

Weather--
Partly cloudy, cool through Friday. Lows tonight in 30s to 40s. Highs Friday in 50s to 60s.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette

CITY
FINAL
10 CENTS

VOLUME 91—NUMBER 128

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1968

ASSOCIATED PRESS, UPI, NEW YORK TIMES

IOWA TORNADO TOLL NOW 16



Gazette Aerial Photo by John McIvor

Oelwein Devastation

This was one of the scenes of devastation in Oelwein after at least one twister slashed through the community, 60 miles north of Cedar Rapids, shortly before 5 p.m. Wednesday. At least two Oelwein persons died as a result of the storm and many were injured. Damage was estimated at \$14 million. This photo shows Second avenue SE. The brick building at right is on the southwest corner of Second avenue and Third street SE. More photos on pages 8, 9 and Picture Page.

562 GI Combat Dead In Week; Highest Yet

Tom Darling, 21, Drowns in Cedar Near Palisades

Cedar Rapids News

SAIGON (AP) — North Vietnamese launched strong attacks from the Mekong delta to the demilitarized zone. Thursday north of Saigon and in the central highlands as the U.S. command announced that more Americans were killed in combat last week than in any previous week of the Vietnam war.

It said 562 Americans were killed, 19 more than the previous record in the week of Feb. 11-17.

A total of 2,225 Americans were wounded last week, a figure that has been exceeded several times during the war. Of that total, 1,153 required hospitalization.

A U.S. spokesman said much of the death toll resulted from heavy action in the northernmost provinces, where marines fought several battles last week around Dong Ha. The week also saw hard fighting in and around Saigon.

Keep Up Pressure

Allied forces reported nearly 400 reds killed Wednesday in

Suspension of Auto Workers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The AFL-CIO suspended the 1.3-million-member United Auto Workers union from the labor organization Thursday, climaxing a long feud between George Meany and Walter Reuther.

Officially, Reuther's union, biggest AFL-CIO affiliate, was suspended for refusal to pay dues. But in fact the break was seen as complete with the UAW deliberately forcing the showdown.

Meany as AFL head and Reuther as CIO head joined forces 12 years ago to form the combined federation, with Meany becoming president and Reuther vice-president.

Throughout their marriage of convenience they have been at odds.

69 Die in Storms; 43 in Arkansas

United Press International

A siege of tornadoes, one of the heaviest on record, struck a wide section of the nation's midlands Wednesday, leaving 66 persons dead and hundreds injured.

The Weather Bureau at Chicago said 67 tornadoes were reported during the 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. "This is one of the heaviest, if not the heaviest incidence of tornadoes ever recorded," a Weather Bureau spokesman said.

Darling was swimming with two other youths, Gerald Wieser and John Johnson, both of the same address.

The three reportedly had swum across the Cedar river and were swimming back when Darling went under. He was the first drowning victim in Linn county this year.

He is survived by a brother, Earl Swift, and a sister, Joan Chambers, both of Dubuque, and his parents, of near Dubuque.

Labor Party To Back Pay Curbs

LONDON (AP) — The Labor party's members in the House of Commons voted 205-42 Wednesday night to support the government's wage restraint measures in spite of a growing strike threat from the party's trade union supporters.

146 Incidents

The severe storm warning center at Kansas City said throughout the nation there were 146 incidents of severe weather, such as hail, damaging winds and tornadoes.

At least 69 were known dead. Forty-three were killed in Arkansas and 500 injured. At

least 16 died in Iowa. Eight were killed in Illinois, one in III., Indiana and one in Nebraska — a youth who drowned while swimming when a twister struck near Omaha.

Train Lifted

Six towns in northern Arkansas were ravaged. A train

Railroad freight train off the tracks near Milford, Ill. The town of Natrona, Ill., reported

its grain elevator, its school and

the homes of its 50 residents were destroyed, but there were no injuries.

Hughes' Visit

Gov. Harold Hughes visited

the storm area at mid-morning Thursday. He met briefly with

(Continued: Page 4, Col. 1)

Tornado Special on KCRG Tonight at 8

* * *

The Damon family had moved into the apartment on South Frederick just a week ago. Grace Damon is survived by her husband, Donald; three sons; a daughter and her 93-year-old mother, Minnie Morrison, who lives in an Oelwein nursing home.

2,000 Houses Destroyed at Charles City

From Gazette Leased Wires

CHARLES CITY — Twelve persons were dead and 60 percent of the city was damaged in the wake of a tornado which tore through this northern Iowa city Wednesday afternoon.

The news special includes their filmed interviews with stunned residents and officials of the two communities as well as color film of the massive destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

In addition, the news team visited Maynard, Elma and other smaller communities stricken Wednesday. KCRG-TV is channel 9.

Rescue workers digging

(Continued: Page 4, Col. 6)

Six Miners, Trapped 10 Days, Rescued; Hadn't Eaten for Week

HOMINY FALLS, Va. — Six miners given up for dead were found alive.

All said their rescue by fellow miners who refused to give up the search was "God's doing... a miracle of God's."

Fifteen trapped in another section of the mine were rescued Saturday.

Four other miners were found dead. Apparently drowned when millions of gallons of water broke through from the scum.

Only "stern discipline kept

Five of the six men rescued Thursday, told of their experience from their beds at a hospital where all six were pronounced "in good physical shape." The sixth, Jennings Lilly, 30, was unable to because of an intestinal ailment.

"I was a sinner when I went into the mine, but I came out a Christian," Joseph Fitzwater, 33, said. "Each day we grew weaker but we kept our heads. We survived through the grace of God."

The food in one of the buckets was soaked and inedible, and was discarded.

"The other two buckets had six sandwiches, and that's all we had between us. By last

Wednesday night it was all gone. We have God to thank for everything. I spent much of my time praying," Martin said.

Larry Lynch, 28, a part-time minister, said they held a "prayer session every day."

"If the Lord has ever performed a miracle, let Him do it now," Lynch said he told his comrades after they were trapped.

Martin said Lynch was "the only true Christian. He helped us a lot. We spent much of our

time praying and he was the one to lead us."

Lynch said that immediately after the water trapped them in a shaft 4,600 feet from the mine entrance they began building a barricade, 100 feet long and 34 inches high, with roof timbers and canvas.

They remained behind it and on only two occasions did they attempt to see if they could make their way out of the mine. The first time was the day they were trapped and the

(Continued: Page 3, Col. 3)

Today's Index

Comics	40
Courthouse	3
Crossword	40
Daily Record	3
Deaths	3
Editorial Features	6
Farm	22
Financial	41
Marion	18
Movies	36-38
Society	32-35
Sports	25-31
State	8, 9
Television	29
Want Ads	42-47