

Bishop warns

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Reinforced U.S. economic sanctions against Iran are "futile" toward gaining the release of American hostages in that country.

So says one of the few U.S. citizens to visit the 50 hostages, Detroit Archbishop Bishop Thomas Gumbleton.

Gumbleton, in a speech last week at Oakland University, also warned that escalating tensions between Iran and neighboring Iraq could have "terrible implications."

"If Iran and Iraq start to fight against each other, they're not going to be doing that alone probably," he said. "Russia and the U.S. would be drawn in very, very quickly."

BISHOP GUMBLETON was one of three U.S. clergymen who visited the American hostages last Christmas in the seized U.S. Embassy in Tehran. The hostages have been held by militant Iranian students for more than five months.

The Catholic bishop's speech, sponsored by the OU Campus Ministry, addressed the danger of the world nuclear arms race, but all post-speech questions from the crowd of about 50 were about Iran.

"They won't work," Gumbleton said, referring to President Jimmy Carter's actions last week to renew sanctions and cut off diplomatic relations with Iran.

"They're a mistake," Gumbleton continued. "What's the use at this point? They've been in effect for all practical purposes already and have achieved nothing."

Iranian crisis repeats history

History is repeating itself in American foreign relations in the Iranian crisis, according to a Michigan State University professor of humanities.

Edward Graham, who specializes in Chinese history and China-American relations, says striking similarities in the American connections and positions exist between the current Iranian crisis and those occurring during the Boxer Rebellion in China in the summer of 1900.

The trouble in China, he said, began with attacks by anti-foreign and anti-Christian financial mystics against Chinese converts and missionaries from the west.

"THEY CALLED themselves The Society of Harmonious Fists," Graham said, "because they practiced a kind of kung-fu exercise intended to make them invulnerable to enemy weapons. The Westerners called them Boxers."

The Boxer movement spread to the Imperial court, presided over by the 65-year-old Empress Dowager Tzu Hsi, "a shrewd but sometimes irrational

If the only remaining U.S. options are a naval blockade of the Persian Gulf or military steps, then Carter's decision was "very frightening," said Gumbleton.

Referring to his Iran visit, the bishop said: "People told me, 'Look, we suffered before this crisis. . . we'll suffer again. We're not going to give in because of sanctions.'"

Gumbleton said he expects the latest U.S. actions to have the "opposite effect" of attaining the hostages' release.

"They will get the people in Iran, in a sense, to rally around their flag," said the Catholic bishop. "Whenever you have a chaotic situation in a country and want to rally your people, you find an outside enemy."

He called Carter's decisions a "bad mistake which will put off resolution of the problem that much longer."

GUMBLETON, who was an early critic of U.S. intervention in Vietnam, maintained the U.S. government could resolve the hostage crisis if it "wanted to."

The bishop said the U.S. should apologize for supporting the deposed Shah of Iran, not interfere in Iran's internal affairs and not prevent the Iranians from bringing the former Shah to trial in their country.

Those three conditions were proposed to a special United Nations delegation last month by Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. The U.S. refused to consider the conditions until the hostages were taken out of the custody of the Iranian students, a move vetoed by Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"It was American arms used to

shoot, maim and kill people in the streets of Tehran (during the year preceding the Shah's downfall)," Gumbleton said.

"I don't think it's a dishonorable thing to apologize."

"Why can't we say we won't prevent (the Iranian government) from bringing the Shah back (for trial), just like we don't prevent the Jewish people from bringing Nazi war criminals to trial."

The students' seizure of the American Embassy last November was "wrong," says Gumbleton. "We should condemn that (as) a violation of international law."

But, he added: "I don't think we should keep ourselves hostile to Iran any more than making Israel our enemy because they have violated international law by creating settlements on the West Bank (in the Middle East)."

IN HIS SPEECH, Gumbleton noted "a tremendous shift in thinking" re-

garding nuclear war since the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

He said military leaders, "are advocating that we should be preparing to win a nuclear war," a position that has entered this year's presidential campaign.

Gumbleton read parts of a Los Angeles Times interview with Republican Presidential candidate George Bush, conducted earlier this year. The former U.N. Ambassador and Central Intelligence Agency director indicated in the story that a nuclear war was "winable," if a country could maintain a portion of its industry and only lose a small portion — like 5 percent — of its citizens.

"George Bush is saying there is such a thing as a winnable nuclear war," said Gumbleton.

"There would be no winner in a nuclear war," he said. "George Bush is absolutely wrong. It's dangerous for people like him to be speaking the way

they do. We should oppose his way of thinking vigorously and strenuously."

NUCLEAR WEAPONS, said Gumbleton, "are spreading rapidly . . . and so the danger of nuclear war is spreading rapidly."

He said within five years, such countries as South Africa, Pakistan, Argentina, South Korea and Taiwan may have nuclear weapons, joining a half dozen larger nations that have nuclear capability.

And Gumbleton believes the only way smaller nations won't acquire nuclear weapons is if the "superpowers (the U.S. and Soviet Union) made a decision to end the arms race."

"Other nations would follow in self-interest," if the two world powers ended the arms race, the bishop said.

"Nuclear war is not anymore winnable for Argentina than it is for the United States," he added.



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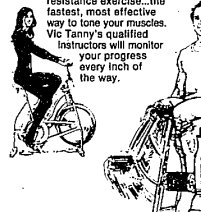
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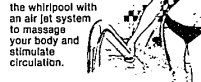
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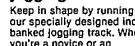
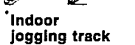


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Learn about city's new 'people mover'

A forum on the proposed Downtown People Mover in Detroit will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Crystal Ballroom of the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

The forum, sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA), precedes two public hearings on the proposed \$114.5 million project. The hearings are scheduled for noon and 7 p.m. April 24 in the Pontchartrain Hotel ballroom.

A preliminary engineering study has been completed on the people mover, which will loop around the downtown Detroit central business district.

A PEOPLE mover is an automated transportation system where train-like cars would travel along elevated fixed guideways either singly or coupled together. A similar people mover, though much shorter than what's proposed for downtown, operates at the Fairlane Mall in Dearborn.

Detroit would be one of the first urban areas in the country to have a people mover downtown, if the project is approved by the state and federal governments. The federal Urban Mass Transportation Authority (UMTA) would provide 80 percent of construction costs, with the state picking up the remaining 20 percent.

The proposed people mover route would begin at the Renaissance Center and include stops at Cobo Hall, the Joe Louis Arena, downtown's major bank buildings, Grand Circus Park, the proposed downtown shopping mall and GreenTown.

The draft environmental impact statement for the project is available for review. For a list of locations, contact SEMTA, 255-8765.

Road work bids in

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners accepted bids recently for \$855,456 worth of construction projects, bringing the total amount of work placed under contract this year to \$1.9 million.

Bids accepted were as follows:

- To remove and replace concrete at the intersection of Southfield and 12 Mile Roads that had been damaged by fire when a fuel tanker overturned August 1977, the low bid of Edward R. White Contractor, Inc. of Berkley was accepted; \$67,304. This project is totally funded by the road commission, but participation by the insurance carrier is expected.

- To resurface two miles of Andersonville Road in Waterford Township west of Airport Road and 0.8 mile of Airport Road from Andersonville Road south, and to pave 0.7 mile of shoulders on Andersonville Road, the low bid of Thompson-McCully Company of Belleville was accepted; \$224,395. The

project is solely funded by the road commission.

- To pave approaches, passing lanes and right turn lanes at four intersections, the low bid of Mike Harabedian, Inc. of Troy was accepted; \$57,237. The intersections in Troy and Avon Township Livernois at Long Lake, Long Lake at John R, Hamlin at John R and Hamlin at Adams. The project is being funded on a one-third matching basis by the road commission, the County Board of Commissioners and the local units of government.

- To pave Squirrel Road in Bloomfield Township for 1.5 miles from Westview to South Boulevard, the low bid of Groleau Brothers, Inc. of Walled Lake was accepted; \$442,807. The project is being funded 50-50 by the road commission and Bloomfield Township.

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