

# Storm kills; many homeless

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MANILA, Philippines — Typhoon Nelson left at least 18 people dead, about 70,000

homeless and caused heavy damage to crops and property in its destructive two-day rampage across the central Philippines,

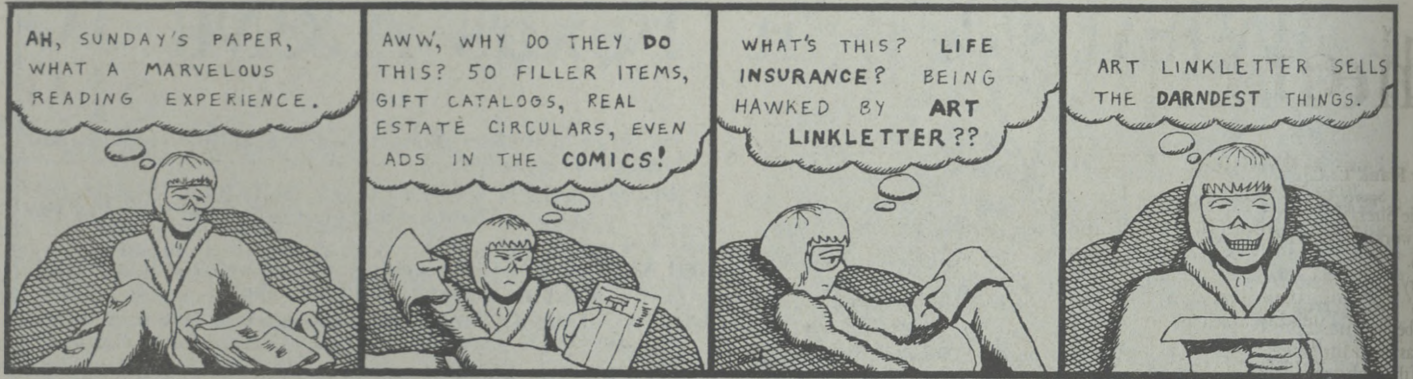
reports said Sunday. The government-run Philippine News Agency reported eight drownings in scattered areas and Bishop Vicente Ataviado, who flew to Manila to appeal for relief aid, told reporters 10 people died in hard-hit Leyte province.

The 18 dead raised the overall toll in back-to-back storms in the Philippines in the past week to 72. Tropical storm Marnie killed 54 earlier in the week.

Reports from the Red Cross and the military office of civil defense said 68,108 people made homeless by the floods were being cared for in town halls and schools.

Nelson smacked into the Philippine midsection Friday with powerful peak winds of up to 115 mph. It swirled through a string of islands about 375 to 500 miles south of Manila before blowing out late Saturday into the South China Sea.

## Warped



By Scott McCullar

## Hotel

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Other hotel operators did consent to publication of their remarks.

Mike Pharr, Texas district manager of Rosco Inns of Los

Angeles, said, "We could definitely use another hotel here now." Rosco owns the Aggie-land Inn.

He added: "I don't know for sure what the market will be like in a year; I do know a lot of people are interested in this market. There is no doubt that this area is expanding and is going to continue expanding."

Earline Ashby, manager of the College Station Holiday Inn, agreed.

"A new hotel is what's best for this community and for the University," Ashby said. "We don't have much trouble filling our rooms now."

And the additional hotel space could benefit existing hotels.

Ursula Mossakowski, manager of the Bryan Holiday Inn, said: "We don't have the facilities right now to attract a large, national convention. We have to be prepared to offer a convention of that size 400, 500 or 1,000 rooms, and I think if you

looked around, you wouldn't be able to find that much space."

If the area did have the rooms, Mossakowski said, large conventions could be brought in.

**Local hotel operators contacted believe the area could support at least one more hotel. Many also feel the addition could help their own hotels in the long run.**

and the conventions could take up any slack in occupancy that a new hotel might cause.

Pharr said: "A national convention here would benefit all of us, no question about it. The market is already making demands we can't fill; if we could match the market, the business

would be there."

But Ashby warned: "Any benefit from conventions would depend on how many national conventions we get. If it's just one a year, that won't help us much; but if we had several a year, it could make a difference."

In any case, the hotel would make an immediate difference in the work force, Hilton said, as it would employ about 150 people.

Ashby said: "That kind of expansion of the work force would probably put a strain on us in some areas."

But the need for another hotel does not necessarily mean that the hotel should be built on campus. If the regents turn down the request for University land, no Hilton will be built anywhere else in the area, Hilton said.

Tomorrow: Should the hotel be built on campus? What would its legal status be? University officials and the public react.

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# States try to stop Medicaid fraud rise

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WASHINGTON — Efforts by many states to stop Medicaid fraud have been a disaster with few offenders being convicted, the chairman of the House Select Aging Committee said Saturday.

Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., in releasing a staff report on state enforcement efforts, said the "non-performance" by the states in the area of Medicaid "raises serious questions about the ability of the states to police other block-grant type programs."

Under President Reagan's New Federalism proposal, states would get responsibility for managing several major programs now run by the federal government, Pepper noted.

The Medicaid report was based on questionnaires the Select Committee on Aging sent to all the states and on reports by the General Accounting Office.

"Our report shows that in 1975, 20 states did not convict a single Medicaid provider," Pepper said. "In 1980, 18 states did not have a single conviction; 7 additional states and the District of Columbia had only one conviction. The national average (1974-1980) is 1.5 convictions per state per year."

"Given the magnitude of the fraud in this \$25 billion program, this poor performance on

the part of the states (who have the primary responsibility for policing Medicaid fraud) is totally unacceptable."

The committee report commended officials in New York, Massachusetts and Georgia, the three states judged best in policing Medicaid fraud.

Pepper particularly praised New York Gov. Hugh Carey, New York City Mayor Ed Koch, and former Deputy Attorney General Charles Hynes.

The report noted the 50 states spent a combined total of \$40 million in the detection of Medicaid fraud in 1980 and obtained 228 convictions.

# Quinlans to mark Karen's birthday

United Press International  
MORRIS PLAINS, N.J. — Karen Ann Quinlan, whose lapse into a coma seven years ago sparked an international moral and legal debate on the "right to die," is living on her own on her 28th birthday.

Six years ago doctors, acting under a court ruling, removed her from a respirator they believed was keeping her alive. She now lives in a "persistent vegetative state."

Her mind is destroyed, her body shrunken and twisted in a

rigid fetal position. Her parents, Joe and Julia Quinlan, will mark Karen's birthday today with a mass in her room at the Morris View Nursing Home.

Both parents accept she will never recover from a coma believed triggered by tranquilizers and alcohol she took before collapsing April 15, 1975, shortly after attending a party in a local bar.

The Quinlans' quiet, middle class existence was irrevocably changed by their decision to take to court the battle for their adopted daughter's right "to die with grace and dignity."

"I know in my heart as her mother that is not the way Karen would have wanted to live," Mrs. Quinlan said.

She said Karen had told friends she would die young and go down in history. Today, Karen is fed a high calorie liquid and antibiotics through tubes. She is turned every two hours to prevent bedsores. But no heroic measures will be taken to prevent her death.

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