

News Clippings

Thursday, February 10, 1977

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Methodists allege cop squad spying

The United Methodist Church of Northern Illinois charged Wednesday that the Chicago Police Department's "red squad" spied on its routine and legitimate activities during a two-year period. Church officials demanded an apology from the city. The Rev. Gregory Dell, church board chairman, told reporters he believed this was the first time it was publicly documented that the police department had spied on a religious body.

Dell said the police intelligence division's "red squad" kept a 55-page file on the church between June 2, 1972, and at least until Oct. 14, 1974. Public disclosure of the spying was made possible by a recent court order in two federal class action suits filed by the Alliance to End Repression and the American Civil Liberties Union against the Chicago Police Dept. and the city, seeking to end police spying, he said.

Real estate taxes, particularly for the single family homeowner, are already a great burden to bear."

Cook County residents who don't drink or drive so far have gotten a pass from the home-rule taxman. The rest of us can only grin and bear it.

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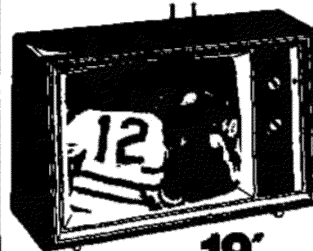
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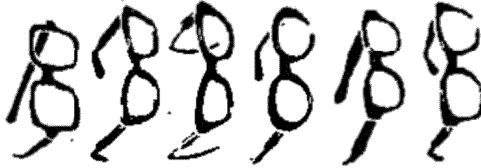
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UNDER THE Illinois state aid formula, which is based on the district's assessed valuation per student, a district with a large assessed valuation receives less state aid than a district of the same size with a smaller tax base. Formation of the unit district would reduce Dist 214's assessed valuation from \$12 billion to \$737.6 million, Weber said.

"Even if we got all the state aid we're entitled to it wouldn't entirely make up for the loss in our assessed valuation," Dist. 214 Supt. Edward Gilbert said. "As it is, we're anticipating less than 90 per cent funding of the state aid formula this year."

The annual revenue loss for the remaining portion of Dist 214 will be between 3.9 and 6.5 per cent a year or about \$1.5 million, Perry said. The annual per pupil revenue loss will fall between \$75 and \$108, he said.

"Dr. Weber looks at these figures and says that's terrible while I say it's not so bad," Perry said. "That kind of loss is manageable either through increased efficiency or additional taxation."

DIST. 214 ALSO could draw on the \$17 million cash balance projected for the close of the current school year, he said.

Saturday, February 26, 1977

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Mayoral debate April 5

The League of Women Voters announced Friday a televised debate for Democratic mayoral candidates is scheduled for 9 p.m. April 5. League Pres. Elinor Elam said Ald. Roman C. Pucinski and State Sen. Harold Washington, D-Chicago, have accepted invitations to appear. The league president said candidates: attorney Ellis Reid, Acting Mayor Michael Bilandic, Anthony R. Martin-Trigona and former Cook County State's Atty. Edward V. Harahan were invited but have not responded. Bilandic's secretary said the mayor had a conflicting engagement, but said, "They're working on it." No decision has been made on the format.

'Private schools attracting poor'

An increasing number of lower and middle income students are enrolling in private high schools, a survey released Friday at the National Assn. of Independent Schools Conference meeting in Chicago reported. According to the survey, more than one-third of the new students list parents' occupations as other than executive or professional. Climbing costs are forcing both parents to work for the tuition payments. Order, smaller class size, and a close student-teacher relationship are the main attractions of private schools, Thomas E. Wilcox, director of the committee on boarding schools said. Wilcox also said that minority enrollment has quadrupled in the last decade.

Royko's assault charges dropped

Misdemeanor assault charges against nationally syndicated columnist Mike Royko were dropped Friday when he apologized to five persons who were present when he broke a catsup bottle during a restaurant quarrel. "I can assume that any anger you felt — and I would have been outraged — cannot equal the anger and acute disgust I experienced when I realized what an ass I'd made of myself," Royko said in a typewritten apology. The five persons, all actors and actresses, agreed to drop the charges after the apology. But Royko was fined \$100 after pleading no contest to a disorderly conduct charge and also paid \$200 for a coat damaged in the incident. He was arrested Jan. 28 at a North Side pub after sitting down with the cast of "Knock, Knock" and offering to buy a steak dinner for the woman next to him.

He quenches

LOAMI, Ill. (UPI) — As Herschel Miller drives through the countryside, almost everyone smiles and waves to him — a sign of appreciation for a man who supplies one of the necessities of life.

Miller, 64, has hauled water to hundreds of farmers and rural residents for 31 years.

He drives his 1,000-gallon truck from various water terminals to fill an ever increasing number of dry wells near Loami.

"WHEN YOU HEAR someone around here talking about hitting a gusher, it's not oil they're talking about," he said. "It's fresh, clear water."

As the drought in central Illinois continues, the demand for Miller's services has increased.

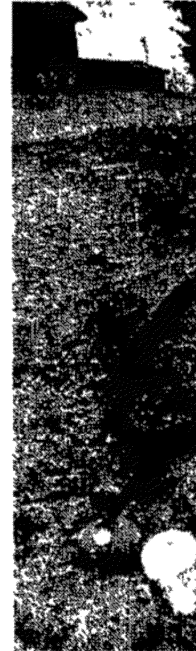
"I'm working seven days a week and 14 or 15 hours a day trying to meet everyone's needs," he said.

"WITH MORE AND more people moving out into the rural areas, but using water like they did in the city, most wells have not been plentiful enough to handle the demand."

Miller fills his truck from a coin-operated tap in Chatham, Ill.

Each truckload costs Miller \$1.25. He charges customers \$91 a truckload.

"It's not much fun trying to find that spare five-gallon can of water when you want to brush your teeth in the morning," one customer said.



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Confusion seen

by KURT BAER

A pilot program by Blue Cross-Blue Shield that will allow some patients to get a second medical opinion before undergoing elective surgery may cause new problems for doctors and patients alike, a Northwest suburban

surgeon said Friday.

Dr. Alfred J. Clement and president of the me Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, said the insurance company made many doctors seek second opinions.

In addition, a pit with conflicting opinion surgery may wind up distrustful of a doctor trusted.

Thompson set to negotiate on Crosstown

by LEA TONKIN

Calling for a strong, diversified transportation system in the Chicago

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Teachers to support Bilandic

The Chicago Teachers Union will support Chicago Acting Mayor Michael A. Bilandic in the April 19 Democratic mayoral primary, Robert M. Healey, union president, said Friday. Bilandic is helping the union negotiate a Chicago Board of Education plan to save money by closing school three days early, Healey said. The union has threatened to strike if the schools are closed, Healey said there is "nothing political" in the union's endorsement, and the strike threat is not a ploy designed to make the mayor look good if a strike is avoided.

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Desegregation panel proposed

A 40-member, city-wide advisory committee to develop a desegregation plan for the Chicago Public Schools was proposed Friday by Edward A. Welling, Board of Education desegregation project manager. Welling proposed the committee be chosen by community, special interest, civic and institutional organizations and include members from the school districts and three students. The advisory committee is to hold the first meeting in early May and finish before Jan. 31, 1978, according to Welling.

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grande dame at 76, who was Roosevelt's secretary when he was governor of New York and in the White House. She marvels that presidential secretaries these days need secretaries of their own.

The greeting of the evening, one that never failed to get a laugh, was: "Are you a young New Dealer or an old New Dealer?"

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, a fledgling politician when the New Deal days ended but a man cast in its mold, said, "practically everything today that makes sense in this country came from those days."

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