

(FLOOD)

(RAPID CITY)---THE BIGGEST QUESTION IN RAPID CITY LATE TODAY WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE RAIN.

AUTHORITIES ARE WORRED THAT MORE RAIN COULD EFFECT DAMS AT RESERVOIRS ALREADY WEAKENED BY THE FLASH FLOODING OF FRIDAY NIGHT.

THE DEATH TOLL IN THE FLOOD HAS BEEN RAISED TO 187 BY PENNINGTON COUNTY CORONER GEORGE BEHRENS. HE SAID 12 NEW BODIES WERE FOUND TODAY AND AT LEAST ONE WAS UNCOVERED WEST OF CANYON LAKE.

THE DEATH COUNT WAS REDUCED TO 175 THIS AFTERNOON WITH 139 PERSONS BEING IDENTIFIED. THE DEATH TOLL HAD BEEN UP TO 211 AND OFFICIALS FEAR IT COULD BE UP THERE AGAIN.

GOVERNOR RICHARD KNEIP SAYS ..."IT'S BELIVED MANY BODIES ARE BELOW THE MUD AND MIRE."

IN TRYING TO LOCATE VICTIMS, OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED RANCHERS AS MUCH AS 80 MILES EAST OF RAPID CITY TO WATCH FOR BODIES THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SWEEPED HUGE DISTANCES BY THE RUSHING WATERS.

IN RAPID CITY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ARE USING HEAVY CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY TO DIG INTO THE DEADLY MUD BELIVED TO BE COVERING MORE VICTIMS.

AUTHORITIES LAST NIGHT STARTED USING DOG TEAMS TO SEARCH DEBRIS FOR BODIES.

A TENT CITY HAS BEEN SET UP FOR THE HOMELESS IN THE SECTION OCCUPIED MAINLY BY SIOUX INDIANS. WATER SUPPLIES REMAIN CURTAILED AND TYPHOID SHOTS ARE BEING GIVEN TO WARD OFF DANGER OF AN EPIDEMIC.