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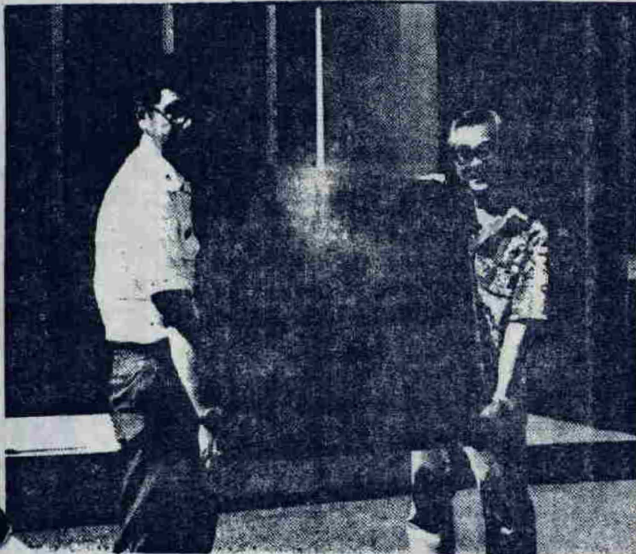
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199th TFS Goes For Hughes

The Air National Guard has made their choice for an ANC Fighter unit to represent them in the Air Force competition for the Hughes Trophy. That choice is, we're proud to report, our 199th TFS. Now, the 199th goes up against the best in the Air Force, world-wide. The trophy is awarded each year to the unit which best performed their Air Defense mission. B-pilots and WSO's are keeping their fingers crossed. AF Headquarters now is making its decision. We may know by the March UTA.

Next UTA, we, the men and women of the 154 COMPG and affiliated units will have the perfect opportunity to show the Air Force, the people of Hawaii and most importantly, ourselves that we really are the best of the Ready Reserves. At 0800 on 1 March, we will collectively receive the Air Force outstanding unit award from Major General James Hughes in a ceremony out on our flight line area. We will form up at 0730 in mass formation with every-one dressed in Blues (Combination 4s)...short sleeve shirts or blouses and looking real good. The women will all wear skirts. The Army Guard 111th Band will be here to add to the morning's activities and we appreciate their support.

With things as they are in the world right now, Americans are beginning again to realize the importance of a strong and ready military force. We have the privilege of being in the Hawaii Air National Guard. We have the privilege of being the force ready to defend our families and our friends from enemy attack. We also have the privilege of having an opportunity to show those people that we are ready. The upcoming ceremony is that opportunity. We don't have time to practice much; we won't be able to have a complete ceremony with marching, but we will and do have the chance to show that we are a military unit by our bearing and our dress. Think about what the AFOUA means to you, realize the pride you have in your unit and in yourself.



Capt Bruce Minato presents award to CMSgt "Hobby" Choi (retired).

Commander's

Corner...

by Col R K Kunichika

To My Feathered Friends

For you and I, flying is exciting, stimulating and extraordinary. It has an unsurpassed allure and unequaled exhilaration. Every time we take to the air we are operating in an alien environment. We are by nature risk takers. It's just part of the allure and excitement. And in all it's fun it can also be devastatingly cruel to the point of being fatal when performed without discipline and control. The bottom line for each of us who wears the aviator's badge is that we determine our own survival. In my analysis, survival in this business means mature judgement. The idea is based on the assumption that flying is a rational business which is done by people that have a strong desire to survive.

Mature judgement is developed by an individual's disciplined intergration of the following factors: training, supervision, skill, intelligence and experience. When the intergration process breaks down our accident potential intensifies. If the process deteriorates far enough, control is lost and an accident will usually result. The intergration process is obviously a continuing one. Discipline is the cement of the process. Discipline is also the knowledge of our own limitations and the strength to operate within the parameters of our limitations. If the intergration process operates effectively our capability parameters increase, or putting it in another way, we gain more combat capability.

1979 has shown that you have it. Your accomplishments were exceptional. You trained to fight-and won.

Congratulations on a successful year.

NEXT UTA.....

MARCH 1&2

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

General Knowledge - Part I

DID YOU KNOW....

- 1) The purpose of the USAF Disaster Preparedness Program is to maintain the Unit's capabilities in providing protection and restoration of mission capabilities, and also to fulfill the humanitarian disaster relief responsibilities of commanders?
- 2) The guidance for Disaster Preparedness actions in the event of an enemy attack, major accidents, or natural disasters is provided in Base OPlan 355-1?
- 3) A 3-5 minute wavering tone on the siren means to take immediate cover, then proceed to the nearest available shelter?
- 4) One of the actions to take upon hearing a 3-5 minute steady tone on the siren is to tune-in to a radio or TV and listen for important emergency announcements?
- 5) If you are away from base and a general war occurs, you are required to report back to your unit or nearest installation of the same branch of service, if possible?
- 6) A YELLOW smoke indicates that weapons are engulfed in flames during a major accident exercise?
- 7) A WHITE smoke indicates simulated fires to mark the accident site or simulated fires during an attack response exercise
- 8) Individuals and supervisors are responsible for evacuating from an accident site?

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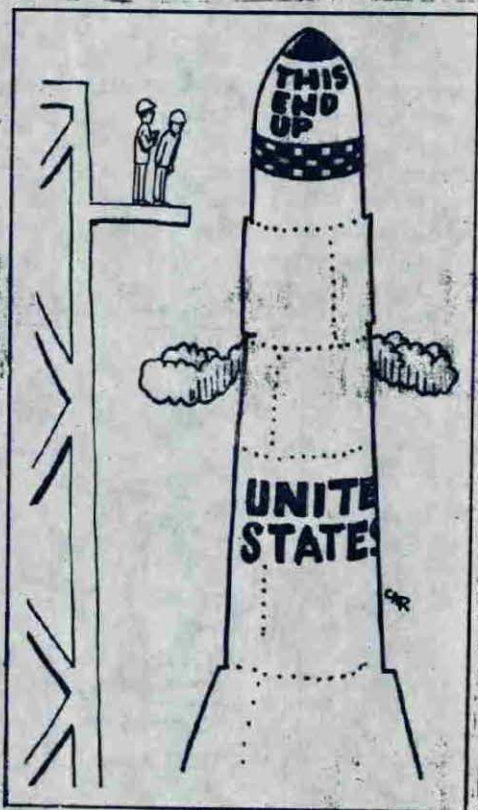
Still "hanging in there!..."

by Fred Takara of the Parachute Shop

Proud papa TSgt Doug Abe saw son Elroy receive the "Good Guy" award from the Mayor in December and, in January saw the Boys Scouts and Gov. Ariyoshi present son Elroy with a Silver Beaver award. Elroy helped in averting a drowning incident.

The Parachute Shop held a very successful party in their shop on a Sunday in December. Thanks to Geo Sensano, game chairman, the kids had a lot of fun. Kay Cera had the honor of breaking the pinata and spreading the candies and coins around. Gerald Vidal was Santa's helper and distributed all the presents to the anxious children. Geo Sensano was honored with a Survival Equipment T-shirt for being Most Gung-ho during the MEI preparation and Bob Yekono received a bottle of Guamanian Crown Royal for being the MOST OUTSTANDING parttimer for the year.

Mahalo to Gil and Gary Cera for the films. Gil's film of Kona and the demolished rent-a-car, Gary's film of the Deployment to the Phillipines was appreciated by the wives who saw what a deployment is like. Thanks to all the "actors" in the shop. Everybody enjoyed the drag chute packing film.



154 CAM Squadron News and Stuff...

by SMSgt Art Lee

...Congratulations to the 154 COMPG for receiving the "Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. As part of the 154 COMPG, we are equally proud of the AFOUA. The AFOUA is awarded for exceptionally outstanding achievement that clearly puts the Unit above and apart from similar units and we certainly are very proud to have contributed towards this outstanding service award. "NO KA OE PEOPLE, NO KA OE."...

...Good to see Brig General Arthur Ishimoto, Commander HONG visiting the Unit last UTA. Even with his busy schedule, he took time off to say "hello" to the men and women of the Squadron. Right On, General--we certainly appreciate your visit very much...SMSgt Toshio Oshiro, all primed for the first "Pro Bowl" in Hawaii bought his tickets way back in June '79 and would you know he had to go to Phoenix, Arizona with MSgt Tom Kato to do some Guard business and missed the Pro Bowl in January. He had to sell his tickets to his brother...

...Good Samaritan Chief MSgt Hiroshi Go did it again; ask him about the girl he assisted or rescued. She was riding a bike in the rain in the N U D E. Quite a story, but just a little too long for this article. However, the Chief indicated, there was no Hanky Panky. He just assisted her....

...Okay all you 115 bowlers, the "On to Van Nuys Bowling Shindig" is on--23-27 March 1980 C-130 aircraft and returning 27 March. You pay your own hotel, food and other incidentals, sign up at MSgt Benny Goo's office...

...We want to welcome Sgt Wes Nakahara coming over from the Army Guard and assigned to the flight line, also to SrA Marcus Garinio who will be assigned to the Environmental Shop

...And, CONGRATULATIONS to new E-8 Tom Sato; to MSgt's Wally Yara and Gerald Chun; new TSgt Gareth Ishida, TSgt Peter Patinio and TSgt Craig Harimoto; to SSgt Yvette Mirafior and to SrA's Francis Genovia and Scott Stenstrom.TSgt Galen Yamada fired a 192 out of a possible 200 to win 1st place in the sitting position in a competition against the Marines from Kaneohe; TSgt Eric Kanazawa shot 712 out of a possible 800 in a team match; the 154 COMPG placed 4th in the competition.

...And finally, the Tax-Man says: Don't forget the first \$500.00 of your Guard Pay should not be included as income on your State Tax....

GETTING GASSED...

Due to a reduction of the gasoline allocation, Arthur Walker, general manager of Hawaii's AAFES, has ordered all Exchange gas stations closed on Sundays.

**CHANGE IN HOURS OF OPERATION AT SCHOFIELD'S
SGT SMITH THEATER.....**

Effective Saturday, February 2, the Sgt. Smith Theater will observe new show time hours on a 30 day trial basis. The new hours will be Monday - Thursday, 7:00 P.M.; Friday 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.; Saturday, 2:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M. & 10:00 P.M.; and Sunday, 2:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Lack of customer patronage was cited as the reason for considering the change.

BEWARE! BEWARE! OF CORNING-WARE.....

...White glass-ceramic percolators which were sold between 1960 and 1979, that is. The metal band holding on the handle may come loose without warning.

Corning's teapots and Pyrex coffee pots are not affected. Write to: Corning Glass Works, P.O. Box 5750, Corning, N.Y. 14830, for further information. Include your name, address and zip code, the serial numbers on the percolator's metal band and the model number or cup capacity shown on the side or bottom of the pot. Do not return the items to the Exchange or other retailers.

**HE WHO PLAYS WITH FIRE JUST MAY GET BURNT--
HANDLE WITH CARE!**

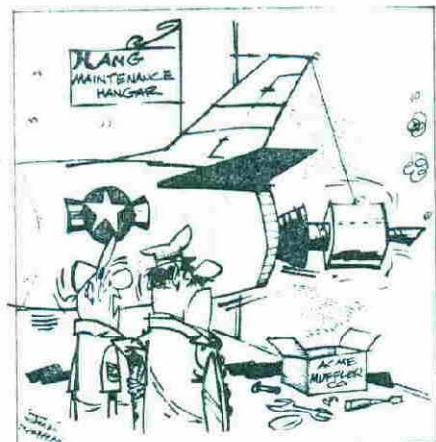
Two men died from accidents involving plastic butane lighters, officials at the Air Force Inspection and Safety Center reported.

The two civilians, not employed by the Air Force, were working flammable materials at the time. In one instance a welder was killed instantly when a slag spark that fell into his shirt pocket burned through a plastic butane lighter and caused it to explode.

In the other instance, flammable material burned through the victim's pants pocket causing the lighter to explode. The man's leg was amputated, but he died three days later.

"Many Air Force people on and off duty are exposed to similar situations," a safety official said. "Whatever you're doing, whether it's in the home or anywhere, if you get near a heat source, or flame, you may have a bomb in your pocket," he said.

February is Black History Month. The month is set aside "to formally recognize the achievements and contributions Black Americans have made in the development of the country."



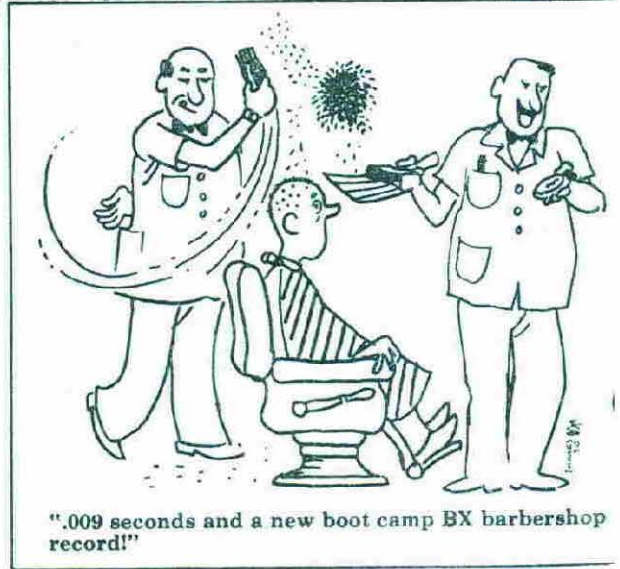
"We had to do something, sir, the townspeople are complaining about the jet noise."

COMPRESSED AIR MAY BE A DANGEROUS BLAST!

A mechanic with a small cut on his finger washed some parts in cleaning fluid. Then, holding the parts in his hand, he blew them dry with an air hose. Shortly thereafter, in great pain, he staggered to his boss, complaining that his body and head felt as if they were going to explode.

At the hospital, his ailment was diagnosed as air bubbles in the blood-stream caused by the air-jet striking the wound. He recovered but he could have been a fatality.

Compressed air is no joke. It is a necessary tool in our everyday work. However, we must realize that it can be dangerous, even fatal. It is a known fact that a blast of air at 40 psi can rupture an ear drum at a distance of 4 inches. Worse, it can cause fatal brain hemorrhage. Use of compressed air to blow dust or dirt from body or clothing is dangerous.



WOW! It seems like only two weeks ago since our last drill. Time surely flies by when you're having fun!?!...TSgt Alan Matsuoka and his crew from Fuels invited the RMS gang to their shop to enjoy some beer and pupus. Everyone that went enjoyed it...We'd like to welcome to the squadron, SSgt Clyde E. Cabillon. Clyde, a former Army type, will be working out of customer support. Also on board is Amn Edwin Samera, Jr...Ed has been working out of the Fuels branch. Welcome aboard, gang...If it seemed like Amn Annette Gagarin, our Admin girl, was hitching for a ride all last drill, she wasn't. Poor Annette managed to get her hand crunched by a sliding van door. OUCH! She had to have her hand wrapped and bandaged leaving her thumb sticking up. Then to help relieve the obvious pain, she had to have her arm in a sling....Our Equipment Management folks of the Customer Support Branch were inspected by the HQ PACAF Command Equipment Management Team (CEMT) last week. Their purpose was to survey the equipment management program here at the 154th COMPG. Major Rogelio Dela-Cruz, Team Chief, concluded, "The 154th COMPGP has a very good and effective equipment management program. The Chief of Supply and the personnel in the allowance and authorization unit should be commended for being responsive to the equipment requirements of the Hawaii Air National Guard. Overall, the equipment management at the HIANG is extremely sound." Once again Howard Okita's EMO gang consisting of MSgt Herb Funasaki; TSgts Mike Hironaka, George Ginoza; SSgts Craig Iwase and Clyde Cabillon scores for the good guys... Not to be outdone, the guys from the Traffic Management Office (TMO) received, for the second consecutive year, a letter of special recognition and congratulations for the NGB/LG, endorsed by Gen Ishimoto, Col Lee and LtCol Furuno. This special recognition was for their "exemplary efforts" in maintaining an average of 95% for the fiscal year, regarding response rates for intransit data cards. The Air Force standard is 75%. Our Freight rate specialist TSgt Kalfred Chang and SSgt Gil Kaneshiro deserve a well done. Congrats to Kalfred and Gil and to the TMO gang....SSgt Donna E. Von, who works out of the data automation office, will be heading off to Sheppard AFB, Texas (good old Witchita Falls) to attend the RJETS Operations School. For those of you who are wondering, this is computer stuff. Good Luck, Donna....LtCol Furuno will be attending the Resource Manager School at Lowery AFB, Colorado from February 9th to the 15th. I wonder if Col Furuno will try his hand at skiing?...

And finally, SSgt Robert Valdez from the Supply Systems Branch, will be accompanying the 154th CE Flight on their deployment to Clark AB in the Philippines. MSgt Al Canopin of the Material Management Branch has been giving Bob the scoop of where not to visit and where he must. Hmmm? Wonder where that could be?... See ya all next month.

LIFESAVERS, INC.....

The Clinic has just completed the 154 COMPG First Aid training program for FY 1979. Sixty three people successfully completed the course. And overall response to the program was favorable. The clinic will continue the program on a quarterly basis for FY 1980. Arrangements for the classes should be made directly with the instructor. The nomination deadline for the next class is 20 Feb 80. The class will be held on 23 Feb 80. Class will be from 0800 to 1600 in the 154 COMPG Dining Hall. Classes will be limited to 12 individuals on a first come - first served basis. A list of prospective participants from your section should be sent to the Clinic NCOIC not later than the nomination deadline.



Slow Dancing and Fine Dining in the Hale Koa

The Hale Koa Room:
Presenting a special Valentine's Dinner Feb. 14 from 6:00 p.m. Enjoy your choice of 5 fabulous full course dinners. \$10.95 (plus 10% gratuity) per person includes admission to the Sweetheart Ball and a free Love Potion Cocktail. Call 955-0555 for reservations.

The Banyan Tree Room:
A special Sweetheart Ball, only \$1.00 cover, free to those dining in the Hale Koa Room or at the Luau. Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight and enjoy Love Potion Cocktails.

Moonlight Luau:
A Polynesian Feast on Waikiki Beach. First come first served from 5:30 p.m.

Drinking and Dining facilities are available to HANG members. Take advantage of the HALE KOA HOTEL at FT. De Russey.

Sports, of sorts...*

(Ft. Rucker, HANG HQ) The newly formed Hawaii Air National Guard Athletic Board announces the following annual schedule of athletic events for all active members of the Hawaii Air National Guard: Slow-pitch Softball - April; Volleyball - August; Basketball - October; Tennis & Golf - November.

Champions of these events will be recognized at the Annual HANG Awards Banquet. The HANG Athletic Board has sectioned off the HANG Community this way:

- East sector: Hilo, Kona and Maui.
- West sector: Kauai (150 ACW & 202nd)
- Central sector: Oahu (201 MCG & 154 COMPG)

Only active members of the HANG are eligible to participate in these events with the exception of the Golf Tournament.

The April slow-pitch softball tournament will be hosted by the 154 COMPG this year. It will be a six-team, single elimination event. All games will be played at "Soma Field", Hickam AFB. The six team composition for the tournament will have one team apiece from the East and West sectors and four teams from the Central sector. The 154 COMPG, HANG HQ and 199 Weather Flight will field two teams, and the 201 MCG and 169 ACW will field the other two teams for the Central sector. Dates for the tournament: 26-27 April.

An entry fee will be solicited from each team. More information will be provided by the tournament committee soon, stay tuned. Get ready, get in shape, get going!!!

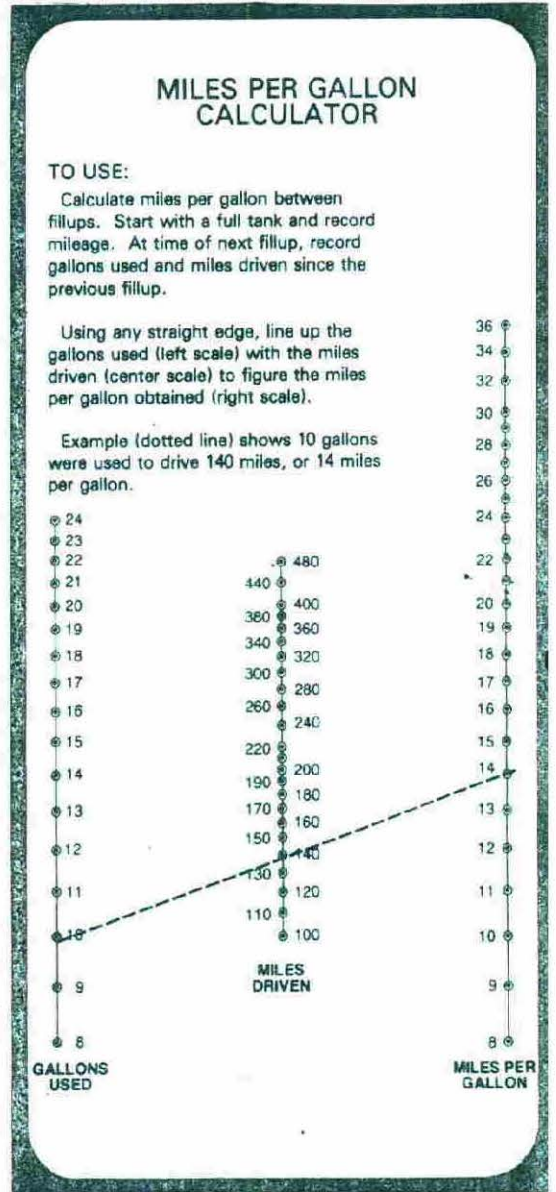
MEANWHILE...

The National Guard is looking for qualified athletes to compete in a NATO Military skills competition. Reserve officers and enlisted members are needed for the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) Military Skills Competition in Montreal, Canada 30 July-8 Aug 1980. The CIOR competition includes a running and swimming obstacle course; rifle, pistol and submachinegun marksmanship; and orienteering. The U.S. will send a 24-man competitive delegation (Off & EM) to the CIOR congress to compete against Reserve teams from 12 of the 15 NATO Nations.

CIOR applicants should be able to run 5 miles in less than 32-1/2 minutes; be able to swim 50 meters in 36 seconds and do 10 pull-

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ups. Individuals interested should contact Cpt Roger Harvey, USMPTC, Bldg 189, Ft. Sauer, Houston, TX 78234 for further information application procedures. Applications are due NLT 20 Mar 1980.



A BIT OF ALL RIGHT....
AB KEITH T. NAKANO and AB DALE S. ASAMI

Both recently selected as honor graduates from basic military training school at Lackland AFB, Texas. Both are assigned to CAGS SQ. Well done!

GAS LASTS AT 55 MPH

Iran, much in the news of late, is a land unknown to most members of the Armed Forces. Since it is in the news, the following background information on the country and its religion is presented for our readers.

AN ISLAMIC PRIMER

Islam, the world's second largest faith, with over 750 million adherents, is a universal, not an ethnic or Arab, faith.

Islam is more than just a religion.

It is an all-encompassing way of life.

The two major branches of the Islam faith are the *Sunni* and the *Shiite*, a division which dates from shortly after the death of Muhammad, the religion's founder, in 632 A.D.

Shiite, the smaller branch, holds that a spiritual leader is required to guide the faithful. These leaders are called *imams* and are considered to be the successors of Muhammad. The first *Imam* was Ali, son-in-law of Muhammad.

Sunni, the larger branch (90 percent of all Moslems), consider themselves to be the orthodox branch and reject the claim of Ali's line. They believe that the "community of the faithful is the guardian and the guarantor" of the sacred law grounded in the will of God as given in the *Koran*, Islam's holy book.

Both branches have religious leaders whom they consider to be teachers and leaders of prayer rather than ordained clergy in the Western sense. Leadership within this "clergy" is obtained by virtue of one's learning and ability to develop a following. Since separation of church and state is not a recognized principle, these religious leaders are important to the politics of Muslim countries.

Within the Shiite branch, a *Mullah* is a religious leader. A group of select mullahs is gathered together as a *Mujtahid* which has legal jurisdiction under the *Sharia*, Muslim law.

The most learned and revered individual in each *Mujtahid* group is given the title *Ayatollah*.

In general, Muslim spiritual duties are outlined in the "Five Pillars of Faith" namely—

- confession of the faith daily,
- prayer made five times daily while facing Mecca,
- charitable giving,
- fasting during the daylight hours of the Islamic holy month of *Ramadan*, and
- making the *hajj* or pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during the person's lifetime.



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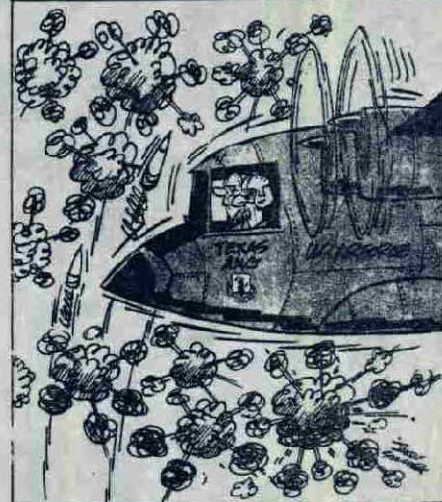
Facts And Figures

Economy: At one time Iran was the 4th largest exporter of petroleum in the world. Production has fallen dramatically since the revolution. In November 1979 President Jimmy Carter banned direct purchase by the U.S. of any Iranian oil after the takeover of the American Embassy by Iranian students, in which 62 Americans working there were taken hostage.

Geography: Area of 636,000 square miles, slightly larger than Alaska. Capital is Tehran with a population of 4.7 million. Qom, present headquarters for Ayatollah Khomeini, is one of the nation's centers of Islamic traditionalism.

Government: In January 1979 Shah Mohammad Pahlavi was forced to flee the country. It is now ruled by committees under the Ayatollah Khomeini, a religious leader who had been exiled for nearly 20 years.

People: Estimated 37 million population. Over 90 percent are members of the Shi'a sect of Islam; 5 percent belong to the Sunni sect.



"Check your map, Gridley. I think we may have crossed the Oklahoma border."



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