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To: All fair-minded people and student organizations at UCLA seriously interested in upholding the principles of academic freedom

From: Iranian Students Association of Southern California
(a Chapter of ISAUS)

The Shah of Iran, a despised military dictator and a sworn enemy of the rights and freedoms of the academic community of his own country, has been invited by Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy of UCLA to address the June Commencement and to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of (cynically enough) Humane Letters.

The Iranian Students Association of Southern California, one of the twenty-five chapters of the Iranian Students Association in the United States and an affiliate member of the Confederation of Iranian Students, the National Union of all representative Iranian student organizations in and outside the country, finds it its duty to protest vigorously Chancellor Murphy's ill-considered decision and intends to do so by public, peaceful demonstrations at the UCLA Commencement ceremonies.

We hereby invite all fair-minded people and student organizations at UCLA to give us their moral and material support in these demonstrations, and to join us, if they can, to protest the grotesque scene of a man who has been responsible, on numerous occasions, for the mass murder of his own fellow-countrymen receiving a degree in "humane letters".

We sincerely urge you to stand and be counted as a defender of academic freedom, on this historic occasion, in the belief that man's longing for truth and liberty knows no political boundaries and that our nation's struggle for freedom from its oppressors is essentially identical with the battle fought by the courageous American people from the dawn of their independence to this day for extending the area of human freedom and happiness.

We extend this invitation to all members of the faculty and the student body who share a common concern for academic freedom, regardless of their social, political or religious preferences.

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