



Speakers at CD of A Convention

The Most Rev. Loras J. Watters, left, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, was the principal concelebrant at a mass for some 400 visitors and delegates to the three-day biennial state convention of the Catholic Daughters of America. At right is Msgr. R. J. Conley of Des Moines, state chaplain for the group. The convention ended with a noon banquet at the Town House Sunday.

Bob Kennedy Disavowing Brother's Vietnam Stand

PORTLAND, Ore. (NEA) — Against the backdrop of Vietnam talks in Paris, the question keeps arising as to what John F. Kennedy might have done about Vietnam in the years 1965-68. One observer has noted that Vice-president Humphrey is more constant and more vigorous in his defense of the late President's Vietnam policy than is Sen. Robert Kennedy.



Winners of the organization's annual Iowa poetry contest were announced Sunday. Division one winners are: first, Michael Zeuk, St. Andrew's of Sibley; second, Bruce Current, Sacred Heart of Maquoketa; third, Matthew Wagner, St. Michael's, Odebolt.

8 in Marengo Hospital After Auto Accidents

MARENGO — Eight persons were admitted to Marengo Memorial hospital with injuries suffered in weekend traffic accidents.

Admitted Sunday afternoon were Judy Olson, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Olson, and Donna Martinson, 15, daughter of the Harold Martinsons, all of Marengo; Kathy Kimm, 17, daughter of the Max Kimms, Blairstown, and Allen William Ullrich, 20, Blairstown.

The girls were riding in a car driven by Ullrich which was involved in a collision with an auto driven by John Snyder, 61, of Newhall. The highway patrol said the Snyder car pulled out from a stop sign in front of the Ullrich car and was hit broadside. The crash occurred at the Watkins corner on highway 30.

The four young people were first taken to a Cedar Rapids hospital, then transferred to Marengo. Snyder was hospitalized at Vinton.

Sunday at 9 p.m. the hospital admitted DeAnn Johnson, 14, daughter of the Raymond E. Johnsons, and Linda Yeo, 15, daughter of Mrs. Rachael Yeo, all of Deep River. They were passengers in a car driven by Gerald Gerard, 16, of Millersburg. Gerard was treated and released.

Two students at Iowa State, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory O'Connor of Davenport, were injured at 11:40 p.m. Sunday in a one-car accident on Interstate 80. The highway patrol said Mrs. O'Connor was driving and apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

The car left the road, crossed the median strip into a ditch and overturned. The accident happened 1/2 miles west of the highway 149 interchange. The O'Connors, both 20, were admitted to Marengo hospital.

Gregory Peck & Ava Gardner star on the exciting CH. 9 MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE, "The Great Sinner" at 9 o'clock.

By Bruce Bissat

which he voiced concern about over commitment in Vietnam and Asia generally. Theodore Sorensen, another top John Kennedy aide now working for Bob, wrote in his book on the assassinated President that the U. S. commitment in Vietnam was "not one that President Kennedy felt he could abandon without undesirable consequences throughout Asia and the world."

Sorensen said the late President felt the goal was clear — to show the communist forces in and outside South Vietnam that they could not seize that country militarily. Said Kennedy on Sept. 12, 1963, two and a half months before his death: "We are not there to see a war lost... we will follow the policy which I have indicated today to advance those causes and issues which help win the war."

Kennedy did indeed want the Vietnamese people peacefully to choose their own future, wrote Sorensen. But he believed that South Vietnam was too weak to survive without aid — that it would have been defenseless against externally supported communist forces.

Thus convinced, he never gave thought to pulling out. He put it simply: "I think we should stay."

One of the most recent to drop this notion is Pierre Salinger, formerly John Kennedy's press secretary and now helping his brother try to win the presidential nomination.

On its face, the argument is unprovable, since Kennedy did not live to confront the conditions in Vietnam which led President Johnson to order larger U. S. participation.

Those who try to make the unprovable case usually make highly selective use of John Kennedy's utterances on the subject — picking out those in

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limb and was knocked out of a tree. He was treated and released at the Oelwein hospital. Schuster and Blome were among hundreds of volunteers, from Oelwein and all over Iowa, who helped in clean-up work over the weekend. "Wonderful cooperation" was the way Oelwein officials described the volunteers' role.

The volunteers parked their cars in special lots at the edges of the community and were bused to work areas in the three school buses that remained operational.

Officials said that after the twister hit there were very few instances of looting. Some scattered trash fires were reported as residents burned debris, but no major fires broke out over the weekend.

Very few rats were reported and officials credited prompt resumption of garbage service as the reason for this. Full water and sewer service had been restored the day after the tornado struck.

Electric service, from Interstate Power Co., was back on in all parts of the city and residents not having service were instructed to call in beginning Monday.

Bell telephone workmen had restored telephone service to one-third of the community by Monday morning and expected that main lines would be hooked up in the worst storm areas by late afternoon. Residents were to start calling in Tuesday if their individual service had not been restored.

Many business places were in operation again, although some of them were in temporary facilities.

For example, Kuhns Blacksmith and Welding Co. was doing business the morning after the twister struck — despite the fact the firm's building was a pile of rubble.

Power was off, but Langel's Standard Service was pumping gas by means of a hand-pumping operation Thursday.

The Red Cross set up a center in the basement of the storm-damaged Presbyterian church. Another center was set up in the basement of the Sacred Heart church later for feeding and caring for the homeless.

A headquarters for locating housing for the homeless has been set up in the basement of the Chamber of Commerce building. Trailers and apartments are being located for those needing them.

In the meantime, most of the several hundred people left without housing were staying with relatives and friends, officials said.

The highway patrol was maintaining a headquarters in the Community high school and the national guard was headquartered at the Moose Country home.

Schools in Oelwein remained closed Monday until further notice.

And as the work of cleaning-up and rebuilding went on, residents all appeared optimistic. The common expression was, "We're so lucky; Charles City got it much worse."

Opium Trade Helps Defray Cost of Reds' War Effort

By Ray Cromley

VIENTIANE, Laos (NEA) — Mao Tse-tung and Ho Chi Minh are adept at making their wars Thailand self-supporting. In South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, opium is one highly profitable example.

Imaginative, effective American and allied suppression of the opium trade in Southeast Asia would cut back Red revenue appreciably and thus help slow down the communist drive both in Laos and Vietnam and hammer the underground buildup in Thailand.

Opium control would also reduce sharply the funds available for corrupting officials, whether these funds are communists or not.

"Yes," the North Vietnamese captain and former communist political commissar in northern Laos told this reporter, "we collected opium, shipped it to China to pay for arms they supplied us. This opium collection was part of our task."

The North Vietnamese control the major opium-producing areas in Laos. They're moving into the principal opium tracts in Thailand. Their annual raids into free Laos are carried out at the precise season for harvesting the opium in areas they do not control year-around. It is understood the communists have access to control a considerable amount of opium acreage in north Burma through their agents.

The Red Chinese charge the North Vietnamese stiff prices for the arms and other war equipment they furnish. As noted above, the North Vietnamese use opium to pay part of that bill.

Some of this opium moves north to Canton in Communist China or to Haiphong in North Vietnam, thence to Hong Kong. Some goes to Vientiane, Bangkok and other local markets in Laos, Thailand and South Vietnam.

Much flows south, primarily on routes that hug the border between Thailand and Laos or Cambodia until it gets to the sea.

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Numbers of Chinese and other merchants who manage the local Lao, Thai and South Vietnamese trade in opium and who handle shipments to the sea designed for Hong Kong, Singapore and on out, are known to be heavy contributors to the communists. Most of these merchants are not party men. The donations are a payoff.

Some Southeast Asian officials are also cut into the opium trade profits one way or another — as partners or through payoffs.

Sometimes the officials know they are dealing with communists, sometimes not. But in any event, corruption weakens authority and breeds discontent. This opens the door for further communist infiltration.

Obviously, not all the opium rings are communist-connected by any means. (Some prominent Southeast Asian generals have opium networks of their own.) But note that the corruption of officials helps the communist cause, whether the particular opium ring involved is communist-dominated or not.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Iowans may receive nearly \$25 million in insurance payments due to tornado and hail damage last week, according to preliminary estimates of insurance adjusters.

The Insurance Information Institute Monday estimated insured damage in Charles City and Oelwein totaled \$15 million and \$7.5 million, respectively.

About \$2 million in insured hail damage was reported in Iowa City and another \$300,000 in hail damage was listed in Omaha and Council Bluffs, the institute said.

The figures do not include insurance payments for damage to hundreds of automobiles.

Waite said the tornado which took the most lives this century in Iowa claimed 33 victims in Mills, Pottawattamie and Shelby counties on March 23, 1913. History refers to the storm as the Harlan tornado, although there were casualties in all three counties, he said.

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