

# Ford Committee Formation Lag

DES MOINES (UPI) — Formation of an Iowa Republican committee for the election of President Ford in 1976 probably will not occur for several months, state GOP officials said Thursday.

Republican state central committee Executive Director Ralph Brown said he did not anticipate members of Ford's election committee would come into the state until much later this year. Earlier Thursday, formation of a 44-member California Republican organizing committee for the election of President Ford was announced.

Brown noted under the new federal election law, the state central committee must be separate and apart from any Iowa group that will be formed to support the President's election bid.

### Separate Organization

"Under that new federal law, the state party cannot spend one penny in a presidential campaign," Brown said. "We have to be separate and apart from the organizational group that will be formed."

Members of President Ford's election team have been in contact with several Republicans in the state this week about formation of the group but no formal move is expected for some time, Brown added.

Part of the reason for the early formation of the California group was because of the possible candidacy of conservative former Gov. Ronald Reagan. Brown said it was too soon to tell if there was sufficient support for Reagan in Iowa to merit formation of a group for Reagan.

"A lot will tell whether Reagan, or any other candidate, announces for the presidency in the upcoming months," Brown said. "Anything can happen, I suppose."

Iowa is likely to generate some early interest in both parties because of the early date for precinct caucuses to select delegates for the Republican and Democratic national conventions later in 1976. The Republican precinct caucuses are set for Jan. 19.

### Before Year's End

"Because of the early date, I would imagine the formation of the President's committee as well as those for Democrats would happen before the end of the year," Brown said.

However, the number of national candidates to hit Iowa after that time would be of some question because of the lack of statewide candidates up for election in the state next year. Only the state's six congressmen will be up for re-election next year.

## Light Courts

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# Guard Short on Manpower; Ray Forms Mission Panel

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa national guard is short of its authorized manpower and Adj. Gen. Joseph May says Gov. Robert Ray is selecting a panel to look into guard affairs.

In a broadcast interview, May said guard reorganization is always a possibility because of failure to maintain required manpower.

He said the Iowa guard has 94.5 percent of the number of soldiers required, compared to 99 percent one year ago.

May said he hopes the Ray panel will look objectively at the guard's missions and what the state should do to be assured of the force that would be immediately available to help Iowa in an emergency.

### Command Policy

Although the panel's recommendations may not be the same as the guard's command policy, May said, "We are bound by federal regulations we have to fulfill."

He said the federal government "provides 94 percent of our money. We don't call it blackmail like some other people call it."

"We just call it giving them

their services as required by their submission of funds."

May said federal funds this year amounted to \$26.5 million.

### Need Incentives

The adjutant general said the guard needs incentives that would move guardsmen

### Nominations Open For School Board

THORNBURG — Nomination papers for director of the Tri-County Community school district board of education will be available until July 31 at the high school office here.

Two directors will be elected for three-year terms to succeed Paul Custer and Harold Steinhart whose terms expire in September. Elections will be held Sept. 9.

### Damages Asked

IOWA CITY — A \$430,000 lawsuit was filed in Johnson county district court Thursday against Dr. C.E. Hawtrey and Dr. Leo A. Milleman, both of Iowa City. The suit was filed by Patricia Auxier, also of Iowa City, who alleges mistreatment of back and ankle injuries she suffered in July, 1973.

# Conlin: Authority Was Exceeded By Rights Unit

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa civil rights commission exceeded its authority last May when adopting rules on mandatory retirement ages, according to the commission's legal adviser.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Roxanne Conlin said Thursday she believes a section saying mandatory retirement ages be allowed as long as a pension or other retirement program is offered is all right.

But she said requirements that employees be allowed to choose whether to participate in the plan would be in conflict with a state law requiring state employees to participate in government retirement systems.

The rules must be reviewed by the attorney general's office and a legislative committee prior to implementation.

The commission asked the assistant attorney general to prepare a memo outlining changes that would have to be made to bring the rules into conformity with state law.

# Decomposed Body Found in Des Moines

DES MOINES (UPI) — The badly decomposed body of a young Des Moines woman was found in a parked car here Thursday.

The victim was identified by Dr. R.C. Wooters, Polk county medical examiner, as Diane Marie Schofield, 21.

Wooters said an autopsy indicated the woman died of strangulation. He said the body had been in the car "about one week." He said the woman had a towel around her neck and her hands and ankles were tied.

Police said no arrests have been made in the case.

The body was found in a car in a parking lot, Wooters said.

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# 16 Charged in Drug Crackdown At Sioux City

SIoux CITY (UPI) — Police here said Thursday night 16 young persons had been arrested in a continuing crackdown on illegal drug use in the northwest Iowa city.

Officers said at least ten more arrests are expected. Police say Thursday's arrests culminated an investigation covering several months, with all 16 persons taken into custody being between the ages of 17 and their late 20s. The 16 arrested Thursday were all from Sioux City and were to be arraigned Friday in Woodbury county district court, authorities said.

Police said most of those arrested were charged with either delivery of a controlled substance or illegal sales. Illegal drugs seized in the crackdown included cocaine, LSD, amphetamines and marijuana, police said.

# Papers Available For Board Races

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowans who wish to be candidates for a school board position in the Sept. 9 election may obtain nomination papers from their local school board secretary.

The signatures of ten eligible voters in the school district are needed for a person's name to be placed on the ballot. Candidates have until 5 p.m. July 31 to file the papers with the board secretary.

The term of office for a school board member is usually three years.

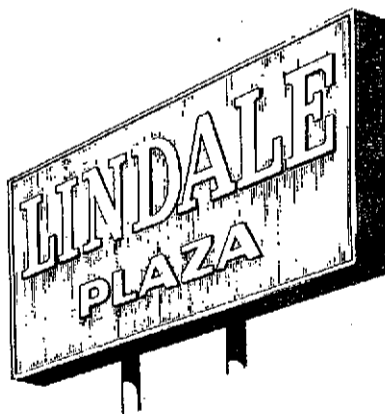
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# Markers Repaired

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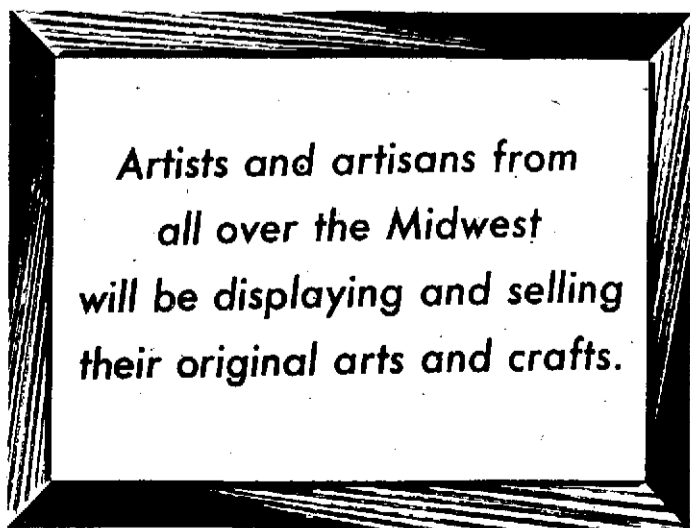
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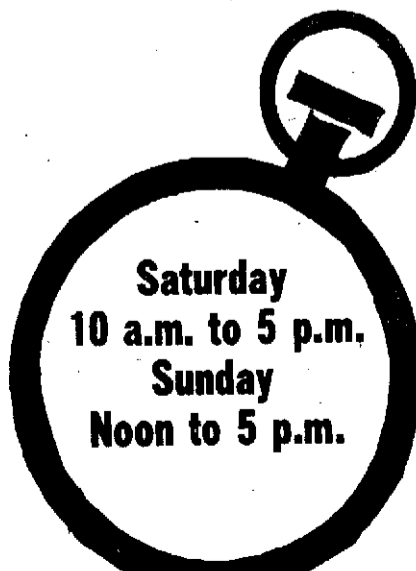
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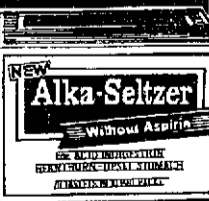
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