

# Ray aide receives top State Department award

DES MOINES (AP) — The State Department's highest award for foreign service officers was given to an aide to Gov. Robert Ray Thursday for his help in identifying and prosecuting spies.

The Superior Honor Award was given to Kenneth Quinn, who was assigned to Ray's office following successful prosecution of an espionage case.

Quinn said the award was delayed until today until the two defendants' appeals of their convictions to the U.S. Court of Appeals was settled.

The award was given to Quinn in a ceremony presided over by U.S. District Attorney Roxanne Conlin, who said the case began in April 1977.

FBI agents, she said, discovered

that a large number of classified State Department cables and other secret documents were being given to the North Vietnamese government by an espionage network in this country.

Only a handful of State Department officers were made aware of the breach of security, and a few, including Quinn, were asked to help evaluate damage done to national security.

While doing so, Quinn said he suspected an additional U.S. employee was passing such documents, and FBI surveillance confirmed his view.

Quinn said today the defendants were giving the North Vietnamese government information concerning military and diplomatic matters. Among other things, he said, the two were trying to determine identities

of CIA agents.

The two — Ronald Humphrey and David Truong — were each

found guilty of seven counts of espionage and were sentenced to 15 years in prison.

## Iowa News Roundup

### Ray urges costlier booze

DES MOINES (UPI) — Gov. Robert D. Ray today urged the Iowa Beer and Liquor Control Council to consider raising liquor prices to increase revenue and offset the effects of a mandated 3.6 percent budget cut.

The council is scheduled to meet Friday to discuss the idea, which has been rejected three times before.

Ray noted the Governor's Economy Committee, as one of its recommendations to save money for the state, suggested a markup of up to 70 percent on liquor, which is now marked up 62 percent. But, the governor said, the council could impose much smaller increases after studying the matter.

The council, Ray said, traditionally studies liquor prices of neighboring states before deciding on increases. He said the council usually tries to keep Iowa's liquor prices low enough to prevent "people from hopping the border."

The state's liquor markups are now 62 percent on distilled spirits, 70 percent on sparkling wines and 80 percent on still wines.

### Slow down or lose money

DES MOINES (UPI) — Iowa will keep its federal highway money this year, but the statistics used to determine a state's eligibility for the funds have state officials worried.

Under the federal rules, 40 percent of Iowa's drivers must be driving under 55 mph for the state to qualify for the funds. Figures, compiled by the state Department of Transportation, showed 57.2 percent of Iowa's drivers obeying the speed limit. However, under a federal formula, that figure drops to 50.75 percent.

Next year the percentage of compliance required for federal funds raises to 50 percent. "That means next year 50 percent of Iowa's motorists must adhere to the speed limit," said Joyce Emery, of the state highway safety office. "It will be difficult, to say the least."

### New rule on utility cutoffs

DES MOINES (AP) — Utilities must make a good faith attempt to contact customers with credit problems who have reneged on monthly payment agreements before they cut off service, under a new state rule.

The rule adopted by the Iowa Commerce Commission is meant for customers with credit problems who fail to follow payment plans worked out with the utilities, ICC officials said. Utility officials must try to contact those customers at least a day before the service is cut off.

The change will not affect customers who are facing a service cutoff for the first time. ICC rules require utilities to give those people 12 days' written notice.

### Pope recalls Iowa visit

ROME (UPI) — A 111-person pilgrimage of Iowans Wednesday was greeted by Pope John Paul II almost a year after his visit to Iowa.

The pilgrimage, which was organized by Bishop Maurice Dingman of Des Moines to commemorate the pope's historic visit to Iowa Oct. 4, 1979, gathered in St. Peter's Square to hear the pontiff deliver a blistering attack on the evils of lust.

However, the group of Iowans was surprised when the pope told the crowd, in English, about his trip to Iowa.

"I am very happy to greet the members of the anniversary pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Dingman of Des Moines," the pope said. "On this occasion, it is a joy for me to recall my trip to rural America one year ago. I remember my visit to Living History Farms and to St. Patrick's Church at the Irish Settlement."

"We gathered in the heartland of America to celebrate the unity of Christ's church."

The pope was presented with gifts from the Iowa delegation, including a framed picture of the St. Patrick's Church.

### Boost ADC for unborn

DES MOINES (UPI) — Expectant mothers granted benefits under the state Aid to Dependent Children program for unborn children have received a break from the Council on Social Services.

The council, which on Sept. 9 approved the elimination of \$351,333 in ADC coverage for unborn children, Wednesday remanded its earlier decision.

The cutback was part of the Department of Social Service's massive budget reduction plan, which was mandated by Gov. Robert D. Ray's call for an across-the-board 3.6 percent reduction in funds to all state agencies.

Council officials said the reversal will allow about 600 persons to continue to receive assistance under the program, although the department's projected deficit will increase from \$10.6 million to nearly \$11 million.

The coverage provides ADC mothers with prenatal care during the last three months of pregnancy.

## Man sought in girl's slaying

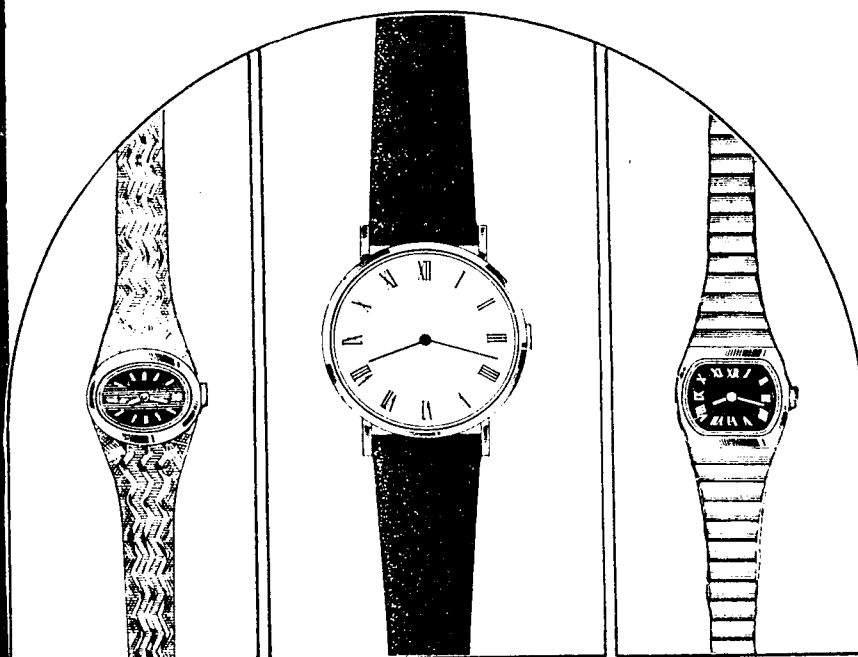
State law enforcement officials are looking for a 35-year-old "Davenport area" man who may have been among the last to see Sandra Jo Pittman alive.

Miss Pittman was found murdered in Cedar County Sept. 17. Authorities believe the 17-year-old girl was killed elsewhere and her body dumped at a roadside park about a mile west of Clarence. The autopsy indicated she died from blows to the head from a heavy object such as a claw hammer or crowbar.

Gerald Shanahan, director of the state Division of Criminal Investigation, said today the lawmen want to interview Dean Ray Tumey in connection with case. Shanahan stressed that "he is not a suspect."

IN ANOTHER murder case under state probe, that of Rose Burkert and Roger Atkinson, both of St. Joseph, Mo., who were found slain Sept. 13 in Iowa County at the Amana Holiday Inn on Interstate 80 near Williamsburg, Shanahan said there had been "no headway, but we've

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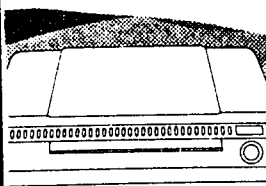
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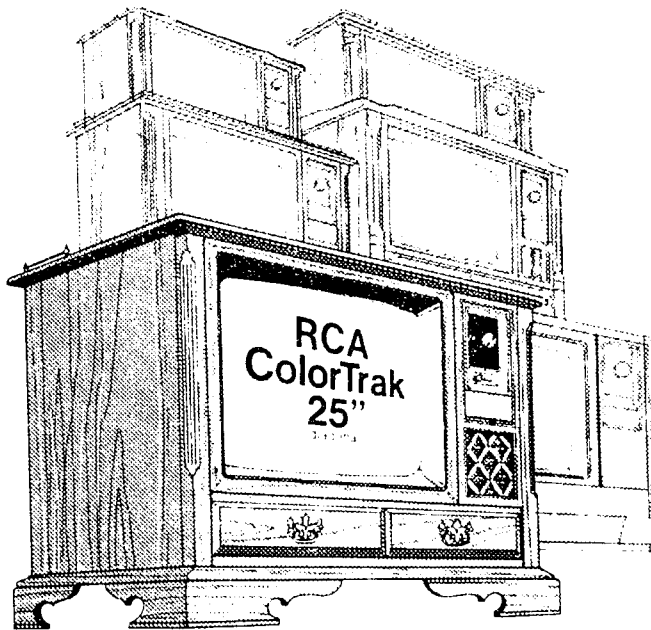
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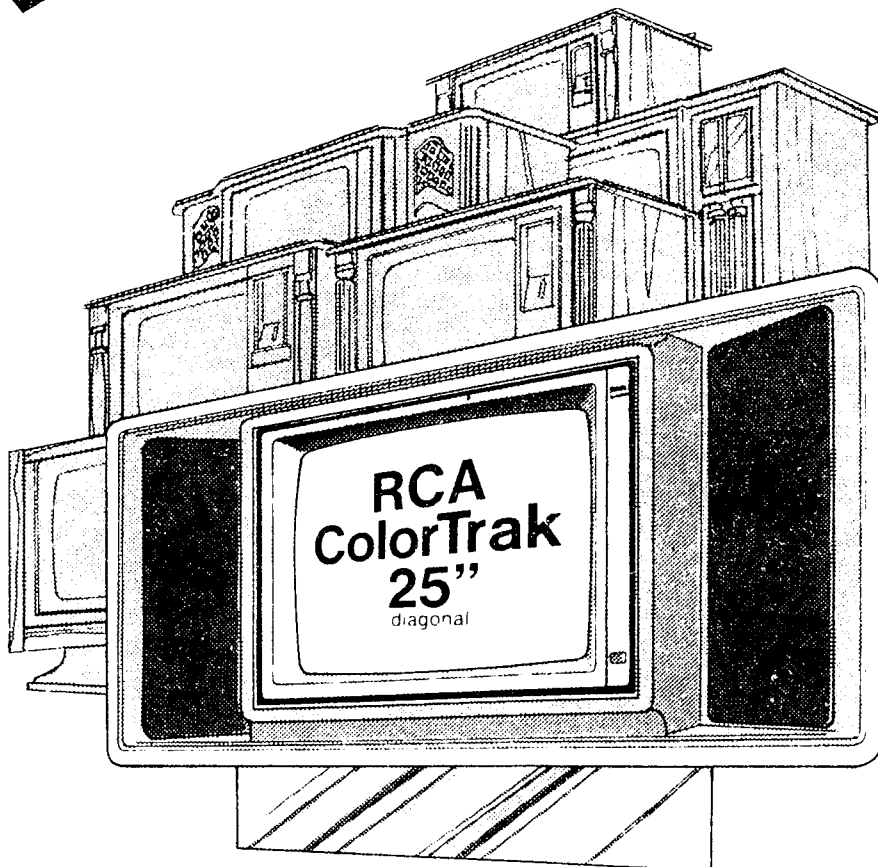
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