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## 26 DIE IN AIR CRASH IN FOG

### Jury Hits ISU Moral 'Pollution'

By Celine Nold Bruce

AMES (AP)—A Story county grand jury wants "moral pollution by faculty and paid speakers" at Iowa State university discouraged by changes in the humanities curriculum.

"The militant radical activist, both teacher and student, is involved in the humanities," said the jury in a report filed Friday in Story county district court.

The jury said it was up to the state board of regents to make "corrective" policy changes on behalf of the people, and said regents' membership should be changed if the public isn't satisfied with what it does.

David A. Norris of Ames, jury foreman, said Saturday the jury began a three-month study in September to determine what was going on at ISU.

#### Murder Cited

"The recent murder of an Iowa State coed and frequent reports of student radicals and other activists using campus media to pulp, sensationalize and otherwise promote illicit sex, drug use, draft evasion, defamation of our country and leaders demands the attention of this report," the jury said.

The jury concluded radicals were in the humanities and that the problem was not peculiar to ISU, it is greater in other institutions, and the ISU administration is doing its "level best" to meet it.

"Their (radicals) effectiveness would lead one to think that there are many more of them than there actually are," said the seven-member jury.

"Even though the trouble centers in the humanities, the average professor and student there is not a radical and is quietly doing a good job," it said.

But the jury went on: "There doesn't seem to be any doubt that some teachers are guilty of using their status to effectively subvert or undermine the morals and allegiance of some students."

It called on the regents to make "fundamental changes" in the humanities curriculum, which will "by all suitable means encourage moral improvement."

#### Emphasis

"There is a need for increased emphasis at all levels of education of the American ideal," the jury said. "Our soldier boys have been dying for this ideal. Education as never before should clearly teach it."

The jury said the power for "desirable" social change lies with the adult electorate rather than the schools.

"The radical pathfinders should be sent to the electorate, not to the captive audience of youthful minds," the jury said.

The jury took issue with the radicals' views that student control is justified because students' funds are being used.

On the contrary, the jury said, taxpayers, parents and alumni provide the money, so it is a "privilege for them to go to school."

The jury also criticized radicals who try to destroy the youthful "faith in our heritage" but offer nothing to substitute except their own control.

"Our problems are magnified by them but nothing is said about how these same problems are in other countries, or how much more the minorities here have... compared to the majority." (Continued: Page 2, Col. 6.)

#### Today's Chuckle

A political forum is where the spectators are seated in chairs while the candidates straddle fences.

### Snow Covers Ice On C.R. Streets

Cedar Rapids News—

A four-to-six-inch blanket of fresh snow, spread over a sheet of ice, slowed the pace in Cedar Rapids Saturday.

In the city, traffic bogged down in drifts where snowplows hadn't yet sliced through. Over-the-road buses were running a few minutes behind schedule, but running. The airport was closed down until further notice.

Public Improvements Commissioner Don Canney called in his snowplow crews at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, about two hours after Friday night's freezing rain changed to snow.

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Later word was received at 4 a.m. Saturday that the accumulation would be greater than originally anticipated. The city crews encountered no serious problems, although hills within the city are bad because of the ice. This hazard is being met by having the hills sanded as quickly as the graders clear away the snow.

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The weather bureau said only very light snow was falling in (Continued: Page 2, Col. 3.)

Before 3:30, city sanding crews had been plying the street.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, Canney said, all of his available plowing equipment and manpower were clearing away more than two inches of snow which had fallen by that time. This represented some 74 units, including two on loan from the parks department, one from the waterworks and four rented from a construction company.

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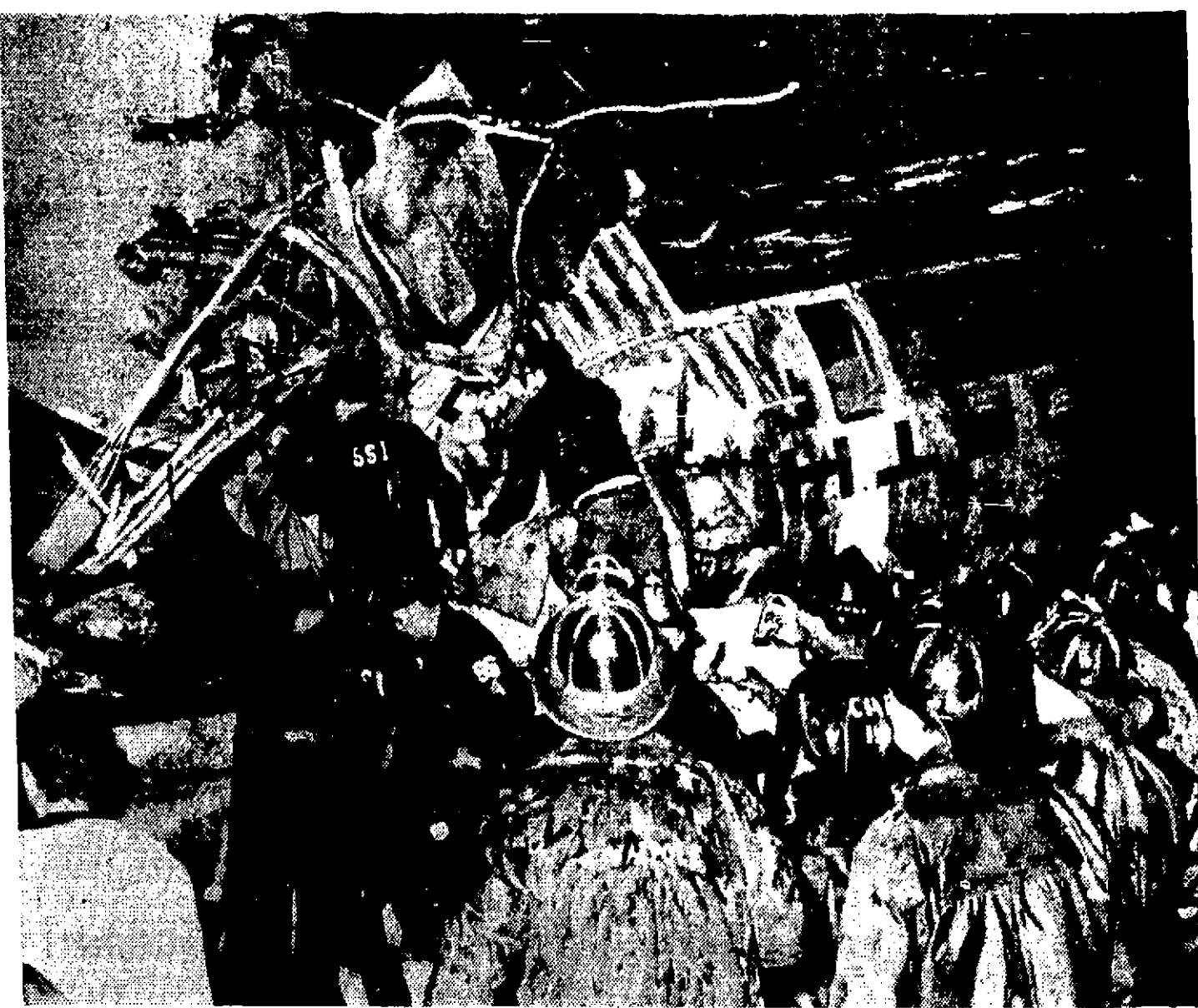
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TRAGEDY AT O'HARE—Firemen probe the shattered cabin of a North Central Airlines twin-engine Convair which plowed into a hangar last night at O'Hare airport in Chicago. The pilot was attempting to land in fog and drizzle. At least 26 persons were killed, 27 injured. (Photo of survivor on picture page.)

### 27 Injured, Including 8 Drum Boys

By John Pelletreau

CHICAGO (UPI) — A North Central Airlines plane carrying 45 people and searching for landing room through blinding fog crashed into a hangar at O'Hare International airport Friday night.

Cook county and airline officials said 26 people were killed. The airline said 27 were injured.

A boys' drum and bugle corps was practicing in the Braniff International hangar when the plane crashed through the doors, spewing burning fuel and metal on the eight boys. All were injured; some of their clothing was set afire.

It was the first fatal crash for North Central, a feeder line which has carried 18 million people around the midwest since 1948.

#### Wisconsin Cities

The flight originated in Minneapolis-St. Paul and stopped in the Wisconsin cities of Wausau, Green Bay, Manitowish and Milwaukee. Then it headed for Chicago, fog-shrouded Chicago.

O'Hare had been diverting some flights for brief periods earlier Friday because of the fog, but the world's busiest commercial airport was open at the time of the crash.

The Convair prop-jet came in southeasterly, through mist and drizzle. "It appeared to be a normal approach," a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said. He said that, while the fog was thick, visibility was a quarter-mile with a 200-foot ceiling, within minimum requirements.

The plane settled toward the runway, cleared a seven-foot fence, and had almost landed when its wing apparently tipped toward the hangar. The plane made an "exceptionally severe" left turn while still off the ground, investigators said, and crashed through two large hangar doors.

#### Fuel Blazes

Fuel sloshed from the plane and blazed. The doors crashed on the drum and bugle corps, flag bearers for the Vanguard group of suburban Des Plaines. An explosion blew the plane apart as it skidded to a halt inside.

Robert Irish, 25, of Antigo, Wis., said he was sitting in the rear of the plane. He suffered lacerations and an eye injury. "We were coming in and then all of a sudden it looked like the pilot had speeded up the engine and pulled it up," he said. "And as he pulled it up everything went blank."

"When I woke up I knew the plane must have crashed. I felt all around and I felt bodies here and there. "I started crawling and looked out the window and a couple of people helped me out. I then helped a couple of people in ambulances and then I got in an ambulance myself. There were moans and groans and people hollering for help."

One of the injured drum and buglers, Keith Carlson, 14, suffered severe burns on his back when "a piece of the hangar fell on me, on my back."

"We were marching," he (Continued: Page 2, Col. 8.)

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### Protest in D.M. Sparked By Slaying

DES MOINES (AP) — About 16 Des Moines women demonstrated outside police headquarters Saturday to demand tougher penalties for crimes against children, while inside headquarters police still awaited word on medical reports of Pamela Powers' death.

The women, some carrying signs, said they would demonstrate in front of city hall Monday morning, and would try to take their pleas to Gov.-elect Robert Ray at a later time.

One woman, who wished not to be identified, said she had received a threatening phone call Saturday morning before the demonstration.

She said a man told her not to go through with the demonstration. (Continued: Page 2, Col. 7.)

### Spacemen in Great Shape

(Photos on Picture Page.)

ABOARD USS YORKTOWN (AP) — The Apollo 8 astronauts continued physical debriefings aboard this carrier Saturday before flying to the U.S. and a belated Christmas with their families.

"They're in great shape," reported Dr. Clarence Jernigan, a space agency physician aboard the carrier.

He said Frank Borman, James Lovell and William A. Anders seemed in better condition than many astronauts who returned from earth orbital missions.

"They look great and are looking better all the time, completely alert and very happy," Jernigan commented after the astronauts completed a five-hour examination following their pinpoint splashdown in the Pacific Friday.

#### Hawaii Transfer

They had been in space for six days and three hours, during

which they soared toward the moon for 69 hours, circled it for 20 hours, then made a 58-hour run back to their home planet.

The trio planned to fly off the carrier about 4 p.m. Iowa time, Saturday, heading for Hickam airbase, Hawaii, where they were to transfer to a transport plane for a flight to Ellington airbase, Texas, near their Houston homes.

They are to arrive at 5 a.m. Sunday at Ellington, where their families will be waiting to welcome them.

After a late Christmas celebration, the astronauts will begin nine days of intensive debriefings in which experts will question them about all aspects of the flight, from the performance of the Saturn 5 rocket that fired them away from earth to their views of the lunar surface and the performance of their spaceships.

#### "Very Good One"

Preliminary analysis of what they saw and learned has strengthened America's desire to land men on the moon next year. The astronauts reported they had no trouble detecting land features or navigating around the moon, and they said a spot picked as a likely landing zone "is a very good one indeed."

Space officials at Houston said they were optimistic that the flight would lead to lunar landings, large space stations and trips to the planets.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Samuel Phillips, Apollo program director, said, "We will fly five Apollo missions next year, three of them configured with equip-

ment capable of landing on the moon."

The Apollo 9 flight, scheduled for Feb. 28, will be an earth orbit mission with the main goal of testing the lunar module, the space taxi which is to drop two astronauts to the lunar surface while the third orbits in the main Apollo ship.

#### Orbit Flight

Apollo 10 is to follow in May. It presently is planned as a moon orbit flight in which two astronauts will fly as close as

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### Reds Offer New Year's Release Talk

SAIGON (AP) — The Viet Cong Saturday broadcast a new offer to meet with U.S. representatives on New Year's day to negotiate release of three American prisoners. It came only hours after an allied announcement that there will be no cease-fire Jan. 1.

A similar meeting Christmas day broke down when U.S. representatives charged the Viet Cong tried to lure them into a "propaganda circus."

A U.S. spokesman said Saturday that he had no immediate comment on the new offer. But on Friday another spokesman had said the United States is willing to "go anywhere, anytime" to negotiate the release.

The U.S. and South Vietnam spokesmen announced that allied forces will not observe a New Year's cease-fire because

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## Soldiering: The Work Is Tragically Steady

By Bob Hope

PHU CAT, Vietnam — There seems to be a lot of strikes lately. Policemen, garbage men, school teachers, if you're looking for new and



Bob Hope

better jobs, you might consider soldiering. The pay isn't much but the work is tragically steady. Our project officer, a major

by the name of Ronald Rykowski of Waterbury, Conn., always wanted to travel. He believed what the recruiters said and joined the army right out of Sacred Heart high school in Waterbury the day he graduated in May, 1954.

The army was good to Ski as he is called by his troops.

They made him a master sergeant. Then they sent him to officers training and made him a second lieutenant. He is probably the most informed tourist in history when it comes to the central highlands of Pleiku, and he never complains about it being dull there.

Take that afternoon in March, 1967. Ski and his combat team were dropped in the Plei Trap valley to cut off the escape of a North Vietnamese regiment. They worked their way south for a day and a half trying to find it. They approached a well-beaten trail in the middle of the jungle, and coming down the trail was a North Vietnamese battalion.

One of Ski's men yelled at him to look. Ski answered, "Don't talk — shoot." They opened fire. The enemy split on both sides of the trail and in 17 minutes Ski and his team were surrounded.

Lt. Mike Sudborough from Berkeley, Calif., was mortally struck while trying to set up a machine gun. Ski remembers

Mike because he was an ROTC student from Berkeley and Mike was utterly without fear of the enemy.

In fact he extended his time in the service so he could remain in Vietnam. The only thing that had ever bugged Mike was having to run between buildings on the Berkeley campus so he wouldn't be kidded about being in uniform.

The next to fall was Pfc. Washington, who took over Mike's machine gun. The enemy overran his position and he went down firing. Ski got it next through the hip, pelvis, stomach and arm. A medic, Pfc. Odorno,

dragged him against a tree so he could still see the majority of the perimeter and direct the attack. Sgt. Bennett was against his left side and fired off to the left. His radio-telephone operator, Pfc. Stockwell, was across his stomach firing south.

Ski remembers Stockwell because when he first came up to the company he said, "I'm afraid... what do I do?" and Ski answered, "forget it. The whole thing is a John Wayne movie." And from then on it was a John Wayne movie in a matter of seconds.

The North Vietnamese completely overran Ski's

position. Bennett, the recon sergeant, fell across his knees, dropped by an RP-40 burst. That's a Soviet machine-gun made in China. Spec-4 Mucci from Boston had the radio knocked off his back. The medic threw himself on top of Ski as the enemy overran the position.

They sprayed the stack of bodies with machine-gun fire, took off all the watches, searched for money and left them for dead. Most of them were. Captain Ski lifted the dead body of Pfc. Odorno from him, retrieved a Claymore mine and set it off as the enemy passed by them.

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