

Cong massacre 121 civilians

SAIGON (UPI) — Viet Cong terrorists attacking with flamethrowers and grenades killed 121 persons in the worst massacre of civilians in the Vietnam war...

Demonstrators routed at site of Rusk speech

NEW YORK (UPI) — Several hundred antidraft demonstrators, part of a larger group which was blocked from marching on the armed forces induction center...

Rusk, scheduled to address a luncheon of the National Association of Manufacturers, was target of a raucous antiwar demonstration here three weeks ago...

The demonstrators, taking part in a "Stop The Draft Week," blocked traffic on Park Avenue as they converged on the hotel...

It was not known if Rusk had already arrived at the hotel as his travel plans were a closely guarded secret.

The original plan of the demonstrators was to march on the induction center in downtown Manhattan in an attempt to force it to close.

Twenty-five persons were arrested, most of them for attempting to block traffic in the busy downtown area.

Nine traffic deaths in Troop B area

Nine persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in the 23-county area comprising Troop B of the State Patrol during the month of November.

The fatalities occurred in Clatte, Wheeler, Wayne, Platte, Holt, Knox, Cherry, and two in Madison County.

All but one of the fatal accidents were during daylight hours. Five mishaps were on state and federal highways and four were on county roads.

Transplant heart into 2 week old Brooklyn boy

NEW YORK (UPI) — A team of Brooklyn surgeons headed by Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz today successfully transplanted a heart into a two-week-old boy who had been near death.

The official report came from James Magee, an employee of the joint United States Public Affairs Office who flew to the scene...

An earlier report today said 47 were killed and 40 to 50 villagers burned in the attack carried out by a band of about 800 Viet Cong...

U.S. officials in Saigon said American helicopter gunners killed a regimental commander and 15 other North Vietnamese troops on a South Vietnam coastal hilltop.

The helicopter gunships swarmed over the hill, spitting streams of fire in a 75-minute fight that ended when U.S. infantrymen swept over the summit...

The GIs found documents identifying the major, the spokesman said. The gunships apparently caught the major by surprise...

In other developments, Air Force giant B52s struck Communist positions 12 miles north of the South Vietnam border on the Cambodian border area today...

3 arrested here in connection with 2 burglaries

Three young men were arrested by Columbus police Tuesday evening and early this morning in connection with at least two recent house burglaries.

Burglary charges were filed today against Michael W. Engel, 19, of Stromsburg; Terry E. Kasper, about 21, of St. Edward; and Randall J. Kinsman, 22, of David City.

Another home was reported burglarized Tuesday, police said. The residence of Mrs. Mary Iwan, 1222 9th street was entered by kicking out a screen door.

The three suspects, living together in an apartment at 921 2nd street, were arrested following a night of undercover work by local police officers.

They were being held in jail today pending their preliminary hearing.



WASHINGTON: Marine Capt. Charles Robb displays marriage license he secured today for Saturday's ceremony.

Robb plunks down \$2 today, picks up marriage license

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Smiling Marine Capt. Charles S. Robb today picked up marriage license No. 8772 legally authorizing him to wed President Johnson's daughter, Lynda Bird, in a White House ceremony Saturday.

Robb, 28, showed up alone at the District of Columbia License Bureau in a federal court building and presented a pink application slip.

His best man, Douglas Davidson, and the maid of honor, Warrie Lynn Smith, filed the original application last Friday and presented certificates of Lynda and Robb's blood tests taken Nov. 28 at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

They were signed by Dr. George Burkley, the White House physician.

Meanwhile, the wedding weather picture was gloomy. The prediction for Saturday called for mostly cloudy, chance of rain, winds of 10 to 15 miles an hour with the temperature in the 40's.

While Robb went through the legal requirements for the marriage, Lynda and her friends were rushing around fulfilling all the traditional rules that surround a wedding.

He added he was not ready to outline just what issues he would include in the special session call. In the past, however he has indicated that redistricting is probably the only subject he will place on the legislative agenda.

Conference on food slated

LINCOLN (UPI) — A governor's conference on the world food needs and how Nebraska might help meet them will be held at the Nebraska Center Jan. 4.

Speakers will include Gov. Norbert Tiemann; Rep. Olin Langen, R-Minn., chairman of the Republican Party Food for Peace Committee; and Dr. Quentin West, director of the U. S. Agriculture Department's Foreign Regional Analysis Division.

Johnson is losing some top talent

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Overshadowed by the impending departure of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara is the fact that the Johnson administration is losing some of its top talent in key sub-Cabinet posts.

The latest to announce that he will leave soon is the No. 4 man in the State Department, Foy D. Kohler, deputy undersecretary for political affairs.

He is to become professor of international studies at the University of Miami's Center for Advanced International Studies in Coral Gables, Fla., probably in February.

Kohler, a 59-year-old career diplomat from Ohio, served as U.S. ambassador to Moscow during the 1962 Cuba missile crisis and will have put in 35 years in the foreign service on Dec. 16.

He has served in his present job, one of the toughest and most unglamorous in the State Department, since the fall of 1966.

Slight chance of drizzle

38 at 1 p.m. 20 low this morning 56 high Tuesday 46 high year ago 36 low year ago 7:44 Sunrise Thursday 4:58 Sunset Thursday

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies are expected over east and central Nebraska tonight and Thursday, with fair skies forecast for the Panhandle.

A slight chance of light rain or drizzle is in the outlook for extreme eastern Nebraska early tonight.

At late morning, heavy snow was reported falling in Scottsbluff along with winds gusting up to 34 miles per hour. This was expected to dissipate.

NEBRASKA: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slight chance of light rain or drizzle extreme east early in night. Colder tonight and east Thursday. Lows tonight 10-15 central, 15-20 northeast and 23-28 southeast. Highs Thursday will be 35-45 in the Panhandle and in the 40s elsewhere.

THE HIGH TUESDAY was 50 at Imperial. The overnight low was 17 at North Platte and Lincoln.

EASTERN NEBRASKA: Considerable cloudiness and colder tonight with lows 15 - 20 north to the mid 20s south. Slight chance of light rain or drizzle tonight. Decreasing cloudiness and cooler Thursday with highs 40-45.

Accident Report

Table with 2 columns: Day, Total. Tuesday 1, Year's total 593, Last year 578, Injuries 128, Fatalities 1.

Denney expects to introduce bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Reps. Robert Denney of Nebraska, William Scherle of Iowa and other members of the House were expected to introduce a bill today to make changes in monthly agricultural reports from the Department of Agriculture.

Denney said the current system of reporting the crop outlook needs oversight at the county level, and the county extension director should be consulted.

He noted the failure of the Agriculture Department to accurately estimate the 1967 corn crop, saying the estimate per acre for Nebraska fluctuated from 55 bushels in July to 72 by October.

"The effect of such fluctuations is disastrous," Denney said. "A record production forecast results in depressed prices since any portion of that yield which does not materialize represents a loss to the farmer in the form of lower prices during the entire period covered by the estimate."

The Nebraska Republican said the initial estimates released in July caused an immediate drop of from 20 to 25 cents per bushel in the corn price.

Will accept offer of \$2,250,000

OMAHA (UPI) — The city council has voted to accept a \$2,250,000 offer from the Eppley Foundation for land acquisition for a city-county building.

The acceptance carries with it the stipulation the building will be located on land just west of the present Douglas County Courthouse.

Creighton U gets scholarship grant

OMAHA (UPI) — Creighton University is the recipient of a \$300 scholarship grant from Ernst and Ernst Accounting of Des Moines, Iowa.

The scholarship will be for a junior majoring in accounting.

No decision on proposed merger says Cornhusker

The president of the Cornhusker Public Power District Board of Directors said today no decision has been reached on a proposed voluntary merger with the Loup River Public Power District.

Leo Hall of Columbus described as "premature" a recent announcement by Loup that plans for the consolidation were underway.

"This proposal, along with others, is receiving consideration, but no decision is near," Hall said.

The Loup District has said the objectives of the merger would be to eliminate duplication of facilities and effect operational economies.

Both agencies served approximately the same area — Boone, Nance, Platte and Colfax counties — with the Loup District providing electricity to some 11,000 customers and the Cornhusker District to about 4,700.

However, Hall noted, Cornhusker is a rural power district and its facilities are controlled by farm interests. He said these interests fear the merger would diminish their voice in operating the district.

"There is deep concern among the rural people that an urban dominated system might lead eventually to poor maintenance and slow service," Hall said.

The Loup District has proposed the consolidated board of directors be elected from throughout the areas served by the agencies on an equal-representation basis.

Hall said this would result in a majority voice for urban interests since Loup has more city customers than Cornhusker has farm customers.

"It is entirely possible there is a feasible alternative to merger of these two districts which would provide for

elimination of duplication of facilities and would bring about the maximum economy consistent with the vastly different problems of the urban and rural areas now served by the two districts," he said.

Legislators praise power districts on proposed merger

By JACK ODGAARD (Editor's Note: With the Loup Public Power District's announcement last Saturday that negotiations are under way between it and the Cornhusker Public Power District on a proposed merger, several state senators and officials were contacted for their comments on the proposal, which appear in this article.)

Three state senators, commenting on the announcement this weekend of a proposed merger of the Loup and Cornhusker Public Power Districts, had praise for the districts in taking the initiative to achieve the most efficient operation and services of electrical entities to the people of this area.

Senators Herb Nore of Genoa, C. W. Holmquist of Oakland and W. H. Hasebroock of West Point said that this was a step in the right direction by the two power companies for achieving what the legislature has endorsed and worked out as a plan for the most efficient electrical service to customers of Nebraska.

Holmquist, who is chairman of the legislature's Power Interim Study Committee, said "it would be beneficial to the people, as users of electricity," for the two power companies in the four county area of Platte, Nance, Colfax and Boone to merge.

The power committee chairman said "I can't see why there should be two power companies in one location serving the same areas." He said that if Loup and Cornhusker would merge, their combined services would go to "more than 15,000 users in the one power entity," and said "I would think electrical rates would go down eventually."

Holmquist referred to the difficulties encountered in the legislature's efforts to do away with duplication of services throughout the state, and of controversies over areas to be served. He said that in a merger such as this there would be a "common ground of agreement" reached.

"The legislator said that one big problem in realizing these mergers has been 'a fear of giving up entities.' But, he said there should be some question as to what properties a public power company really owns. 'After all,' he said, 'who really owns these districts but the public?'"

Senators Nore and Hasebroock who represent counties of the four-county area in the state legislature, said that the proposal is highly desirable in meeting the intentions of the legislature in solidifying public power districts for service to their areas.

Nore said of the proposed merger "it's something real practical." He said "one entity compliments the other, and this would eliminate duplication of the facilities for electrical services in this area."

"Last but not least," Nore said, "it would lead to lower electrical rates." He said that the legislature's intention for public power in Nebraska is "to give the best service for the lowest rates without duplication of services."

Hasebroock said that the two

"The directors of the Cornhusker District are giving this possibility their earnest consideration. Meanwhile, we remain open to any suggestion in the interest of the people we serve."

Attempting to solve 2 slayings at Council Bluffs

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (UPI) — Investigators at all levels of Iowa government were busy today attempting to solve the slayings of two men at a Council Bluffs supper club early Tuesday.

The victims were the manager of the Club 64 and an off-duty policeman employed at the club, located east of here on Highway 64.

As much as \$1,500 could be missing from the club, investigators said, hence robbery is being pegged as the apparent motive for the slayings.

Pottawattamie County Sheriff Roy Michael said the club manager, 51-year-old Paul Rayer of Briston, Neb., suffered a massive head wound caused by a bullet and may have been struck once or twice in the arm or shoulder.

The off-duty policeman who worked at the club, John Stephens, 32, was shot four times in the chest - abdomen area and once in the neck.

Agents of the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation were to enter the case at the request of Sheriff Michael and Council Bluffs police.

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Communist China has equipped two subs to fire missiles

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Communist China has equipped its two largest submarines with launchers for nuclear missiles, it was learned today.

Sources disclosed the U.S. Navy has solid evidence that three vertical launching tubes capable of hurling missiles 300 miles have been placed aboard each of the subs, now nearing completion at Dairen in Southern Manchuria.

This was approximately the range of a nuclear-tipped missile the Chinese claimed to have tested successfully Oct. 27, 1966.

So far there is no evidence that missiles have actually been brought aboard the Chinese subs, the sources said, and it is assumed that Red China will lose no time making known when it reaches the point it could bring the United States under nuclear attack.

The two submarines equipped with missile launchers, although conventionally powered and no match for atom-driven submarines in speed and range, would make it possible for the Chinese to make a nuclear strike on the

United States years before their intercontinental missiles are perfected.

Chinese newspapers and official sources have conceded that their nation's industrial and atomic centers are open to easy destruction by U.S. nuclear weapons.

An ability to strike back, their argument goes, would at least improve their bargaining position with the United States.

One of the Chinese missile subs is already in commission and the other is almost finished, according to Navy evidence.