

REGULAR ARMY TROOPS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN MOVED IN TO STOP LOOTING AND SHOOTING INCIDENTS ~~IN THE CITY OF 8 THOUSAND.~~

RAINS THE PAST WEEK HAD BEEN HEAVY AND CANYON LAKE DAM ABOVE RAPID CITY COULD NOT WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE. AS IT BROKE, A FOUR-FOOT WALL OF WATER ROARED DOWN UPON THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE CITY. AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF RAPID CITY WENT UNDER WATER FROM FIVE TO 10 FEET DEEP.

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GORDON SJODIN OF REDFIELD SAID HE WAS IN A RESCUE CARAVAN HEADING FOR A NURSING HOME WHEN HIS CAR WAS SWEEP AWAY JUST AFTER HE JUMPED FROM IT. HE SAID HE CLIMBED ABOARD A FIRE TRUCK AND SAW THE BODY OF A YOUNG MAN. "I REACHED FOR IT, BUT JUST AS I GRABBED IT, A BUTANE TANK CRASHED INTO MY SHOULDER AND I LOST HIM."

A GASOLINE STATION OWNER AT KEYSTONE SPENT THE NIGHT ON HIS ROOF AND WATCHED THE BODY OF A MAN IN A SLEEPING BAG FLOAT BY HIM.

REPRESENTATIVES OF 15 FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE EXPECTED TO MEET TOMORROW TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF THOSE WHO LIVED THROUGH THE DISASTER.

(FLOOD)

THE DEATH TOLL CONTINUES TO MOUNT IN SOUTH DAKOTA WHERE IT APPEARS THE FULL MEASURE OF TRAGEDY IS YET TO BE ~~DETERMINED~~ DETERMINED.

FLASH FLOODS, SWOLLEN BY UP TO SEVEN INCHES OF RAIN, COLLAPSED A DAM AND SENT TONS OF WATER ROARING OUT OF THE BLACK HILLS AND INTO RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

BURSTING GAS MAINS TOUCHED OFF FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS. THE LATEST COUNT STANDS AT ~~150~~ <sup>150</sup> PERSONS DEAD, **+ SEVERAL HUNDRED UNACCOUNTED FOR** THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS...SCORES INJURED. DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED CONSERVATIVELY AT 100-MILLION DOLLARS.

AUTHORITIES FEAR THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WILL RISE. THEY SAY LITTLE HAS BEEN HEARD FROM MORE THAN FOUR-THOUSAND TOURISTS BELIEVED TO BE CAMPING IN THE FAMED BLACK HILLS RESORT AREA.

~~OF THE KNOWN 122 DEAD, 116 DIED IN RAPID CITY...SIX OTHERS IN THE NEARBY TOWN OF KEYSTONE.~~

RAPID CITY IS A SCENE OF DEVASTATION. CARS ARE SMASHED INTO SCRAP METAL...DWELLINGS <sup>ARE</sup> COLLAPSED, SWEEPED INTO THE STREETS AND DEPOSITED ON GOLF COURSES OR SIMPLY WASHED AWAY.

SOME SURVIVORS TELL OF RIDING ON FLOOD-BORNE ROOFS OF HOMES...OF TRYING TO PULL BODIES FROM THE RUSHING WATERS. PERSONS WITH HOMES INTACT OPENED THEM TO OTHERS LEFT HOMELESS. THREE EMERGENCY RED CROSS CENTERS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.