



TINIKLING, a complicated Philippine folk dance, is performed by Malou Mayor and Manny DeLaRosa as sticks are manipulated by Let DePaz, left, and Li Paragus. The dance was

a highlight of the United Nations Birthday Party Friday on Steamboat Walk.



Story-telling dancers

Laotian Maniseng Chounlanounpry, left, uses dance to tell a United Nations Day audience Friday a story from her native country. Penny Ferguson, above, cofounder of the Gateway Dance Theatre, chooses the same art form to spin a tale from her native India.

Council expected to pass new flood plain ordinance

A new flood plain ordinance for Burlington is expected to be passed at Monday 7 p.m. council session. The ordinance designates the Mississippi riverfront and a portion of the Plane-Divison area as flood hazards. Property owners in the flood district will be required to have flood insurance before federally-backed loans are given for improvements or buying and selling property. Contractors will not be allowed to build in the area without proof of flood protection. Structural improvements that exceed 50% of the building's market value will also not be permitted without the insurance.

Man gets 15 years on assault count

David P. Stearns, 20, of 900 Easy St., charged in a March 11 incident at the 7-Eleven store, 1204 N. Eighth, was sentenced in Des Moines county district court Friday to 15 years at Anamosa Men's Reformatory for assault with intent to commit rape. Stearns was given a 25-year suspended prison sentence on a companion charge of aggravated robbery; a maximum 5-year probation on the charge will begin after Stearns' release from prison on the assault charge, ruled Judge Thomas Tucker. Stearns had pleaded guilty to both charges June 24. He was accused in an incident involving a 19-year-old West Burlington employe of the store; he allegedly took \$43.75 from the register at knifepoint.

Board session was 'just discussion'

The public library board held no executive session last week and violated no state law, according to board president Anna Mae Lowther. Instead, there was an informal discussion of "the social aspects" of the arrival of new library director David Calloway, who will take up duties here Monday. Lowther said Friday. It had been reported that at the end of a regular meeting at the library last Monday board member Dr. Philip Jordan suggested an executive session to discuss salaries. There was no formal vote taken for a private session, as required by state law, and the reason given for an executive meeting isn't one of those listed in the state open meetings law. After reporters left, Lowther said board members talked informally about Calloway and did not discuss salaries. Lowther said the board made no attempt to break the law, because the library is "financed by the public, and the public is welcome to attend meetings."

Weather

Burlington and vicinity: Partly cloudy and a little warmer Sunday and Monday. Winds south-westerly about 10 mph.

WEATHER DATA	
Precipitation Thursday	None
Sunrise Saturday	7:13
Sunset Saturday	6:25
TEMPERATURE RANGES	
Today	39-49
Yesterday	37-47
Record high this date 91 in 1946	
Record low this date 28 in 1943	
Record precipitation this date .25 in 1949	
RIVER STAGES	
Burlington, 9.2, n.c.	

United Nations Day

Observance was festive...

By LLOYD MAFFITT
For a quarter of a century, Burlington chapter, United Nations Assn., has been putting on memorable United Nations birthday parties, and the 1977 one was no exception.

The two-part program Friday opened with a festival and closed with a somber discussion of Human Rights, which was the theme of the program. The festival took place on Steamboat Walk between Main and Third. Displays of foreign arts, crafts, and products; organizational exhibits; and an international bake sale attracted strollers in the Main street vicinity, while at Third, east of the pilot-house stage, chairs had been set up for the program, which opened with Master of Ceremonies Robert Fleming introducing the Burlington high school string quartet (Robin Huegel, Shelly Ford, and Kris and Steven Tjaden). Next onstage was the Blue Grass Trio (James Wiseman, Shelly Ford, and Lori Stewart). Exchange students at BHS then took over the stage to supervise unusual games for children; the students were Tina Ohala, Finland; Hisayo

Shuto, Japan; Yava Svendeneus, Sweden; and two BHS students, Katy Elbner, who studied in Finland, and Lisa Kingsley, who went to Australia. A brief address by Mayor Lowell Bauer preceded an exhibition of Tinikling, a Philippine folk dance. It was performed by Malou Mayor, Manny DeLaRosa, Let DePaz, and Li Paragus, who encouraged audience participation and got it, from both youngsters and adults. Other highlights of the program were appearances by the Laotian Dancers and Gateway Dance Theatre. The Laotians were two young women who performed the highly ritualistic and symbolic dances of their native land; they are sponsored by APPLA, an association of Laotians organized "to inform Americans of the rich intellectual and philosophical integrity of their culture." Black Americans and East Indians comprise the Gateway dancers, from Des Moines, who have been delighting -- and impressing -- Iowans for the past five years. Through their dances, they show how the cultures of Africa and India have enriched American mu-

sic and dance. Caribbean dance, a blend of African, Spanish, and Oriental dance, is also a part of the Gateway troupe's repertoire. The group is directed by Lee and Penny Ferguson. He serves as general manager and is responsible for props, lights, and music. Penny Ferguson, who studied Indian classical dancing for ten years in her native India, is both the troupe's premiere danseuse and choreographer. The outdoors part of the program came to an end with the children's unsuccessful attempt to break open the Pinata, which in Mexico is a clay jar filled with candy and coins and covered with crepe paper to represent a bird, animal, or flower. It is suspended and blindfolded children strike at it with a stick, by turns, hoping to break it so all can scramble for the candies and coins. Artist Lillian Rubin's Pinata, representing a steamboat, was too sturdy for the moppets, however, and was finally broken open for them. It was attached to a wire that stretched across the street between Eklund's and Schramm's.

...but had its somber side

"Human rights are in a precarious condition in many parts of the world," stated Helen Plock, as she began the United Nations Human Rights discussion at the organization's birthday party. The subject was treated by two panels before a late-night audience at Farmers & Merchants Bank Friday. The consensus was summarized succinctly by John McCormally, when he advised the audience against becoming either overly optimistic or despairing about universal human rights. The first panel, dealing with Human Rights Reports, consisted of Peter Os-

eikwame of Ghana, A. Karim of Bangladesh, Alfonso Rogel of Chile (for whom Southeastern Community college Spanish instructor Nancy Schulte served as translator), Fr. Vitolds Valainis, a native of Latvia, and Burlington lawyer Gerald Goddard, representing the Mayor's Human Rights Commission. Plock was moderator for both panels. Reports of terror, torture, and repression were given by Osekwame, Karim, and Rogel, and the Ghanian and Chilean accused the CIA of complicity in coups that saddled their countries with dictators. Rogel declared that Chile "has become a hell" since the coup of September, 1973, which resulted in the death of Chile's Marxist but democratically elected President Salvador Allende. Vilainis, pastor of St. Patrick parish, said he remembers the Russian takeover of his native Latvia and the other two Baltic states of Estonia and Lithuania in 1939, when he was a small boy; they still suffer severe repression, he stated, including harsh restrictions on travel. The priest charged the Russians with complete disregard of the Helsinki Declaration on Rights. Goddard told the audience that the mayor's commission knows that discrimination and denial of human rights occur in Burlington but that it can't do anything about them until formal complaints are filed. He called on victims of discrimination to file complaints. "Subtle discrimination has in recent years replaced the blatant discrimination of earlier years," he said. The second panel, Human Rights Action, was made up of Thomas Mann, director, Iowa Human Rights Commission (the Iowa Civil Rights Commission chairperson, Gretchen Bataille, was in the audience), Burlington lawyer Eugene Anderson, and McCormally, editor/publisher of The Hawk-Eye. Mann called for a stronger commitment to human rights and more

emphasis on the UN in achieving international human rights. Declaring that unemployment is at the bottom of many social ills, including discrimination, he urged measures to alleviate it. He also called for a reform of the penal system and for conjugal visits for prisoners. "Prison is supposed to place emphasis on rehabilitation, but it really places emphasis on retribution," he averred. Anderson pointed out that as long as discrimination exists in the US, foreigners will look upon the country's call for universal human rights as somewhat hypocritical, especially in view of Congress's failure to ratify the 1948 United Nations Declaration on Human Rights -- which, he pointed out, was modeled on the Bill of Rights. McCormally advised his listeners not to be overly optimistic about achieving universal human rights in the near future, but "don't despair, either." He reminded them that President Carter is the first American President to call for universal human rights. As a result, he said, the Russians were forced to attempt to make a defense of their acts, a defense McCormally termed "clumsy."

One of the problems in achieving human rights, the editor pointed out, is that in granting a right to one group, another right of another group may be infringed upon. Brother Anton Torres of the Spanish-speaking Mission of the Roman Catholic diocese of Davenport, accused Carter of "speaking with a forked tongue" because, Brother Anton stated, he speaks out against oppression in some countries but not against oppression in countries allied to the USA. McCormally told him to count Carter's call for human rights a step forward. Several panelists urged their listeners to write President Carter in support of his crusade for universal human rights, and to write their congressmen to adopt the UN Declaration on Human Rights.



Boy struck by pickup

Bradley N. Miller, 2 1/2, of 648 S. Central, was struck and injured by a pickup Friday afternoon, just six days after his sister, Lisa Elaine, was found dead of unknown causes south of Burlington. "I just buried my daughter," Mrs. Gerald B. Miller sobbed after her son was struck while retrieving a ball that had rolled across the street in front of his home about 3 p.m. Miller was in good condition Saturday in University hospitals, Iowa City, where he was transferred an hour after the accident with a head laceration and possible other injuries. Johnny R. Kennedy, 41, Middletown, heading southbound on S. Central, said he saw Miller on the side of the street and slowed, but didn't think Miller would dart in front of him, said patrolman Carl Thomson. Miller was struck by the pickup's steel bumper and rolled underneath, but missed the wheels, Thomson said. Thomson said no charges have been filed. "There were no skid marks or anything that showed excessive speed. He (Kennedy) just couldn't stop," Thomson said.

Distraught

Mrs. Gerald B. Miller, left, holds her head in anguish as ambulance attendants treat her son Bradley, 2, after he was struck by a pickup truck Friday about 3 p.m. when he ran into the street after a ball in front of the Miller home at 648 1/2 S.

Central. 'I just buried my daughter,' Mrs. Miller said, referring to her daughter Lisa Elaine who was found dead of unknown causes south of Burlington last week. (Photo by John Gram)