



DA OFFICE GENEROUS — The district attorney's office has reported a 100 per cent participation in the United Fund campaign. Here Winston Kurth of the county engineer's office, who is campaign chairman in the courthouse, congratulates Nancy Farrell, drive chairman in the DA's office.

Senate Sets Anti-Crime Study Areas

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., says that Tampa, Fla., Buffalo, N.Y., and Boston are next on the list in Senate investigators' city-by-city scrutiny of syndicated crime. McClellan described as "shocking" statistics presented Friday to his Senate investigations subcommittee. Chicago Police Supt. O. W. Wilson said gangland executioners in his area enjoyed odds of 500 to 1 that they would not be arrested and convicted. He told the subcommittee that of the 976 gangland-type murders in the Chicago area since 1919, only two have been cleared from police records by the arrest and conviction of the killers. Wilson, a former professor of criminology, offered this scholarly definition of a crime syndicate: "... the combination of a number of persons who resort to criminal means in order to establish a monopoly in a financially profitable activity — whether legitimate or illegitimate." Capt. William J. Duffy, head of the Chicago police department's intelligence division, quoted the attorney general's division on organized crime to characterize the organization.

Cuba Says 496 Killed By Storm

MIAMI (UPI)—The Fidel Castro government, which refused American Red Cross aid as hypocritical, Saturday said Hurricane Flora killed at least 496 persons on the island and "the toll is mounting." A government broadcast from Bayamo, monitored here, said that death reports are building as communications are re-established with the hurricane-torn eastern half of the island. The broadcast said 319 bodies were found in an area near the Sierra Maestra Mountains Friday and 177 more were found Saturday. "Hundreds of persons are atop the roofs of houses surrounded by floodwaters in the area," the broadcast said. It said 10 helicopters were on the way to the area to give emergency aid. "The region looks completely devastated, and it is presumed that the destruction there is terrible," the broadcast said. The radio report was sent to Capt. Jorge Risquet, Castro's military aide in Oriente. It also said 50,000 bags of sugar were destroyed in three mills in Oriente Province.

Hurricane Flora, which killed 4,000 in an erratic trip across the Caribbean, pounded Cuba for four days without letup. Most of Flora's victims, however, were on the island of Haiti. The Cuban Red Cross, acting on orders from Premier Castro, refused emergency help offered by the American Red Cross saying it was a hypocritical gesture "by a country that is trying to destroy us with economic blockades and other measures."

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The Okanogan-Cariboo Trail Highway 97 Association, with the chamber is affiliated, held a most successful 31st Annual Convention in Reno last Sunday and Monday, following an enjoyable, informal rally in Klamath Falls on Oct. 5. Acting on the recommendation of its committees, the association adopted some 43 resolutions calling for improvements, realignment or extension of the highway. Most noteworthy among them was one pledging association support for the designation of the highway and its extension south into Mexico as "Pan-Am West—An International Highway." Other significant resolutions affecting the entire length of the highway, call for OCTA action to expedite the surfacing of the Alaskan Highway north from Dawson Creek, B.C., to Alaska, and for redoubled effort in the various geographical districts through which the highway courses to stimulate interest in and travel on Highway 97.

CHAMBER COMMENTS

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Comments regarding the chamber's annual meeting, held last Wednesday evening, indicate that this was probably the best such meeting staged by the chamber in several years.

Of the many factors which contribute to the success of such a meeting the caliber of the principal speaker bears the most weight. In Stary Gange, the widely traveled, optimistic champion of Americanism from Visalia, Calif., the chamber was fortunate to have a speaker of the very highest caliber.

His ready and supple wit, coupled with a down-to-earth sense of humor and a keen appreciation of the true values of life made it apparent within the first few minutes of his talk that he is indeed one of the 10 top platform speakers in the country today. One comment heard numerous times during the last few days was to the effect that Gange, who spoke without the use of script or notes for 45 minutes, didn't carry on for another hour. It would be difficult, as a speaker, to earn higher praise than that.

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TULELAKE — The waterfowl population on the Tulelake and Lower Klamath Lake refuges now totals 306,110 geese, 1,589,710 ducks and 304,300 coots. There was some early morning fog Friday, sky is partly cloudy and temperatures during the past 24 hours ranged from 74 degrees to 24, according to information released by the Tulelake Growers Association.

Bird counts on the shooting grounds now total 3.2 birds per hunter on Lower Klamath, and 3.3 birds per hunter on the Tulelake Refuge.

The bird breakdown follows: Canadian goose (cack, Rich.) 97,000; Canadian goose (large esp) 5,140; white fronted goose, 212,820; snow goose, 9,150. Mallard duck, 55,050; gadwall, 32,400; pintail 964,000; green-winged teal, 15,530; cinnamon teal 9,120; American widgeon, 301,300; shoveler, 119,280; red-head, 4,530; ring-necked duck 250; canvasback, 2,330; scaup, 9,250; bufflehead 890; ruddy duck, 32,700; unidentified 45,000; American coot, 304,300.

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Weeping Villagers Begin Identifying Italian Dam Victims

BELLUNO, Italy (UPI) — Hundreds of weeping villagers Saturday filed slowly past 200 coffins in a corn field in hopes of identifying relatives killed in Wednesday night's Plave River Valley dam disaster. The twisted and mangled bodies of men, women and children were brought to a makeshift cemetery for burial. They were encased in cellophane bags and placed in pine coffins. Relatives anxiously lifted the lids in a search for their loved ones.

Funeral services for the victims will be held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the cathedral of Belluno, with the Mass officiated by the bishop of Belluno and Feltre, Msgr. Giocchino Moccin. Among the mourners will be Italian President Antonio Segni.

The mountain village of Longarone, which was wiped off the map by the fury of the devastating flood, was blocked off by Italian troops and police because of the threat of disease. So far, an estimated 1,900 bodies have been found. The final death toll is expected to run between 3,000 and 4,000.

Large segments of the once beautiful Dolomite Mountain valley were being sprayed with chemicals, and lime was spread on the carcasses of animals to prevent the spread of disease. Thousands of curiosity seekers and tourist were turned back at police barracks.

Because of the threatened epidemic, the U.S. Army sent its helicopter crews, who have spent many long hours on mercy missions and body recovery details, back to their base in Verona for the night.

The Army said its men are to return in the morning for further duties in helping to transport food and medical supplies to isolated mountain villages in the area but that the men would eat C-rations for safety.

Italian Senator Eugenio Artoni said he does not believe that the village of Longarone and the seven others destroyed by the flood ever will be rebuilt because there is no one to help rebuild them.

The village of Erto above the dam was evacuated at noon Saturday because there was a danger of new landslides. Italian army trucks transported the 400 villagers to other communities nearby.

Meanwhile, a political storm was brewing over the landslide which caused the Vajont high dam to overflow and drown the valley. Four years ago the Communists complained in the party newspaper Unita that it was a wrong location to build the dam.

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