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Kurd city

Most guerrillas flee to mountain citadel, vow to fight again

Mahabad, **Iran** (AP) — Government troops striking under cover of jet fighters, helicopter gunships and tanks breached rebel defense lines outside this Kurdish stronghold yesterday, driving most of the guerrillas into the surrounding hills.

As the troops advanced in a two-pronged attack aimed at crushing the rebellion, the main guerrilla force and most of the city's population filtered into the surrounding hills and vowed to fight on.

The 64th Infantry Division and the 81st Armored Division burst through Kurdish defense positions on the city's northern approaches, but observers at the scene said they apparently did not want to enter the city at night and probably would make their final push into Mahabad at daybreak today.

The division commanders were quoted

Kurds lose one stronghold, fall back into mountains

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decision on whether they would attack. Last Monday a Kurdish delegation went to Tehran on a fruitless mission to explore the possibility of a negotiated settlement.

There were no reports of fighting yesterday outside this western region of Iran.

The state radio in Tehran said the government forces had dropped leaflets from helicopters on trouble spots in Kurdistan calling on the Kurds "to free yourself from these non-Islamic party heads (and) give them up to the authorities."

The report said the KDP was working for the "benefit of foreign powers," which were not identified. Last Friday, Ayatollah Khomeini accused the Kurds of spreading "communist corruption."

The KDP is considered the major unifying political force in Kurdistan.

The secretary-general of the KDP's Central Committee, Abdol Hassan Qasemlu, and the Kurdish spiritual head, Sheik Ezzedin Hosseini, went into hiding when the KDP was outlawed and their whereabouts are unknown. The govern-

ment has ordered their arrest and trial on charges of being counter-revolutionaries.

Iran to allow replacement of dismissed journalists

Tehran, **Iran** (Reuter)—Nasser Minachi, the Iranian head of information services, said yesterday that foreign publications whose correspondents have been expelled from **Iran** are free to send replacements.

However, Mr. Minachi, who is National Guidance Minister, said all journalists coming to **Iran** for the first time would have to swear to write the truth.

The official Pars news agency quoted Dr. Minachi as saying: "When someone is expelled it does not mean the publication or news agency cannot send a replacement. Our protest is against the offenders."

Referring to government denials of news of **Iran** published abroad, he said, "They only print our protests after repeated objections by us and they do this by publishing them on the back page where they go unnoticed."