

news digest

By The Associated Press

Federal aid

Gov. J. James Exon requested federal aid Tuesday for blizzard damage estimated at \$5.2 million. Public power facilities in western Nebraska were damaged by the 36-hour blizzard last week.

The Nebraska Public Power District reported \$3 million in damages, other rural districts reported \$2 million and Western Nebraska Technical College in Sidney reported \$200,000.

The Midwest Electric Membership Corp. reported damage of \$709,800 and the Wheatbelt Public Power District said it lost \$500,000. Southwest Public Power District lost \$310,000.

Chrome embargo

Salisbury, Rhodesia—Prime Minister Ian

Smith said Tuesday night the reimposition of the United States embargo on Rhodesian chrome imports would have minimal effect on his country's economy.

The Congress voted Monday and Tuesday to reimpose the embargo. The legislation, supported by President Jimmy Carter, repeals the so-called Byrd amendment under which the United States has imported chrome from Rhodesia since 1971 in defiance of United Nations sanctions. Carter is expected to sign the bill.

No confirmation

Washington—Nebraska Sen. Edward Zorinsky Tuesday said he would neither confirm nor deny a report that his administrative assistant was fired last week and did not resign.

William Kranda, a top aide to Zorinsky when he was mayor of Omaha, left Washington unexpectedly last week and said he had resigned effective March 31, according to the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Kranda said he had taken the Washington job on a trial basis, that his family and roots were in Omaha and that he and

Zorinsky had parted amicably.

However, it has been reported that Zorinsky fired Kranda because he was dissatisfied with the way Kranda organized Zorinsky's staff. According to the report, Kranda told Zorinsky there were staff problems because the senator would not pay his employees salaries comparable to those in other Senate offices.

Goldwater shocked

Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater Tuesday labeled as "completely untrue" a report by a group of investigative reporters that he had dominated Arizona politics for 20 years while condoning the presence of organized crime. In a television interview he said he had nothing to do with state government. He said he thought reports by Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc., which produced the series of stories in question, were "dishonest and . . . I'm shocked and I'm resentful."

Asked if he planned to take legal action, he said: "Well let's put it this way, I'm not going to let my name be besmirched."

He said if his lawyers do decide to file suit, it will "probably be the biggest in the

history of the United States . . ."

Goldwater acknowledged that he accepted a campaign contribution for his first Senate campaign from a man described as a racketeer. Goldwater denied being involved with underworld figure Meyer Lansky.

Tunnel

Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett Tuesday proposed that the Nebraska Legislature appropriate funds to construct a pedestrian tunnel from the Capitol to the new state parking garage on L Street.

If done, that would complete a tunnel connection between the Capitol and the new state office building north of L Street between 14th and 15th Streets.

A tunnel under L Street now connects the office building and the garage. Barnett told the Appropriations Committee that a ventilated, lighted, eight-foot high tunnel would cost about \$230,000.

He said it would be a safety factor for employees crossing one-way streets between the Capitol and the office building.

short stuff

The Nebraska East Union Program Council has three openings: Union Advisory Board representative, treasurer and chairperson of the Professional, Family and Minority Programs Committee. Persons may pick up applications in East Union, Suite 314, or Union 220 and 334. For more information call Tony Warner, 472-1776, or Craig Hertel, 467-3047.

The Baptist Student Union is sponsoring a 6:59 Rally tonight in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Prospective Law Student Association will meet at 7 p.m. in the Union. The UNL Dean of Admission for the Law School will be the guest speaker.

Phi Chi Theta will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The UNL Spanish Club will present the film "Macario" in Spanish with English subtitles at 3 p.m. at the Sheldon Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

The Union Program Council Public Relations Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Union 115.

The Medical Career Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Ralph Ewert's home. Persons needing rides can meet at Wesley House at 7 p.m.

William Fry, professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will speak on "Simple Physics of the Violin—Did Stradavari Have a Secret?" at 4 p.m. in Westbrook Music Bldg. 119.

Alex Haley, author of "Roots" will speak "In Retrospect and Perspective" at 8 p.m. Friday at UNO's Field House. Admission is \$1.

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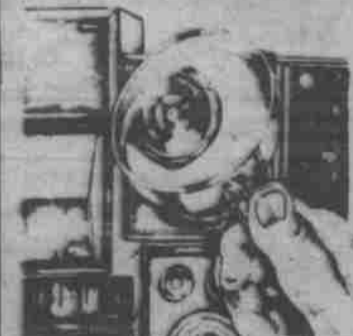
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