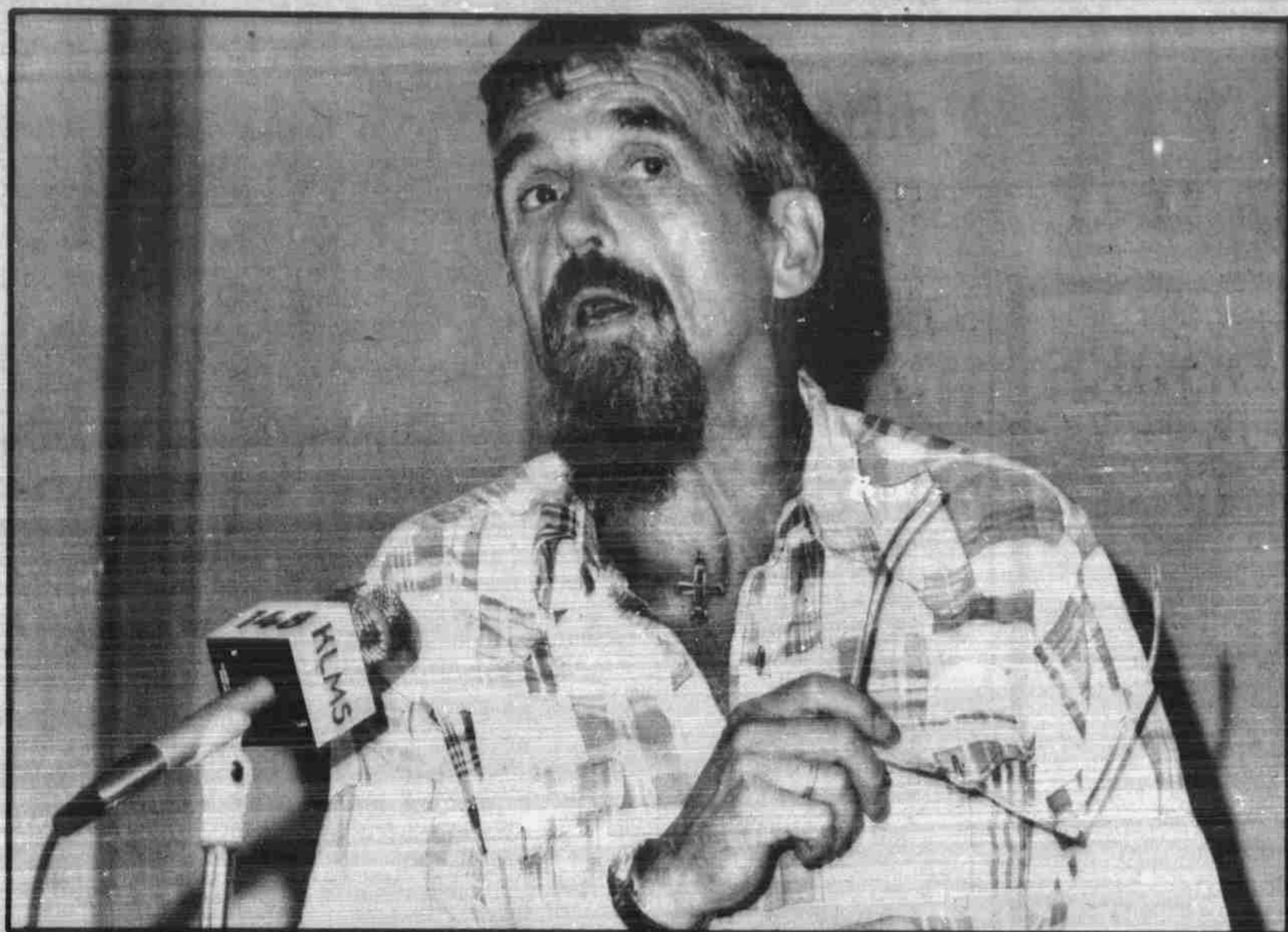


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Rev. Daniel Berrigan

Photo by Ted Kirk

Reform still spurs activist priest

By Majie Lundstrom

The turbulent '60s, shattered with antiwar cries and protest marches, have spurred one antiwar activist to continue a campaign for social reform.

The Rev. Daniel Berrigan, a Catholic priest who spent two years in a Connecticut prison for burning draft records, spoke against political prisoners Tuesday evening at the Unitarian Church in Lincoln.

Berrigan was in Lincoln to raise money for the Calvin Church Legal Defense Fund, which provides legal assistance to political prisoners.

Part of the money raised will be used to help David Rice and Ed Poindexter of Omaha, convicted in 1970 for slaying an Omaha policeman, according to Nan Graff, Lincoln fund chairwoman.

Fund raising

Fund-raising efforts were begun by the man's friends, Graff said. The group asked the Calvin church in Omaha to sponsor the drive so that contributions could be tax deductible. Within the last three and a half years, the campaign has been organized in Lincoln also, he said.

Graff said the group "firmly believes that these men did not commit murder."

"President Carter talks about human rights," she said, "we wish he would get as upset about political prisoners in his own back yard."

Berrigan, who is a friend of Rice, has not been allowed to visit Rice because authorities rule he is a felon. Both men are imprisoned in the Nebraska Penal Complex.

Can't see Rice

Berrigan learned again upon arrival in Omaha early Tuesday evening that he would not be allowed to see Rice.

Clad in a patched shirt and peering over half-rimmed spectacles, Berrigan read excerpts of Poindexter and Rice's letters and poetry written while in jail.

"It's a real triumph to be able to write poetry about this world, when you're cut off from this world," Berrigan said.

He said he considered his poetry a "human statement about human lives." However, he said he did not consider himself a radical but rather a Christian.

Poetry excerpts included humorous, satirical and bitter quips about prison life. One of his poems was dedicated to his father who died at age 91.

Father also resisted

"My father was partially crazy because he had trouble resisting America and totally sane because he resisted America," Berrigan said.

Berrigan spoke during a stopover on a trip from New York to the University of California at Berkeley, where he will speak to a group of psychologists. His Lincoln stop was financed by the California group, he said.

Berrigan said he is not necessarily anti-America, but added that he "resists every society that sponsors death as a social message."

Berrigan said he has tried to keep track of political prisoners and fight for their cause.

About 80 persons of all ages attended the speech.

Frosh to meet with advisers

Freshmen are to be released from classes at 3 p.m. Thursday to meet with chief advisers in their departments, UNL Chancellor Roy Young has announced.

Instructors in freshman classes should allow the students, to leave, Young said. The freshmen will be assigned advisers and given information about their colleges and schools at the meeting.

Work continues on addition to Bennett Martin Library

By Paula Dittrick

More than bookworms are knocking around the Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th and N streets, as construction workers hammer toward completion of a two-story addition.

The 12,000-square-foot annex being built on top of the north and east portions of the main city library is expected to be completed by late February, according to Lincoln City Libraries Director Charles E. Dalrymple.

The two new floors will provide space for a 150-seat auditorium, two conference rooms, new administrative offices, a Heritage room and expanded audio-visual and fine art areas.

Modification of the library's older section will make more space for storage and reading rooms, Dalrymple said.

Construction was funded by a \$711,595 grant from the Local Public Works division of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

Dalrymple said he expects the new structure to accommodate any library expansion during the next 10 years. The expansion was necessary because reading rooms had

been converted into additional storage space, he said.

"More people require more service," Dalrymple said. "Public service is the chief reason we (public libraries) exist, and we have to grow with the community."

Citing a national trend toward increase library service, he said new libraries have recently been built in Omaha and Norfolk.

The Lincoln Public Library Service now includes Bennett Martin, six branch libraries and two small or mini-libraries. The Library Board and the City Council are considering preliminary plans for five additional branches.

Proposed sites for the new branches include areas near 14th and Superior streets, south of Highway 2 between 27th and 48th streets, 27th and Old Cheney Road, as well as Coddington Ave. and A streets.

A tentative date to begin additional construction of the library system is slated for sometime during 1980, according to earlier news accounts.

Dalrymple said the City Council is not negotiating the purchase of land for a new library somewhere in south Lincoln.

ASUN exchange may not see red

The ASUN Book Exchange shows signs of turning over a new leaf.

It's financial books may come out in the black for the first time in years.

Sue Kess, co-chairman of the exchange, said receipts from Monday sales totaled \$1,090. Of that, the exchange collects five per cent of the book price from the buyer and five per cent from the seller.

By Tuesday, about 1,700 books had been received by the exchange from students, said co-chairman Mike Brogan.

"We like to think of it as an alternative to the bookstore," Brogan said. "Students can buy books at greatly reduced prices."

Kess said, "We have a long ways to go to be as efficient as the bookstores. It is really hard to keep it organized."

Brogan said the ASUN book exchange is better organized this year, making it easier for the students to locate their texts.

Out-of-date books are separated from current texts and they may be sold later at a side-walk sale, Brogan added.

Kess said she believes the book exchange is one of the best projects ASUN has to promote its visibility.

She said it is unfortunate that people have to put their parcels down before entering the exchange in the North and South Conference Rooms in the Nebraska Union basement.

"If we seem kind of vicious about that, it is because that is where we lose the most money."

The exchange must pay the student for books that are lost or stolen. In the past, this has been what has devoured any potential profit from the exchange, she said.

Students in dark, what else is new?

Perhaps it was some higher power protest to rising book costs.

But to busy UNL shoppers at the Nebraska Bookstore, an 18-minute power failure late Tuesday morning hardly made a shade of difference, according to bookstore manager John Wehr.

An electrical service failure left approximately 14 square blocks of downtown Lincoln without any power around 11 a.m. Tuesday. But for the almost 300 customers and employees inside the bookstore at 1135 R St., "business went on as usual," Wehr said.

"The students kept right on going, just as if nothing happened," Wehr said. Light filtering in from the full-length windows in the store's front aided students as they continued searching for text books and supplies.

Check-out lines at the cash registers slowed, Wehr said, but hand cranks kept the machines in operation.

Four fire doors came crashing down when Lincoln Electric Service (LES) restored power at 11:15 a.m., Wehr said. No one was hurt but a few students standing near the doors were a "little frightened" when the doors descended, he said.

An LES spokesman said a switch malfunction on a 34,500 volt line caused the power failure.

UNL buildings were unaffected by the outage because campus power is supplied from the Bureau of Reclamation dams in South Dakota, according to Doran Stahlnecker, chief utilities engineer for Nebraska power plants.

Stahlnecker explained that UNL uses LES lines to transport the power to campus, but does not actually buy LES electrical services.

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