Nixon asks help against drug abuse

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has turned to the nation's religious leaders for help in combatting the spread of drug abuse.

"If there's an answer to it, you have it," he told them Friday in an unusual White House gathering of most of America's top denominational officials.

It was the first time the Nixon administration had called in a full cross-section of religious leadership—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish—to enlist cooperation on a major national problem.

The clerics said it had not happened since the late President John F Kennedy called in religious leaders to muster their support for civil-rights legislation

Many of them voiced keen approval of Nixon's initiative for such joint efforts and expressed hope for continued and widened dialogue between government and churches

"It is a basic implementation of the President's recognition of the spiritual character of the crisis of our times," said the Rev Dr A Dale Fiers, chief executive of the Christian Church (Disciples).

The approximately 80 church leaders spent all day hearing reports from half a dozen government officers in addition to the President, including Atty. Gen. John N. Mitctell and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George W. Romney.

The head of the armed forces office of information, John C. Broger, said the drug problem threatens the world with its "worst crisis in a thousand years"

Nixon called it basically a spiritual problem and told the churchmen "we have to get at the cause of the frustration, anxiety or whatever it is that is leading the young to give up on the system" and turn to drugs.

"The spiritual needs of the individual have to be filled one way or another," he said. Nixon added that aside from government and educational efforts the churchmen bear a chief responsibility in dealing with the "heart of the problem"

4-H Club News

Happy Helpers 4-H club

The Happy Helpers 4-H club spent the March meeting cooking, baking and eating at the home of Dean Griepenstroh

Mike and Pat Sands prepared instant and cooked puddings, also cocoa, and Dean Griepenstroh made apple crisp and oatmeal cookies. Mrs Griepenstroh assisted with the cooking experiments on "Why Yolks of hard cooked eggs turn green." and How to prevent light colored fresh fruits from turning brown after being peeled."

Meat kabobs were also prepared.

The foods were all tasted and compared and questions were asked on the cook books.

A roller skating party was discussed

Dean led the discussion on welding.

Mrs Griepenstroh served the lunch. — Dean Griepenstroh, reporter

Electric Rubber builds in McCook

LINCOLN (AP) — Electric Hose and Rubber Co. of Wilmington, Del, will locate a half-million dollar plant in McCook which will employ more than 100 persons when it is in full operation, Gov J J. Exon said Friday

The firm is a major manufacturer of plastic and rubber hoses for uses ranging from garden hoses to guidance systems. The company had more than $40 million in sales last year

Max R Karrer, president and board chairman, is a native of the York area and has three brothers serving as medical doctors at McCook, York and Scottsbluff.

Construction of the new plant is slated to begin this spring, with operations under way by Sept 1. About 25 persons will be employed at the start, with employment growing to more than 100 later, the governor said

The tallest recorded person was an 8-foot-4 4 woman named Marianne Wehde, although there have been claims of 9-foot-3 individuals, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica

Hoffa will be released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reliable Justice Department sources report that because of heavy political pressure the odds now favor freedom for Teamsters President James R. Hoffa when the question of his release from prison comes before the federal parole board next week.

The board is scheduled to meet here Wednesday to study the Hoffa case, the sources, said, the Justice Department will offer no opposition to a parole

An official Justice Department spokesman, Robert L. Stevenson, branded the reports "absolutely and totally inaccurate," and said, "Any report that he will or will not be paroled is premature and based on uniformed information."

However, other sources said Friday the pressure ot release the 58-year-old union leader has been building for months As early as last January one source reported, "Unless something happens to dampen this thing, Hoffa is going to get out, take over the union, take over the pension fund and be right back where he was before"

Hoffa has been in the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., since 1967 serving an eight-year sentence for jury tampering. In January, the Supreme Court upheld a second five-year sentence given Hoffa for mail fraud

Under the terms of the jury tampering sentence, Hoffa was not eligible for parole until he served one-third of the term, a point he reached last October. At that time, the parole board denied his petition for freedom and set next Wednesday as a date for rehearing the case

The five-year mail fraud sentence is an indeterminate sentence, meaning Hoffa need not serve any of it at all before being eligible for parole

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on March 29th, 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut and

WHEREAS, on March 29th, 1971, the nearly 1,200,000 members in the 5,600 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, Guam, Guatemala, Virgin Islands, and the Phillipines will observe the 89th Anniversary of the granting of the Charter, and

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, in tribute to the record of the Knights of Columbus on behalf of the Country, Church, Community, and fellowmen and in recognition of its contributions in the field of religion, social welfare, civic involvement, youth work and patriotic endeavor, MARCH 29, 1971, is hereby proclaimed as

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY

and every official and citizen of Nebraska City is urged to take note of and extend congratulations to the Knights of Columbus on its Eighty Ninth Anniversary.

Signed this 22 day of March, 1971
ALFRED O. GIGSTAD, D.V.M.
Mayor, City of Nebraska City
Attest: GLADYS WENZEL
City-Clerk

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Welcome Governor Exon

Nebraska City's Arbor Day speaker, Governor J.J. Exon, will make his first appearance in town since his election.

The governor will give the message at Arbor Lodge Mansion, home of the founder of Arbor Day, J. Sterling Morton, on May 2.

We welcome the governor to town. And we hope he will favor us with more visits than his predecessor.

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Arbor Day is really April 22, but Nebraska City businessmen have changed the date to the first part of May in favor of better weather.

We all recalled a few years ago on April 22 when we looked out the window and saw four inches of snow. That was the day representatives from all 93 counties in the state were to be here for a tree planting ceremonial on Centennial Avenue north of Arbor Lodge State Park.

Since then, the date has been changed to apple blossom time, the first part of May.

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Ken Wiles sez that unless we get on the kini poo-poo (that's "on the ball" in Hawaiian) and print the complete Elks election story, no one will know where to pay their Elks dues.

Sorry about that. Folks, the Elks elected Ken Wiles (prime suspect for pipe-snatching) as secretary. So get out your spondulix before he duns you for $17.

We're joshin' Kenny, of course. He's been secretary for about 18 years and as exalted rulers will testify, he does a fine job. We understand also that Robert Swinney will be appointed chaplain by Exalted Ruler Ron Eiserman.

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The Rev. George Metzenthin and members of his congregation were saddened with the loss of St. John's Lutheran church to flames last week.

A special meeting was called of the church council to organize church services. Today, Sunday, the Lutherans will occupy the Methodist church in Otoe

But that will not last long.

Although Methodists in Otoe admit their church appears to be falling by the wayside, they will need it on Palm Sunday when the district superintendent speaks.

The Rev. Emmett Streeter, a black preacher, is a "militant" for Jesus. Methodists in the Otoe community would do well to attend his service and hear his simple, but appealing plea to live, work and act like a Christian.

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The Nebraska City Golf Association has recommended new greens and membership fees this year which are considerably higher than in previous years

The recommendation was not done without thought, according to Verne Jones, president of the golfers For that matter, it is a recommendation only and the park and recreation board will fix the fees.

Just as a comparison, let's name a few·

Nebraska City's family membership would be $80 a year (It was $50 last season).

The others:

Falls City Country Club, $129.

Shenandoah Legion, $136 (non Legion member, $150).

Auburn Country Club, $100.

Sidney, Ia., $65 (supported by county tax)

Beatrice Country Club, $175.

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Greens fees ranged from a low of $2 to $5 on weekends and holidays Nebraska City's fees varied depending on nine or 18 holes. Low figure was $2.25 for nine and high was $4.50 for 18 holes on weekends and holidays The old fees were $1.75 and $2.50.

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Little Bucks:

Jerry Schmitz sez he plans to go fishing soon because there won't be any elections in the county this spring and he's had enough elections, to last him and the catfish for a long time or at least until the next time. . .Bonnie Schneider says the pool playing time for the gals has been changed from 3 to 5 p.m., on Saturdays because more adults want to play and can't get out of the beauty shops in time to chalk cue tips. . .The Red Cross nurse asked to see both arms the other day at the Bloodmobile She was looking for needle marks indicating a drug user.

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Young man told me between the toes is as good as the arms

The other day we read where 1,000 people paid $125 a plate to honor a Mafia leader. It's sort of disgusting when Johnny gets picked up as a minor in possession of alcoholic liquor while a gangster is the banquet honoree. .A reader called to say that not all the boys and girls were in the picture of the Peru State speech contest. We checked. She was right. Instead, we had printed all the names The next day Don Carlile of Peru State sent us a picture with a few of the youngsters with the award Thanks to the Peru Staff. . .I wonder if Bill Jenkins has any friends. He's the guy responsible for a lot of band instruments in homes and that means noise, noise and noise Mebbe we ought to give him an award as the Born Loser .Don Haith says Nebraska City may have touch-dial telephone service on special order in a year, perhaps less.

USO offers help to GI's on drug abuse

By MARGARET SCHERF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marking its 30th year, the USO still is serving doughnuts and Bob Hope to American servicemen, but it's also dishing out soul food and advice on kicking drugs.

Like many other American institutions, it's undergoing the relevance test.

"During 1970 there was uneasiness among some sincere people about the war in Southeast Asia and about United States military activities," noted national Chairman Harvey S. Firestone Jr. in a speech at USO's 30th anniversary meeting.

"The USO, as a wholly civilian organization devoted entirely to serving the military, was in a unique position to be a bridge of understanding between a concerned civilian population and a dedicated military organization," he said.

"What has happened is that troops removed from the combat areas now have more free time," the handout states. "The door count, by which USO determines how often its facilities are visited, remains at about 750,000 per month, the same level as when there was full troop strength."

But it's in the realm of show business that the USO probably is most widely known. It "presents more live entertainment shows than Broadway," claims one promotional sheet.

Last year, under USO auspices, more than 1,000 entertainers gave 8,000 performances seen by about 8 million U.S. servicemen.

The most famous was Hope's Christmas tour—his 20th A veteran of some of his World War II tours, singer Frances Langford told troops in Vietnam "You had better like me I played for your fathers"

Making some effort to keep up with the times, the USO has sent Miss Black America to Vietnam two years in a row, has expanded its menus to include soul food, and now counsels GI' on dangers of drugs and how to kick the habit She followed Miss America by several years

Sgt. French is AF honor grad

WICHITA FALLS, Tex — (Special) — Technical Sergeant Monty R French son of Mr and Mrs Gilmer W. French, Douglas, Neb., has graduated with honors at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the technical training course for U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance technicians.

Sergeant French, who received advanced training in the maintenance of current Air Force aircraft, is returning to his Nebraska Air National Guard unit for duty.

A 1963 graduate of Douglas Public High school, he attended Nebraska Vocational Technical school in Milford.

His wife, Margaret, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Oren W. DeWitt, 511 C Street, Milford.

All jellyfish are equipped with stinging cells, but only some are able to penetrate the human skin.

$4.6 million in road bids

LINCOLN (AP) — Apparent low bidders on more than $4.6 million worth of street and highway construction in Nebraska were announced Friday by the Roads Department.

The bids, totalling $4,634,486, were more than a half million dollars under the estimated cost of $5,164,249.

The projects by counties, with nature of work and low bidders (I-Interstate, US-United States; N-Nebraska) included

York 3 miles of grading, detour, bridge, guard rail and asphaltic concrete surfacing, Waco to I-80, Capital Bridge Co, Lincoln, $112,231

Hall and Howard 15 6 miles on US-281, St Paul to Grand Island, Wendell E Maxey and Co, Osmond, $8,720 on guard rail, Missouri Valley Construction Co, Grand Island, $261,232, asphaltic concrete surfacing

Hall 12 9 miles of asphaltic concrete surfacing on N-2, Cairo to Grand Island, Missouri Valley Construction Co, Grand Island, $264,830

Gage. 9 6 miles on N-8, Odell east and on N-112, Odell north; Joseph T. Grof, Tecumseh, $32,-947 on guard rail, Hall Brothers Construction Co, Marysville, Kan, $331,148 of asphaltic concrete surfacing

Pawnee and Richardson 11 9 miles on N-8, Dubois to Salem, Dugdale Construction Co, Omaha, $605,177 on pavement, Joseph T Grof, Tecumseh, $23,950 on guard rail

Chief vet quits over state dispute

LINCOLN (AP)—State Veterinarian S H Flora said Friday he is resigning effective April 9 because of a "policy difference" with State Agriculture Director Glenn Kreuscher

"During my tenure as state veterinarian, I have joined with representatives of the livestock industry in discussing their problems," Flora wrote in his resignation letter to Kreuscher, "and then we jointly arrived at decisions on a course of action to meet the problems, always staying within the framework of statutes attempting to carry out the obious intent of the legislators"

"This approach is not in keeping with your policy of making these decisions," Flora wrote

"It is my opinion that your administration of the department and bureau will be better served by a state veterinarian that will give complete allegiance to your basic policies and thoughts," said Flora.

Tech chief will join Civil Rights

LINCOLN (AP) — Herman Thompson, quitting as head of the state's Technical Assistance Agency at the request of Gov J. J Exon said Friday he is accepting a position with the Civil Rights Division of the federal Department of Justice

An appointee of ex-Gov Norbert Tiemann, Thompson expressely extended his thanks to Tiemann "and the people of the State of Nebraska" for being allowed to serve in the post

Thompson also praised the activities of Robert Mackey, director of the State Indian Commission under Thompson

"This is the meaningful progress that minorities look for," said Thompson of Mackey's work

READ THE WANT ADS



These girls will be asking donations on Lily Day on Central Avenue April 3-10 for crippled children for the Easter Seal Society. They are Vicki Poort, Denise Beaumont and Patty Giittinger. Mrs Don Neeman, Easter Seal service agent, said the girls will also visit homes of handicapped children. An Easter egg hunt will be held April 7 at the School for Visually Handicapped for all handicapped children.

Bill hearing list

LINCOLN (AP)—Bills to be heard before standing committees of the legislature during the coming week (hearings begin at 2 p m unless specified)

Monday, March 29

Banking

LB481—Require notice of cancellation of a policy of automobile liability insurance

LB490—Authorise formation of guarantee stock associations and procedures for formation

LB510—Provide an exception for unincorporated mutual associations to continue in business

LB523 — Provide that banks may suspend business during an emergency

Revenue

LB624—Change percentage of reimbursement on aircraft fuel tax

LB625—Provide for equitable allocation of flight equipment for tax purposes

LB636 -Provide tax on fractional interests in oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon units or fields

Tuesday, March 30

Banking

LB771 -Provide for separate accounts and allocation for life insurance payable in fixed or variable amounts

LB789 Revise the issuance of a temporary insurance license

Judiciary

LB1004—Increase the penalties for assaulting a peace officer with a deadly weapon

LB1005—Restrict parole eligibility of persons sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of police officer

LB1010—Provide for installment payment program for offenders who cannot pay fines

LB1011—Change procedure for determing the sentence for a person convicted of kidnapping

Wednesday, March 31

Labor

LB651—Redefine terms relating to the employment security law to conform to requirements of the federal employment security amendments of 1970

LB672—Increase the salary of county judges as prescribed

LB781- Provide limitation on the amount of wages that can be assigned

LB782—Extend fire prevention provisions to all school and public buildings as prescribed

LB822 -- Provide increased compensation for judges of the Court of Industrial Relations

LB859 — Authorize reimbursement of state employees for parking expenses in addition to mileage

Urban Affairs

LB921—Provide for a county civil service commission and provide for appointment of members in counties having a population of 300,000 or more

LB942—Eliminate the restriction on mid term increases in salaries of appointed officials of second class cities and villages

LB943 -Eliminate a restriction on mid term increases in salaries of appointed officials of first class cities

LB975—Provide restrictions on primary cities annexing territory as prescribed

LB982—Provide when second class cities and villages may borrow money or issue bonds without a vote of electors

Thursday, April 1

Government and Military Affairs

LB87—Provides for increase of cigarette tax

LB1009—Adopt the life safety code recommended by the National Fire Protection Association date 1971

Claims 146, 172, 173, 174

Friday, April 2

Retirement Systems Advisory

LB501—C A Article 15, Sec.

Claims 146, 172, 173, 174

Friday, April 2

Retirement Systems Advisory

LB501--C A Article 15, Sec 17, authorize the legislature to provide for investment of state and local funds of all kinds

LB562—Redefine and clarify the terms and conditions of retirement for policemen of first class cities

LB667—Provide the tax levy for old age and survivors insurance and pension systems shall be in addition to levy limitations

NEHAWKA

Mrs Willis Knake

Saturday callers of Mr and Mrs Kent Balfour were Mr and Mrs Deane Nutzman and Mark

Company from Omaha were Mrs Mary Morrow and family, a niece of Mrs Royal, Mr and Mrs Steven Morrow and son, Jamie, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Lewis Royal and John

Santa Fe is runaway haven

SANTA FE, N.M (AP) — New Mexico's capital city is attracting runaway young people from throughout the nation.

Police say more than 200 already are in town and more are expected as the weather gets warmer.

Many of the youngsters are shunning the communes in the area

"Most of the young people don't want that type of thing where everyone depends on each other for life support," a 17-year-old girl from Detroit said

"Helping each other is a groove, but living off one another is a drag," she said

Another 17-year-old said "It's going to be a groovy summer I feel the vibrations already"

A boy from Portland, Ore, said "I think this summer will be the beginning of about five years in which we begin building new life styles that put even more emphasis on love and feelings rather than hatred and fear like we have now

"Kids are more aware of personalities Like they see someone who is stuck on himself and they will come right out and tell him so," he said "It may be brutal but at least it's honest Some of the kids who fit the general hippie pattern come on like a real pain to me"

The youngsters were interviewed by reporter John Soper of The Santa Fe New Mexican

This city of 35 000 population long has prided itself on its tolerance for people with eccentric life styles And this tolerance is one reason given by the runaways for coming here

In the words of one young man "The cops are really groovy They don t go around busting (arresting) people just because they are different"

A 15-year-old Boston girl said "The people here are so beautiful They don t give you a hard time and there are as many groovy old people here as kids my age"

An undercover police agent says drug use is rampant but authorities say the youngsters cause no other crime problems

Catholic classes set for Sunday

DAVENPORT (AP) --Catholic schools in Iowa will hold classes on Sunday, April 25 in an effort to drum up financial support for the school program. it was announced here Thursday

A release from the office of the Rev Robert Schmidt, superintendent of schools for the Davenport Diocese said both elementary and secondary schools will invite the public to tour the educational facilities that Sunday and see Catholic education in action

School officials hope the tours will demonstrate the quality of Catholic education and thus build financial support for the schools

The Davenport Diocese will hold the Sunday sessions in conjunction with Iowa's three other dioceses the announcement said

The classes will be held only during the afternoon and the children who attend will get a full day off later in the school year

Baraca a word used as a Sunday school class name is an adaptation of the Hebrew word meaning Blessed used in Chronicles

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