

# Fighting against Kurds apparently grows in Iran

Tehran, Iran (AP)—Iran's revolutionary government yesterday announced new moves against secessionist Kurds on Iran's western borders and reports from Turkey said more than 500 persons were killed in fighting near the frontier.

A Turkish newspaper reported Iranian helicopters had been crossing the border in northwestern Iran to pursue Kurdish rebels fleeing into Turkey.

Farther south, some 20,000 Kurds abandoned the town of Marivan near the Iraqi border, according to newspapers in Tehran. They said the Kurds were settling in camps near the frontier to protest the government's dispatch of revolutionary guards to maintain order.

Iran's state radio said Army units in the border zone with Turkey were on a "state of alert."

The government radio also reported firing squads had executed two men and two women on charges ranging from rape and murder to running a brothel and a drug ring.

That brought to 354 the number of persons killed by firing squads since followers of Muslim leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ousted Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in January

In Tehran, the government ordered the expulsion of *New York Times* correspondent Youssef M. Ibrahim, saying it was "unhappy" with his reporting. He is the second correspondent expelled this month.

Mr. Ibrahim was ordered to leave "on the first opportunity that will not cause any inconvenience." The newsman said he gave Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan a letter asking him to review the deportation order.

"They failed to specify what articles they were unhappy about," Mr. Ibrahim said, adding: "I feel the *New York Times* coverage has been fair and accurate up until now and before the revolution."

In New York, Seymour Topping, managing editor of the *Times*, expressed the newspaper's "regret" and said: "We fully support Mr. Ibrahim, who has done an excellent, objective job of reporting before and after the revolution, often under difficult circumstances."

David Lamb of the *Los Angeles Times* was expelled July 1, with officials expressing disapproval of articles printed by that paper.