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## MOST IOWANS OPPOSE MORE BOAT PEOPLE

Poll: State's verdict better than national opinion.

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Most Iowans are not inclined to welcome the "boat people" with open arms.

A new Iowa Poll shows 51 percent of the citizenry are against resettlement here of refugees now fleeing Southeast Asia. Forty percent approve and 9 percent are undecided.

That verdict appears to be somewhat more favorable than national opinion, as measured by nationwide surveys. But the Iowa Poll indicates a majority harbors some fear, resentment or objection to the influx of newcomers from that war-torn part of the world.

"Having read what I've read about other surveys, I guess I'm not surprised," said Gov. Robert Ray. Earlier this year Ray offered to open Iowa's doors to 1,500 more refugees after watching a television documentary on the plight of the "boat people" — those who have fled by sea to crowded holding camps in Malaysia.

The governor said he did not regret his decision, despite the poll results.

"We have to do what we think is right," he said. "... I think if you took a poll of the sponsors and the employers [of the refugees], you'd find a high degree of acceptance."

Survey Results  
The survey, representative of all the state's adults, reveals the following:

- There is no difference between Iowans' views on bringing the refugees to Iowa and bringing them to the United States. Both are disapproved of by 5-to-4 margins.
- Only about one of every 10 Iowans thinks this nation should increase the numbers of Indochinese it is willing to admit. By contrast, roughly one of three believes it should admit "no boat people" at all.
- The largest group (38 percent) doesn't think the boat people will have a marked impact on the communities in which they settle. But 29 percent of Iowans believe the newcomers will damage the quality of life in those cities and towns; 23 percent think they'll improve it.
- Education has a profound effect on all the poll results. For instance, 60 percent of college-educated persons approve of resettling the refugees in Iowa. That sentiment is shared by only 23 percent of those who did not graduate from high school.

More Welcoming  
In real terms, Iowa's reaction to the refugee crisis has been more

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## A quiet struggle turns angry as gas threatens workers

"My first realization that something was amiss was when Mary said, 'I'm so dizzy I'm afraid I'm going to pass out and fall off this platform.' She was crying and disoriented. All the way up the line the hams were stacking up, falling on the floor, and everyone was uncoordinated. The management knew we were sick but they wanted to keep us there until we had done the last batch of hams."

— A worker at Lauridsen Foods Inc., Dttm, Ia.

By MIKE MCGRAW  
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BRITT, IA. — Until mid-August, the struggle taking place inside a small meatpacking plant just east of here was pretty typical.

It was an emotional battle between management and packing plant workers who want a union, the type of struggle to which Iowans have become accustomed after years of such squabbling in the volatile meat processing industry.

But since Aug. 17, the battle has taken on more serious — possibly critical — implications for workers who now may have more at stake than their jobs and the size of their paychecks.

On Aug. 17, 29 of the 200 workers at Lauridsen Foods Inc. here were hospitalized when a gas believed to be carbon monoxide spread through the plant. The same thing happened two weeks later. And again, a week after that.

Indeed, a sense of foreboding permeates conversations among some employees at the plant, which

processes hams on an assembly line under a contract with Armour & Co.

Frustration and anger that go beyond claims of prodding foremen, long hours and low pay are the watchwords at Lauridsen.

While the gas that affected workers is presumed to be carbon monoxide, where it is coming from nobody can say for sure.

And while company officials say they've done all they can to pinpoint the problem and monitor the air inside the plant, union organizers say the continued gasings are further proof that management cares more about production than worker safety.

The first incident occurred on Friday, Aug. 17. Just after the noon break, workers said they began to feel dizzy and disoriented. Some were nauseated.

Finally, two workers passed out and others began to panic and hyperventilate.

Larry Crail, acting administrator at Britt Memorial Hospital, said 29 workers were admitted with chemical intoxication and two were kept overnight. Blood samples showed dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide in the bloodstreams of several workers.

"Many of them did have the classic symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning," Crail said, "cherry lips and tongue. We gave them oxygen therapy."

Again, on September 7 — also a Friday — five more employees developed symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. Tests later showed abnormally high levels of the gas in three of the five patients.

Then again, on Sept. 10, the day

## GOP hopefuls jockey for Iowa post positions

By JAMES FLANSBURG  
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Iowa is raising three bumper crops this year: corn, soybeans and Republican presidential candidates.

Iowa's precinct caucuses next Jan. 21 are the nation's first official contest for the 1980 nomination, and scarcely a day goes by this fall without at least one aspirant cultivating what he hopes will be a bounty of delegates next winter.

So one day last week, while George Bush was in Burlington telling 300 Republicans why they should support him next fall, his wife, Barbara, was at the other end of the state telling her version to a bunch of people at LeMars and one of their four sons, Marvin, was moving into his Des Moines apartment so that he'll be on station anytime anyone needs to talk

with someone who has immediate access to the candidate.

Meanwhile:  
• John Connally was climbing on his airplane in Des Moines after delivering his standard, but compelling, version of thunder and lightning to the Iowa Bankers' Association.

• Howard Baker's daughter, Cissie, was stumping the state for her father, who had been in Des Moines a couple days earlier to deliver a secret message — no reporters permitted, thank you — to his key Iowa volunteers.

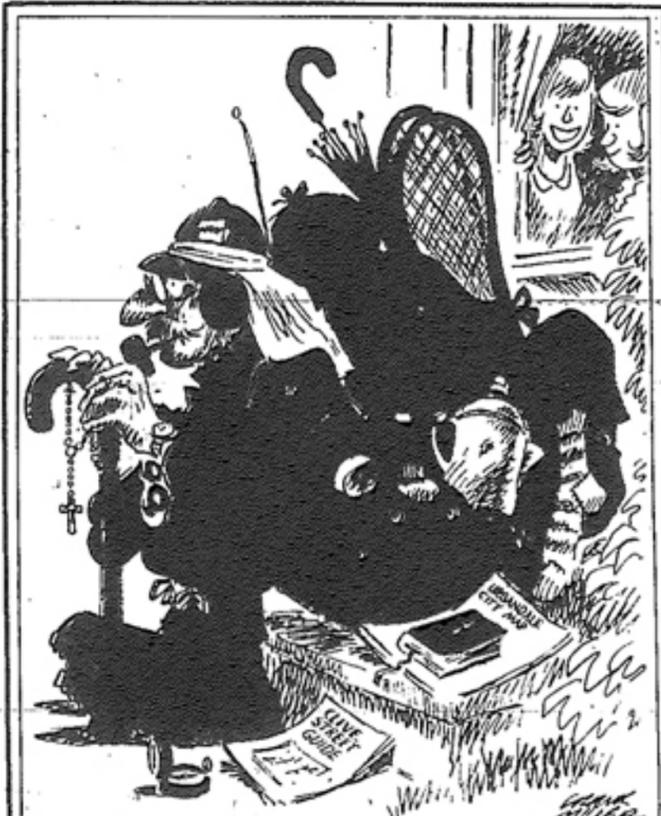
• Ronald Reagan's Iowa leaders were smoldering over an age-crack by Robert Dole — offered up a week earlier in almost the same breath he used to explain that he really isn't the batchet man voters saw in 1976 — and getting ready to beat the drums for an appearance by Nancy Reagan later in the week.

• Phil Crane's daughter, Judy Ross, had just finished a four-day Iowa tour to be followed by a two-day swing by Crane himself later in the week.

• John Anderson's handful of supporters were trying to reconcile his Iowa City statement of only a week earlier — that he'd seek delegates in some parts of the state — with his weekend pronouncement in Michigan that the Iowa contest is utterly insignificant.

• Jerry Ford produced a thoughtful silence among the Iowa faithful by following up the reports on the possibility of Ted Kennedy being the Dem-

## POPE IMPLORES IRISH: PUT END TO VIOLENCE



"Uncle Stasiu is ready for the pope."

## IRA MESSAGE OFFERS 'PEACE POSSIBILITY'

An estimated 2 million cheer the pontiff

By WILLIAM SIMBRO  
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DUBLIN, IRELAND — An estimated two million people — nearly two-thirds of Ireland's population — turned out Saturday to cheer Pope John Paul II, who told them that he had come here because "I, too, have heard the voice of the Irish" and because, "On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and to return to the ways of peace."

In apparent response to the pope's plea, a statement was passed to the British Army here early today, purportedly from the Irish Republican Army, offering "the possibility of ending hostilities" in Northern Ireland.

The statement, attributed to the Belfast section of the IRA's provisional wing, said:

"We owe our religious allegiance to the pope, but the Irish struggle is a political one. However, if the Holy Father can offer the possibility of justice for Ireland without violence, we shall be glad to lay down our arms."

The tentative overture from the IRA capped an exuberant day Saturday in which thousands came to the airport in the morning to welcome the pontiff for the first visit ever made by a pope to Ireland, the world's most Catholic nation.

But it was the evening sermon before some 300,000 people at Drogheda that established the theme of the journey to Ireland — a pilgrimage for peace and reconciliation.

Thousands came across the border from Northern Ireland to Drogheda. Police said whole sections in both Protestant and Catholic districts of Northern Ireland's capital of Belfast were empty.

The pope used the moral weight of his office and his enormous personal appeal in a passionate call for an end to violence in this strife-torn land.

"To all of you who are listening, I say, do not believe in violence," said John Paul. "Do not support violence. It is not the Christian way. It is not the way of the Catholic Church. Believe in forgiveness and love, for they are of Christ."

To those engaged in violence, the

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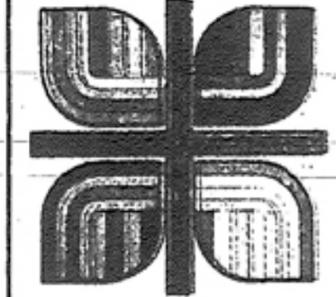
A tour of Living History Farms to see what the pope will see, and a full-color portrait of the pope, all in PICTURE.

#### Pope on TV

Iowa television stations have mobilized to provide coverage of the pope's historic visit. Read how they'll do it — and when — in IOWA TV.

#### Trains

An examination of the state's troubled railroad operation and its effect on agriculture and industry, in IOWA FARM/BUSINESS.



The official logogram for the papal visit contains a cross and four petals, which represent the seasons: blues and grays for winter, light greens and yellows for spring, darker greens and brown for summer, rust and orange for fall. It was designed by The Rev. John Bascemi, a priest and artist from Wisconsin.

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## Bergland: Carter's loyal, popular trouper

By GEORGE ANTHAN  
Of The Register's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bob Bergland stood before a group of Tennessee Democrats two weeks ago and unblinkingly assured them that Jimmy Carter's qualities as a populist leader qualify him as a sort of reborn Andrew Jackson.

"To me, Jimmy Carter is fighting the battle Andrew Jackson fought so many years ago," Bergland said



## This week, his heart will be in Iowa

By WILLIAM SIMBRO  
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ROME, ITALY — The man who has been lovingly called "the pope's county agent" says his heart will be in Iowa Thursday when Pope John Paul II celebrates Mass at Living History Farms near Des Moines.

"I will be thinking of you and all my friends there," said Monsignor Luigi Ligutti, 84. Ligutti became nationally known during the Depression for the Granger Homestead project he founded just a few miles northwest of the Iowa papal visit site.

hunger in Des Moines. Noting that Pope John Paul II has not made a comprehensive speech on land issues in his nearly one year as pontiff, Ligutti said Iowa would be the logical place for such a statement.

What would he urge the pope to say in his Des Moines address?  
"I would say that regardless of what happens, through crises or anything else, agriculture is still a noble profession. It serves the country. It serves the world," said Ligutti.

the giants," said the article. "But the fervor with which this little community is preparing for the event is second to none."

It said that "the little city will become one of the largest in the United States for some hours" as the crowds pour in to see the pope.

Under a headline, "The Meeting of the Pope with Rural America," the article described St. Patrick's Church at the Irish settlement near Cumming as "a little white chapel in the middle of the country."

# Blue collar workers disapprove

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welcoming than the opinions expressed in the poll.

Since the Vietnam War ended in 1975, 3,843 Indochinese have found homes here — one refugee for every 749 Iowans. Of all the nations in the world, according to the governor's office, only Australia has taken in more refugees per person than has Iowa. Of all the states in the nation,

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only eight others (most of them in milder climates) rank ahead of Iowa.

Whether it's despite that record or because of it, the poll shows Iowans who disapprove of the resettlement have a variety of reasons for doing so.

The most common response is that there are plenty of needy Iowans who deserve first consideration. After that come two conflicting answers: That the refugees take jobs away from others and that the refugees are too expensive to support.

### Entry-level Jobs

Ray has heard those arguments before in angry letters to his office. But he dismisses all three with the contention that the refugees are industrious and willing to take entry-level jobs that others don't want.

"Here in Iowa," he notes, "we don't have a growing population. And as we attract new businesses and jobs, we can take new people. We have a very low unemployment rate." The governor said that the national leadership of the AFL-CIO and the Iowa leadership of the United Auto Workers have supported refugee resettlement.

But the poll suggests that support

## THE IOWA POLL/ Boat People:

### EDUCATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE ...

Do you favor or oppose the resettlement of the "boat people" in Iowa?

ALL IOWANS	Favor		No Opinion
	40%	51%	
Education			
less than high school	23%	69%	8%
high school graduates	35	55	10
some college	60	32	8

### ... BUT IOWANS DON'T WANT MORE

Which of these statements comes closest to describing how you feel?

	ALL IOWANS	
1. The United States has a moral obligation to help them. It should increase the numbers it is willing to admit.....	12%	
2. The U.S. is doing enough now. It should continue admitting boat people at the current levels.....	30	
3. The U.S. is doing too much. It should admit some of them, but not as many as it is now.....	23	
4. The U.S. has enough problems of its own. It should admit no boat people.....	30	
Don't Know	5	

does not prevail among labor's rank and file.

The state's blue collar workers solidly disapprove of bringing the Indochinese here (31 percent yes, 62 percent no). But white collar workers solidly approve (58 percent yes, 37 percent no).

Ray still asserted that Iowans "do have a heart" after learning of the poll's findings.

"Forty percent say we can handle it," he noted. "And I would say that many of those who are voting on the negative side, if it were explained to them and fully understood, would reach out too. Their reaction is an expected one. ... But you don't take care of your own problems by never

taking care of others."

The poll shows most Iowans who approve of admitting the boat people feel that admissions should continue at current levels and not be increased.

Most of those who disapprove say there should be no boat people settling here. However, a third of them say current admissions should be slowed down rather than stopped.

### Questions

The poll was conducted Aug. 15-18. The following questions were asked:

Refugees from Indochina, often called "boat people," are seeking new homes in various countries. Do you favor or oppose the resettlement of these refugees in the United States?

Do you favor or oppose the resettlement of these refugees in Iowa?

Why do you feel this way? If resettled in your community, do you think these people would help or hurt the quality of life there?

Which of the following statements comes closest to describing how you feel about the boat people?

1. The United States has a moral obligation to help them. It should increase the numbers it is willing to admit.

2. The United States is doing enough now. It should continue admitting boat people at the current levels.

3. The United States is doing too much. It should admit some boat people, but not as many as it is admitting now.

4. The United States has enough problems of its own. It should admit no boat people.

THE IOWA POLL, directed by Glenn Roberts, is based on 595 face-to-face, in-home interviews with Iowans age 18 and older located in 106 sampling points throughout the state. A permanent staff of 68 independent interviewers follows a probability sampling method that eliminates interviewers' choice in selecting persons to be interviewed.

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# REAGAN, CARTER CLOSE IN POLL

By GEORGE GALLUP

PRINCETON, N.J. — President Jimmy Carter and GOP front-runner Ronald Reagan are in a virtual dead heat in the latest nationwide test election contest, with Carter the choice of 47 percent of registered voters to 46 percent for Reagan.

Reagan currently is the top choice of Republican and independent voters nationwide for the GOP nomination, but former President Gerald Ford

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performs better against Carter and currently leads the president, 51 to 42 percent.

Ford owes his stronger showing at least in part to his broader bipartisan appeal.

The current results indicate that both Reagan and Ford have made marginal gains on Carter since the previous survey was taken in early August. At that time, Carter led Reagan by a 47-to-42 percent margin, while Ford held a 48-to-42 percent lead over the president.

Reagan is the current top vote-getter for his party's nomination among Republican and independent voters, winning 29 percent to 21 percent for Ford, followed by 10 percent for Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee and 8 percent for former Texas Gov. John Connally.

The trial heat results reported today are based on personal interviews with 1,093 registered voters out of a total sample of 1,535 adults, 18 and older, taken in more than 300 scientifically selected localities across the nation during the period of Sept. 7-10.

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