

(FLOOD)

(RAPID CITY)---THE DEATH COUNT TONIGHT IS ~~203~~ ²⁰³ ... LOOTING IS ON THE UPSURGE ... AND AN APPEAL HAS GONE OUT FOR CASH DONATIONS FOR THE VICTIMS OF ~~THE~~ FLOOD TORN RAPID CITY.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES PATROLED THE FLOOD-STRICKEN AREA TODAY. LAST NIGHT 26 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED DURING THE CURFEW.

AN OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE... DOCTOR LOUIS LOBIS... TOLD NEWSMEN THAT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL COMMITTEE HAD ANY THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS "WELL IN HAND."

~~THE OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL STANDS AT 203. PENNINGTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MARSHALL YOUNG... COORDINATOR OF THE COUNT... SAID THE BODIES OF 178 OF THE VICTIMS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED. TWENTY-FIVE REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED.~~

THE FIRST BURIALS OF VICTIMS TOOK PLACE ^{WERE BURIED IN} RAPID CITY CEMETERIES TODAY WHEN EIGHT BODIES AT BIRMINGHAM FUNERAL HOME WERE BURIED AT MOUNT VIEW AND PLAIN LAWN CEMETARIES.

DOG TEAMS CONTINUE TO SEARCH THE RUBBLE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS OR FOR SURVIVORS TRAPPED IN THE DEBRIS.

STILL IN DOUBT IS THE FATE OF HUNDREDS OF TOURISTS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAMPING IN THE BLACK HILLS NEAR MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MONUMENT.

THE SEARCH FOR VICTIMS HAS SPREAD TO RANCLANDS 80 MILES AWAY AS GROUND CREWS AND HELICOPTERS SCOURED THE HILLS FOR MAROONED TOURISTS.

PENNINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER RON STEPHENSON SAYS THE ONE PRESSING NEED NOW IS FOR MONEY FOR VICTIMS OF THE FLOOD WHO HE SAYS WERE WIPED OUT AND HAVE NO WAY TO GET CREDIT. HOWEVER, HE SAID ... "WE DON'T WANT TO DOWNGRADE THE NEED FOR SUPPLIES, BUT OUR REAL NEED AT THIS TIME IS CASH." HE SAYS ANY MONEY RECEIVED GOES INTO A DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

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