

Gov. Hughes Asks President for Federal Aid

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)
 DES MOINES — Gov. Harold Hughes has asked President Johnson for \$2,044,000 in supplemental federal assistance to repair damage to public facilities resulting from last week's tornadoes in and near the communities of Charles City and Oelwein.

In his request, Hughes asked the president to declare the stricken region a "major" disaster area.

Use of the term "major," opens the door for massive federal aid from many agencies

if the president declares the area so stricken.

The governor's telegram said the money is urgently needed. It also noted that the storms resulted in \$53 million in damage and 17 deaths. One of those who died suffered a heart attack several hours after the storm.

The governor described the damage at Charles City as "catastrophic" and said Oelwein and nearby Maynard were badly damaged.

Hughes also reported 370 in-

jured at Charles City and 160 at Oelwein.

The message to the president was sent through the Office of Emergency Planning at Denver.

In addition, 1,203 homes and 265 businesses were heavily damaged or destroyed. Crop-land areas, farmsteads and industrial properties were also destroyed or heavily damaged.

The governor also reported that other tornadoes touched down as far away as Cedar County, and damaging hail caused considerable loss at the

University of Iowa in Iowa City.

School repairs "To speed recovery," the governor said, "it is requested that an initial allocation of \$1,722,000 be made for repair of damage to schools in the area and an allocation of \$322,000 be made for repair of other public facilities in the area."

Hughes said the current estimate of damage to private property totaled \$50 million, and \$3,633,000 damage was esti-

mated done to public facilities. The damage to public property has been offset to a considerable extent by insurance.

Total uninsured damage to public schools was fixed at \$1.1 million and the estimated cost of temporary classrooms, sites and site preparation was reported at \$622,000.

The message to the President was dispatched through the Office of Emergency Planning in Denver, Colo.

Hughes reported that the Iowa National Guard has had

606 men and 65 pieces of equipment on continuous duty in the area, while the Highway Commission has used an additional 70 men and 80 pieces of equipment.

The Conservation Commission similarly has provided 90 men and 50 pieces of equipment, he said.

Counties and municipalities throughout the state also have organized and are aiding the disaster area with money, personnel and equipment. Hughes said. He added that a special session of the Iowa Legislature is not considered necessary.

State agencies generally have

been directed to provide "maximum support" for re-establishment of essential services," Hughes said, to help care for the health and welfare of the people and to open the "primary transportation and communication systems."

Hughes said Iowa cities also have assigned 25 building inspectors and 12 city engineers to assist in recovery operations.

U.S. PROTESTS
 WARSAW (AP) — The U.S. Embassy announced it has protested vigorously to the Foreign Ministry against Polish customs officials' removal of American books, including studies on the United Nations by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg and the late Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, from the American display at an international book fair in Warsaw.

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