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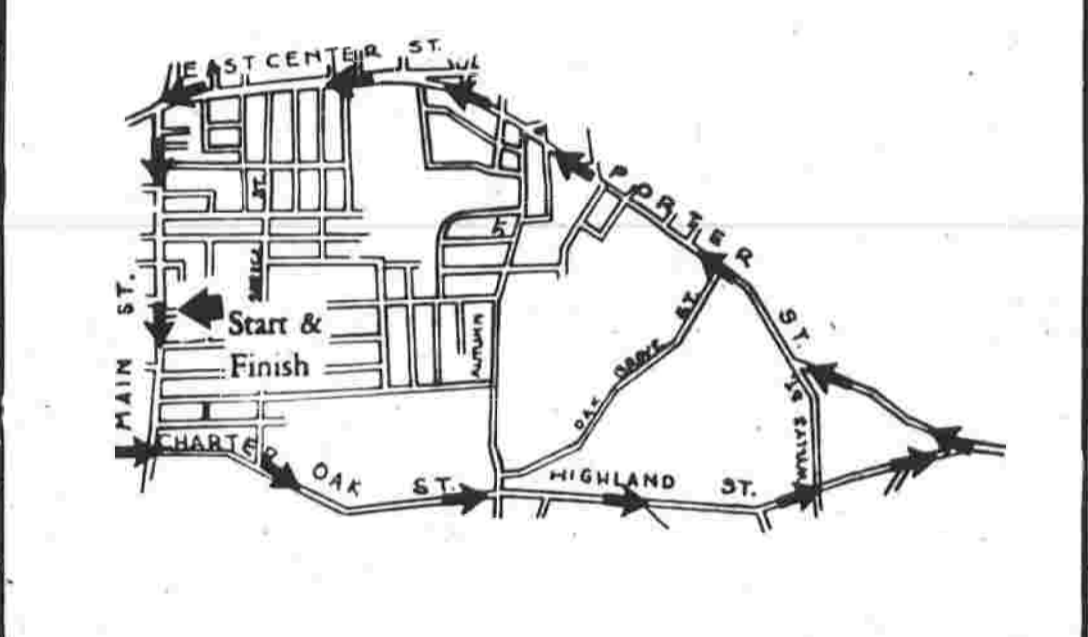
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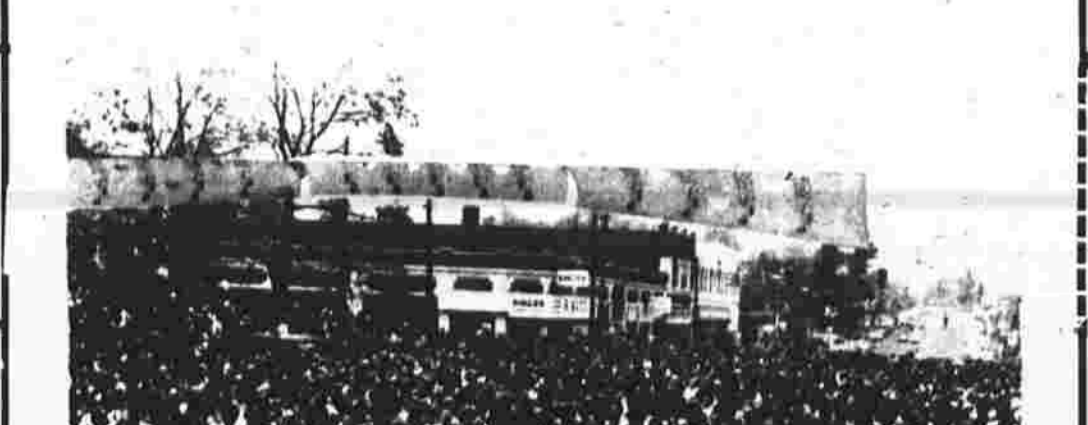
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Quake toll nears 800 in Italy

RAIN today continuing through tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and windy with high temperatures in the 60s. Details on Page 2.

WEATHER

NAPLES, Italy (UPI) — The death toll today from the worst earthquake in southern Italy since the turn of the century and the Italian government declared a "state of natural calamity."

On the basis of reports received from police by early afternoon, the Italian news agency ANSA put the toll of dead at 773. Police said the number of injured probably ran into thousands.

Rescue officials predicted the death toll would rise to more than 1,000 and perhaps much higher as reports filtered in to crisis centers from regions where phone lines were cut and road and rail links disrupted.

Thousands of troops, firemen, police and other rescuers searched through rubble for victims of the quake that devastated scores of cities and villages and rocked the Italian peninsula from the tip of the boot to Trieste on the Adriatic.

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ANSA listed 57 cities and villages where there were one or more fatalities. The list showed the province of Avellino, near Naples to be worst hit, with 169 fatalities, including 100 in San Marzano alone.

The list showed 135 killed in the province of Potenza, including 120 killed at the village of Balvano where a church collapsed on parishioners. It showed 114 killed in 21 towns in the Salerno province, south of Naples and 22 dead in Naples city.

At an emergency cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani declared "a state of natural calamity, of particular gravity in the provinces of Basilicata and Campania" (the Naples area and the mountain region to the east of it).

Forlani also proclaimed a day of national mourning and appointed a government commissioner, Giuseppe Zamberletti, to coordinate rescue work.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting Forlani and President Sandro Pertini flew to the main disaster region near Naples.

The damage was so widespread that government-run radio and television networks confined themselves mainly to reading long lists of towns and villages partly or largely destroyed by the quake. In some instances they gave local figures of dead and injured.

Many of the stricken villages were in the mountains east of Naples where scientists placed the epicenter of the main shock at 7:36 p.m. (1:36 p.m. EST) Sunday night. But in Naples itself, a nine-story apartment building collapsed and three, was

Talks continue in attempt to avoid strike

By MARTIN KEARNS

MANCHESTER — Union negotiators and owners of the Meadows Convalescent Home this morning entered last-minute negotiations, while workers prepared for Tuesday's scheduled strike.

The Meadows is the state's largest nursing care facility, and one of 18 in the state where a health care union has threatened strikes. The union is

heavy damage in other big cities of the region.

Scientists said the main shock registered between 6.5 and 6.8 on the Richter scale, the strongest in southern Italy since a 1908 earthquake killed 75,000 people at Messina, Sicily. At least eight aftershocks were recorded up until 10:47 a.m. today and kept tens of thousands of waiting women and distraught children camped out in fields away from the crumbling buildings.

In Balvano, black-shawled women wailed in the streets near a medieval church that collapsed onto its congregation.

"The entire village is in ruins," said Don Salvatore Pagliuca, 61, the priest of the Church of Santa Maria Assunta, who left his church Sunday as the quake rumbled through Balvano. The tremor cut gas mains, left city streets in flames, collapsed nine-story buildings and even triggered two prison riots.

"Half my church collapsed and there are still people trapped in there," he sobbed. "I don't know why us. These people have enough trouble as it is. It's a poor village."

A ministry official said more than 120 were killed in the Balvano area, and another 80 in and around Naples, about another 100 in the Amalfi Coast resort area between Sorrento and Salerno, and 100 more near the town of Avellino in the central mountains.

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Curious cat
As Thanksgiving Day approaches, a curious in Essex, Mass. (UPI photo) cat watches a turkey in a wire pen at a farm

Turkeys are smaller

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Turkeys are smaller and more expensive this year because of inflation and the summer drought, but most of the Thanksgiving trimmings will cost about the same as last year.

The Agriculture Department said turkey supplies are 6 percent to 8 percent below last year, and birds weigh a little less on the average than in 1979.

Both the quantity and size of the birds were reduced by severe summer weather, said Hugh McClain of Mountain Home, Ark., a turkey

Oil price due to rise

DOHA, Qatar (UPI) — OPEC oil producers are scheduled to meet in three weeks to discuss the cost of their crude, but they have already begun hinting that prices can be expected to rise by about \$2 a barrel.

In the Qatari capital of Doha, a leading English-language weekly, the Gulf Times, said Sunday the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will add \$2 per barrel to its crude prices when it meets Dec. 15 in Bali, Indonesia.

Every one dollar increase in the average cost of OPEC crude adds 15 cents to the price of a gallon of home heating oil and gasoline in the United States.

Citing "reliable sources" in the Gulf oil producing state, the magazine said the price hike will bring OPEC rates more in line with the "constant increases in food and industrial goods throughout the world."

The report, which was carried by the state-run Qatari news agency, noted that oil prices on the spot market — the traditional gauge of OPEC rates — have increased "remarkably" as a result of shortages caused by the Iran-Iraq war.

Spot prices for Arabian light oil — OPEC's benchmark crude — were running close to \$40 per barrel last week, almost \$10 per barrel above the official OPEC rate and near the \$41 per barrel record reached a year ago.

Official OPEC prices vary from a low of \$30 for Saudi Light to a high of \$37 for top-quality African crude. Rates have been frozen at the \$37 ceiling since OPEC's price talks in Algiers last June.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said recently he expected an increase in OPEC prices at the Bali meeting, or before, because of the tremendous pressure now being exerted on spot rates.

Analysts said the rise in spot prices was the result of consumer anxiety that the Iran/Iraq war will either spread to other Gulf oil producing states or drag on indefinitely, depriving the market of 3.5 million barrels per day of exports throughout the cold northern winter.

OPEC's Bali meeting will be its first since the start of the Gulf war September 22. The 13-nation cartel has been hampered in responding to market conditions by the feuds between Iran and Iraq and between Libya and Saudi Arabia.

Purchase planned monday

MANCHESTER — The Heritage Savings and Loan Association is reportedly prepared to purchase the House and Hale Building on Main St.

William Hale, president of Heritage, called a news conference for 8:30 tomorrow. Hale would not comment on the purchase of the conference, but it is apparently an announced plan to make the purchase.

Reportedly the building will be restored and will be converted to condominium offices for sale to individual officers.

A sale of the building which once housed the House and Hale Department store, has been rumored in recent weeks, but no specific information has been made public.

Heritage, however, has been known for its desire to assist in restoration projects in town.

Hotel fire

Fire officials say they may find 40 more bodies in the ruins of Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel ... Even as the search continues, the hotel's owners announce plans to rebuild ... Page 20.

President-elect

Speaking to the fears of black Americans, Ronald Reagan points to his record as governor of California ... Reagan's incoming administration will have to decide whether to sue Mexico for last year's oil spill ... Page 18.

In sports

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Update

Town holds a bake sale

GOLD BAR, Wash. (UPI) - When residents discovered they had overspent their 1980 budget, they didn't look to the federal government or the state for help - they held a bake sale.

The 662 townspeople got together to sell baked goods and used clothing to bail out the community, and Mayor Ed Grant said Sunday the weekend event was a huge success.

Two of 'gang' in court

PEKING (UPI) - Two members of the Gang of Four stand in the dock today on charges of framing the revered late Premier Chou En-lai and Deng Xiaoping, the country's current strongman, an official announcement said.

Wang Hungwen, 44, and Yao Wenyan, 49, were brought to court today to face the charges, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Weather forecast

Occasional rain, high temperatures 45 to 50. Rain tonight possibly moderate or heavy at times, ending around daybreak. Lows 35 to 40. Tuesday partly cloudy and windy with highs in the 40s.

Long Island Sound

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. (UPI) - Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, N.Y., to Montauk Point, N.Y. Southeastern winds 15 to 20 knots and gusty towards evening.

Extended outlook

BOSTON (UPI) - Extended outlook for New England Wednesday through Friday. Mass., R.I. & Conn. Chance of rain developing Wednesday. Clearing Thursday.

The Almanac

By United Press International Today is Monday, Nov. 24, the 329th day of 1980 with 37 to follow. The moon is moving toward its last quarter.

Temple deputy graces court

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) - Lawyers for Larry Layton, the Peoples Temple deputy accused of being a member of the ambush team that killed Rep. Leo Ryan in Guyana, plan to challenge the validity of the federal law under which Layton was indicted.

Polish workers protest

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) - Rail workers staged a two-hour walkout on commuter lines in Warsaw and Gdansk

Ships collide in river

VENICE, La. (UPI) - An oilfield crewboat with four men aboard collided with a freighter near the mouth of the Mississippi River today, apparently trapping the crew inside. At least one crew member was believed alive, the Coast Guard said.

Stronger leadership urged

WASHINGTON (UPI) - World and national trends are threatening America's capacity for self-government and they require strengthened presidential leadership, the National Academy of Public Administration said today.

Disclosure doesn't halt protest by firefighters

WATERBURY (UPI) - The unprecedented opening of city service records has done little to change the protest of union firefighters over the appointment of an "outsider" as fire chief.

Mushroom poisoning up

FARMINGTON (UPI) - Growing interest in natural foods has led to an apparent rise in poisoning cases among those who seek out and eat wild mushrooms, state health officials report.

Nuke plant runs again

HADDAM (UPI) - Connecticut Yankee nuclear power plant returned to 100 percent operating capacity over the weekend after engineers adjusted a turbine generator that had malfunctioned and shut down the plant for two days.

Peopletalk

Doubletalk

President-elect Ronald Reagan won the 1980 "Doubletalk Award" from the National Council of Teachers of English meeting in Cincinnati. President Carter was second and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission third.

Dad knows best

Ernest Earl Pennington sat on the detention bench at Chesapeake High School this week. Ernest is a 32-year-old railroad worker. His son, Dennis, 16, was late for school earlier this week - his third tardy demerit - and was sentenced to time on the school's "black bench."

Quote of the day

Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman, disabled by polio since childhood, will appear on "Sesame Street" this season to help teach kids that disabilities are part of life. There's another reason, he explained.

Glimpes

Julie Andrews, who stars with Rudolph Nureyev in the special Nov. 30 "Invitation to the Dance" segment of the CBS Festival of the Lively Arts, has volunteered to serve as honorary chairperson of Save the Children Day on May 1.

Lottery numbers

Numbers drawn Saturday Connecticut 916 Maine 221 New Hampshire 984 Rhode Island 2717 Massachusetts 9188

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Top Notch Foods advertisement featuring Thanksgiving specials, USDA Beef Cut Choice from Chuck, Lean Ground Chuck, and various meats and poultry products at discounted prices. Includes a 'Meat Masters' section with items like Boneless Top Round Steaks and Beef Roasts.

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Editorial

Asking for revolt

The Democrats in the Connecticut state senate are begging for a tax revolt with the recent inclination toward increasing the sales tax to 8 percent.

Opinion

Thoughts

"The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks and water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey, a land wherein your shall eat bread without scarcity and shall not lack anything in it ... and you shall eat and be satisfied and bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you." (Deuteronomy 8:7-10)

the sales tax is increased to 8 percent the items that were bringing in sales tax revenues of \$7 in June would bring sales tax revenues of \$9.60. In actual dollars paid for the sales tax the increase in the example above would mean the same goods that were taxed at 7 percent in June, but would now be taxed at 8 percent would amount to a whopping \$37.14 percent increase in dollars going to Connecticut.

Massachusetts is reeling from the decision early this month by voters in that state. But Massachusetts state government asked for it in much the same way Connecticut is begging the question.

The Herald in Washington

By LISA SHEPARD

WASHINGTON - It is as easy as voting to find a Westerner angry that the 1980 election was over before their polls closed. ENR said difficult as getting elected to find a workable solution to problems brought on by early network projections.

Do western voters count?

California's Secretary of State Mark Fong Eu estimates that nearly 50,000 people decided not to vote after the winner was announced and the losing candidate had been declared the victor.

discussed with California Republican Sen. S.I. Hayakawa the idea of making the state proposal a national law. Greg McMurdo, assistant secretary of state for Oregon, says too many problems with that. Ballot security for one and the high costs of opening the polls twice. Instead walking away from the polls once Reagan was declared the victor.

Senate. "There's likely to be action on the problem," said another Hatfield aide on the Rules Committee which handles election matters. "The safest proposal would appear to be some directive to local and state election officials not to release results until a certain time."

insurmountable First Amendment problems, is to prohibit the networks from announcing returns until all polls close. That being an unlikely solution, proponents of muzzling election officials believe that interviews with citizens after they vote without the backup of local returns would make television announcers reluctant to predict a winner.

"The theory is that having voting on Sunday would mean most people are free to vote," said a Biaggi aide. Biaggi's proposal is also aimed at increasing voter turnout, which has steadily declined since 1960 when 62.8 percent of the eligible population voted to 1980 when only 52.3 percent cast a vote.

By Bob Wagman

WASHINGTON (NEA) - The candidates were not the only winners and losers when the votes were tallied up on Election Night. There were also the political insiders who had worked in one campaign or another. And there were the politicians whose fortunes may be radically changed by the election even though they were not running for office.

The Wagman file

Most of this year's unelected winners turned out to be Republicans. Chief among them were Richard Wirthlin, Stuart Spencer and James Baker. All key figures in Ronald Reagan's victorious campaign.

Wagman file. Since both had worked for President Ford and other moderate Republicans, they were not welcomed with open arms by many of the conservatives surrounding Reagan.

But with Spencer on the candidate's plane and Baker at campaign headquarters, order quickly emerged from the chaos. Most observers credit them with turning the Reagan effort around.

Another winner in Campaign '80 is Richard Viguerie, the direct-mail expert who helped to fill the war chests of most of the Republican Party's conservative new senators. Viguerie did more than raise money, however; he was an advisor to many of the winning campaigns.

Aside from Carter, the biggest losers among his forces are pollster Patrick Caddell and media advisor Gerald Rattson. Caddell is telling one and all that he correctly predicted on the Sunday before the election that Carter would lose to Reagan by 10 percentage points. But just one week earlier, Caddell had been reporting a definite trend toward Carter. His polls in a number of states prompted last-minute decisions on the allocation of resources and candidate time that in retrospect were all wrong.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Reagan faces pressure to buy arms - but more isn't better

WASHINGTON - With almost two months to go before the presidential inauguration, the great corporate scramble has already started for the defense dollars that Ronald Reagan has vowed to spend.

The United States also spends far more than the Soviet Union on personnel, operations and maintenance. In contrast, the Soviets put most of their money into military procurement, construction and development.

makers are eager to catch up with the Soviets in spending. The clamor for contracts, however, could wind up producing more profits than firepower. Contractors want to rush ahead with dubious weapons before they are proved, pet projects that may turn out to be impractical, military gadgetry that won't function under combat conditions.

U.S. companies may have a technological advantage, but Soviet factories produce simple, solid equipment that is at least operable. Declare the Joint Chiefs. "Because their planned economy places a high premium on reduced technological risk, Soviet designers stress simplicity in equipment and induce a steady progression of new weapons, with each model displaying modest improvements over the previous one."

fund-raising efforts to provide scholarships and other worthy projects in Crosby's name, the society sent word of its proposed good works to the president, Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain and the British, Canadian and Australian prime ministers.

Said Twiss: "If prime ministers and even the queen of England can take a few seconds to dictate and sign a reply, it seems incredible that our own president saw fit not to reply."

Russian Jewish immigrants find problems in U.S.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) - A handful of Russian Jewish immigrants who fled their homeland to escape persecution say they will never return, but life in the United States is more difficult than they thought it would be.

Four immigrants recently gathered in the living room of a modern, air-conditioned apartment where they talked frankly about the problems facing them in South Carolina.

"We are happy we are out of Russia, we don't ever want to go back, ever," said Natasha, an attractive woman with short, copper-colored hair and high Slavic cheekbones who does not want her real last name revealed for fear of reprisals against relatives still in the Soviet Union.

"They come with two sets of ideas," Weintraub said. "One is that the streets are paved with gold and they are going to become instant millionaires, rich American capitalists."

face shows signs of tension, said he and Natasha wanted to go to New York City with their 11-year-old twin sons.

"You become accustomed to luxuries quickly," he noted.



Can you match the following 1980 Winter Olympic gold medalists with their sports? 1. Robin Cousins 2. Inger Stenmark 3. Karin Kloeck 4. Bernard Glass 5. Anton Innauer a. Alpine skiing b. luge c. ski jumping d. figure skating e. speed skating

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Manchester Product Show sets record

MANCHESTER — About 13,000 persons jammed the Manchester Product Show over the weekend. Chamber of Commerce officials report, exceeding expectations by at least 3,000.

This third year of the program featured Manchester businesses covering industry retailers and service agencies, along with various charitable groups.

Held at the J.C. Penney Distribution facility in the Industrial Park, the show expanded from about 100 booths to cover 18. Previously, the show had been held at Manchester High School where the number of booths was limited due to the size of the school's space.

A charitable spokesman said officials there were pleased with the turnout and the J.C. Penney site. She said it was too early to predict whether the annual event would now take place at Penney's permanently, but that "We've heard no complaints from anyone."



Product show crowds

An overall view of the Manchester Product Show at the J.C. Penney Warehouse Saturday, shows the crowds which thronged to the show on both days. About 13,000 persons attended the two-day event. (Herald photo by Pinto)



Redcoats arrive

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club, the Redcoats, had their debut appearance during the Manchester Product Show over the weekend at the J.C. Penney Complex. Town Manager Robert Weiss, right, stopped by the Evening Herald-sponsored Ambassador booth to get a first look at the organization that will be the good will arm of the chamber. From left, Ambassadors Steve Thornton, Richard Schaefer, Michael Lynch, and the Rev. Philip Saunders man the Ambassador booth at the show. (Evening Herald photo by Pinto)

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Show demonstration

Cousins Kim Nadeau, left, and Nicole Nadeau, both of Coventry, participated in a warehouse UPI photo demonstration of a hot tub at the Manchester

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Profit presentation

Proceeds from a crafts fair at Westhill Manchester Housing Authority; Mrs. Nancy Carr, executive director, MACC; Laurie Area Conference of Churches and the Prytko, director, Manchester Sheltered Workshop Friday. From left, Dennis Phelan, executive director of the

EDC reaffirms position on power right-of-way

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Economic Development Commission this morning reaffirmed its Nov. 6 vote not to relocate power right-of-way to the Buckland Industrial Park.

The right-of-way goes through property of Mrs. Suzanne Shorts of Burnham Street and would require moving or destroying two tobacco sheds.

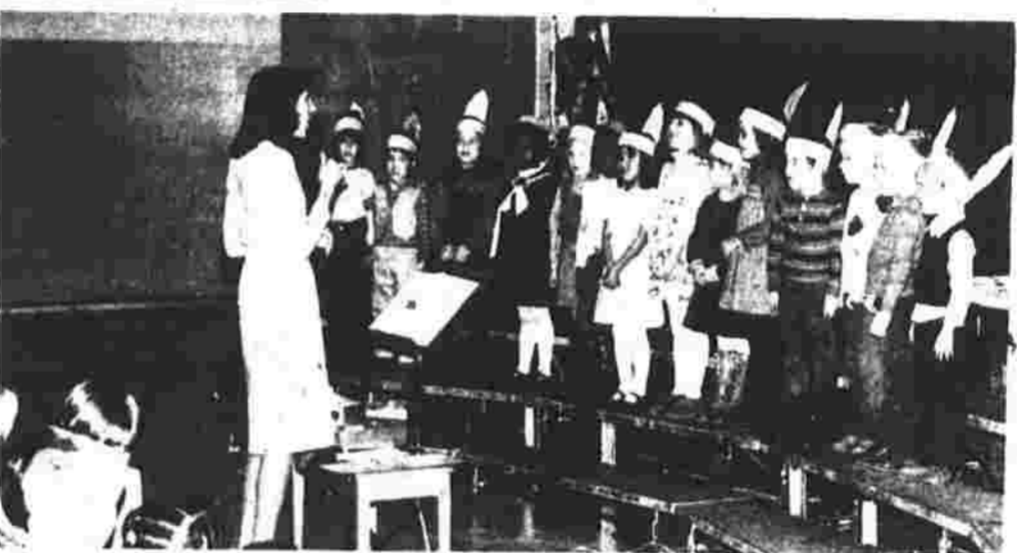
In this morning's vote, the EDC accepted a recommendation of its subcommittee which met last week with officials of the Department of Transportation and Northeast Utilities in an effort to find alternatives which would lessen the impact on the Shorts property.

The considerations mentioned this morning were the same as those brought up at the Nov. 6 meeting. Among them are that moving the right-of-way would probably cost the town a half million dollar grant with a time limit set on it, that would cut

one of the parks in the park, and that if the path of proposed Interstate 291 is shifted to adjust to a different right-of-way still more harm might be done to the Shorts property.

The path of the proposed power line was shifted at the town's request from an earlier location to avoid cutting the industrial park by 25 acres. It follows what would have been the path of Interstate 291 if the park had not been built.

Mrs. Shorts contended again this morning that the Interstate 291 is not yet in design stage and thus its location is not finally fixed. However, she thanked the commission for the time and effort it has extended in her behalf.



Many little Indians

Kindergarten students at Robertson Elementary School in Manchester Friday participated in the school's Thanksgiving program. Directed by Mrs. Pattie DeHuff, the students sing "Timothy Turkey." The program included songs performed by all the grades, and a play. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Fahey asks change in liquor hearings

EAST HARTFORD — State Sen. Marcella Fahey, D-East Hartford, is urging the state Liquor Control Commission to hold public hearings on renewal of liquor permits in the community where the business is located, if residents petition the commission to hold the hearing.

Presently, all hearings are held in Hartford during regular business hours, Mrs. Fahey said.

She said the hearings held during the daytime in Hartford frequently eliminate from the process persons who live in distant sections of the state or whose jobs don't permit them to take hours out to come to the hearing.

The liquor permits are renewed annually by mail unless the commission receives a petition signed by ten community residents.

The petition then mandates a hearing within 21 days.

Mrs. Fahey said she knows the commission has a busy calendar but that "every effort should be made to permit trips to the localities involved." She said the hearings could be easily held in a local school or town hall during evening hours when most residents are able to attend.

She said holding the hearings on disputed renewals during the evening hours in the community where the business is located will further the state's effort to achieve a fair hearing.

Brown loses ruling

MANCHESTER — Ruling that the Cooper Street Package Store violated state minimum price regulations, the state Liquor Commission last week suspended owner Steven Brown's liquor permit for five days. The suspension, however, was held in abeyance.

The ruling will go on Brown's record, although the suspension will not be implemented unless future violations occur, a commission spokesman said.

At a hearing Nov. 13, commissioners said a \$100 prize offered by Brown's wife, Lynda, who operates a bottle redemption center, was used to circumvent state minimum price laws.

Commissioners said the prize was paid with a check from the package store which indicated a direct connection between the two operations. Based on the connection, the commission said Brown violated a law prohibiting package stores from giving free gifts to customers.

Lynda Brown operates the Manchester Bottle Redemption Center, located across the street from her husband's package store. To promote her recycling business she offered a \$100 raffle prize.

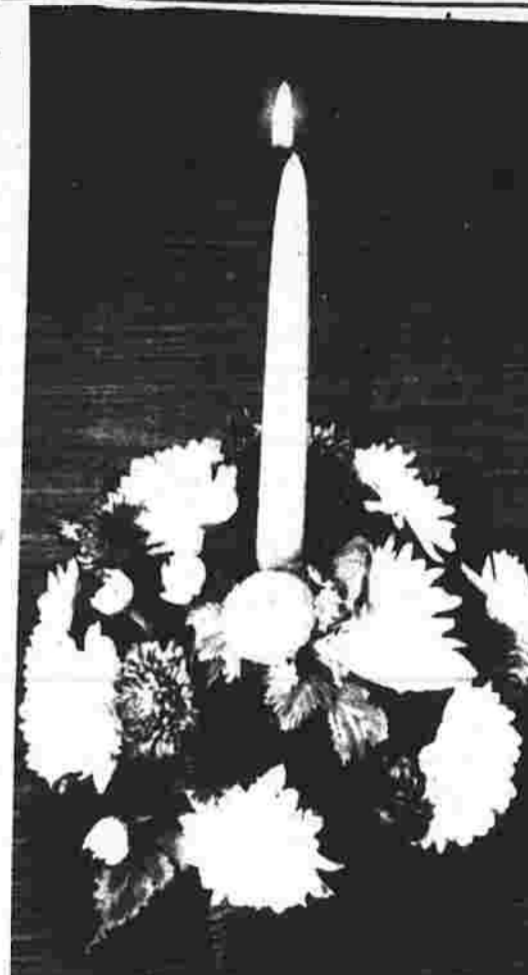
Brown, however, maintains the two businesses are separate operations, and that the Liquor Commission has no authority to regulate the redemption center.

About two months ago Brown was called before the commission to answer charges that the two businesses were operated jointly. At that time the commission said Brown had given 10 cents for the return of empty cans and bottles, instead of the standard 5 cents.

Brown answered the charges, saying the premium was paid through his wife's business. The charges were dropped after Brown said his wife would stop paying the premium.

Brown has said he will appeal last week's decision, which he hopes will establish a precedent.

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Special meeting

President-elect Ronald Reagan, center, sits with aides during a meeting in Los Angeles, Sunday with his advisory panel to get first hand advice on filling cabinet posts and other government jobs. With Reagan at the meeting, which consisted of 20 panel members, are his panel chairman, Attorney William French Smith, left, and Edwin Meese, who will become White House Counselor to Reagan when he takes office early next year.

Reagan says record shows black concern

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Speaking to allay the fears of black Americans, Ronald Reagan says his record as California governor should reassure them of his concern for their needs, and he hopes "to do even better" as president. NAACP President Benjamin Hooks said Saturday there was "hysterical fear" among blacks that Reagan's actions will hurt them and the programs designed to help minorities. He urged Reagan to go on television to reassure blacks he cares about them.

Well, Reagan told reporters outside the Bel-Air Presbyterian Church Sunday. "I think my record indicates that — what we did in California and I hope to do even better on the national level. He did not amplify. But when one of Reagan's advisers was asked the same question on ABC-TV's "Issues and Answers" Sunday, former HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger said: "There is no man who is more concerned with the welfare and with the human condition of everybody than Governor Reagan."

Reagan to decide oil spill lawsuit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Ronald Reagan's incoming administration probably will have to decide whether the United States will file suit against Mexico's national oil company for last year's mammoth oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Envoy ends parleys on Iran-Iraq war

BAGHDAD (UPI) — Special envoy Olof Palme wrapped up a week of talks with Iranian and Iraqi leaders today saying there are good objective reasons for peace in the nine-week-old Persian Gulf war. "I refuse to be optimistic or pessimistic," said the former Swedish prime minister, who talked for three hours with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Sunday night. In Tehran, Parliament was to hold a "mandatory" public session today at which all deputies not involved in the war must attend, but Tehran radio gave no indication of what would be discussed.

Algerian envoys bring Iran reply

By United Press International. Algeria, which is acting as Iran's go-between with the United States over the hostages, sent two ambassadors to Washington with Iran's latest terms for the release of the 52 American hostages. In Iran, the official Tehran Radio announced a mandatory parliament meeting today and urged all members of the Majlis not immediately involved in the war with Iraq to attend. The broadcast gave no indication of what might be discussed. Abdelkram Gherab, Algerian ambassador to Iran, told Athens Radio Sunday that Iran wanted clarification on the U.S. negotiating offer. He flew to Algiers to meet up with Algerian envoy to Washington Reda

Media muzzling plan mulled for elections

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Canadian solution of muzzling the media is one of three proposals under consideration to eliminate another Election Day where the presidency is decided before the West Coast has completed voting. On Nov. 4, the early results were so clear that President Carter conceded to Ronald Reagan shortly before 10 p.m. EST, well before West Coast polls closed.



Official visit

Canada long ago chose the first option — muzzling the media — a step that could run into constitutional problems in the United States. Under a 1938 Canadian law, no election results may be broadcast or reported in a district until the polls there have closed. Thus, national television and radio stations may report the results in Ontario at 8 p.m., but only on the East Coast. The law, enforceable by a \$5,000 fine, is followed most of the time, but there have been lapses. In February's national Canadian election, western Canadian cable companies carrying Montana and Washington state TV stations broadcast East Coast voting results on their 7 p.m. newscasts — an hour before Western polls closed.

Canada's cable companies successfully pleaded innocent on grounds they had no advance knowledge of the American stations would broadcast Canadian election results. A similar measure is pending in Congress. Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, introduced a bill Nov. 12 that would bar broadcasting presidential election results anywhere in the United States until all polls close nationally. He proposed a \$10,000 fine. Other members of Congress say such a measure would encroach upon free press rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, and they have offered alternatives.

Rep. Mario Biaggi, D-N.Y., introduced in August a bill requiring all polls close.

Since polls must remain open 12 hours in each state, Hayakawa's impasses on simultaneous closings would allow some states — such as Hawaii and Alaska — to open polls the night before an election so people would not have to arise before 6 a.m. to vote. —Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., last week introduced a bill calling for simultaneous closing times in all presidential elections. He also offered a measure requiring election officials to seal results until all polls closed. —Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, R-Calif., introduced four bills. One is identical to Biaggi's, two would require simultaneous poll closings at either 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. EST, and the fourth would forbid release of results until the Stamford post.

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