the government

finally took control.

The streets of Qamish were

yesterday reported quiedy, with

the military and the Basij

Guard maintaining a 24-hour

patrol in what was seen as a

form of martial law. Parts of

demonstrated bodies reportedly

lay in the streets next to the

barracks but the water supply

was intact and power had been

partially restored.

More than 300 captured

Kords were awaiting the arri-

val of Sheikh Kalkan, a high-

level military officer who

has been named by Kordish

leaders as the lead in

the Kurdish trial. The

Sheikh, who

appeared to be in his

sixties, has

not been seen since

their
days.

The Kurds in Qamish ignored a

warning on the radio calling

for the return of all

rebel arms. Police are

reported to have said the

Kords would be considered

a “counter revolutionary act.”

The commander’s appeal fol-

lowed an interview published

yesterday with Tehran’s public

prosecutor in which Ayatollah

Assadi-Ghanjani warned that all

those possessing arms illegally

would be considered “criminals” on

earth” and shot.

Editor adds: The revolu-

tionary prosecutor of the town of

Qamish has ordered the

search of his predecessor after

the deaths and shootings of

a young Kordish woman

and her son were attributed to

the Kords who were

awaiting their release.

The carcass was discovered

when a government officer

went to the home of

Hamedaneh to collect

his

son’s body. He found a

large quantity of weapons and

demolition charges. He

also found a

saw, a

gun, a

knife, and a

bag

of

ammunition.

The officer informed

the

Kordish in charge of

the

court in hospital where he was

re- 

ceiving treatment for injuries

suffered in an unsuccessful assas-

sination attempt.

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