



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday fair in western portion, mostly cloudy in east portion with showers near the coast in morning. Little change in temperature.

County Barn Set Afire By Lightning

Building On Farm Of Sharets Oland, East Of City, Is Destroyed

Struck by lightning, the barn of Sharets Oland, located along Route 40 near Pearl, several miles east of this city was completely destroyed by fire about 11:25 o'clock this morning, but firemen from the Independent Hose Company prevented the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings.

The blaze occurred during a morning thunderstorm, which followed earlier heavy showers. Total precipitation was near three-quarters of an inch in the city, with more showers predicted. The storm was particularly heavy in the Pearl section, where meadows were covered with water and traffic had to push through several inches of water on the highway at the Ijamsville road intersection.

The Oland barn is located on the north side of the highway and when the bolt struck, Oland told firemen he thought the home, on the south side of the road, had been hit. Coming outside, he found a piece of lumber from the barn which had been hurled across the road when the bolt struck in the top of the barn.

Meanwhile persons at the Pearl Bargain House had seen smoke issuing from the structure and called the firemen who reported the building ablaze when they arrived. Booster streams were used to finally extinguish the flames.

A small quantity of feed was reported to have been in the barn, but little else. All machinery was said to have been saved, along with livestock. It is understood insurance was carried.

A number of residents of Pearl said they thought the bolt had struck their properties, so terrific was the thunder.

Heavy showers earlier had brought almost half an inch of rain in fifteen minutes, saturating wheat shocks and gardens which were just beginning to dry off after a week of heavy showers.

Farmers conceded that the rains, in this immediate vicinity at least, would set back wheat threshing operations for another indefinite period and add to damage to the grain, already seriously affected in some areas by sprouting. There has been as much sprouting of wheat around Frederick as in northern sections of the county but today's showers will hasten the deterioration of the grain.

The local Weather Bureau measured .42 of an inch of precipitation about 9:50 a. m. At approximately the same time, .41 of an inch had fallen at the Weather Bureau station west of Frederick. The precipitation eliminated all of the good done by rain, drying weather late Saturday and Sunday, which had made many farmers prepare for threshing the first of this week.

More showers were forecast during the day. The Frederick and vicinity forecast was for generally fair, drier and moderate temperature tomorrow. Pleasant weather, from atmospheric standpoint, had returned to the city late Saturday as humidity cleared away and Sunday's northwest breezes held the temperature to a maximum of 82. Some wheat was combined Sunday, it is understood, as farmers made every effort to conclude the harvest of the crop while the weather was good. Wheat was bringing \$2.23 on the local market this morning.

Diversified Program Urged For West. Md.

College Park, Md., July 21 (AP)—Industry in Western Maryland can best achieve proper industrial growth by expanding and trying to diversify its program toward economic stability, according to a report prepared after a study by the University of Maryland.

The report advised expansion in the fields of textiles, paper and rubber products, in particular, stating, "x x x the principal prospect for development of manufactures employing rubber is in the field of mechanical soft-rubber goods, including toys, hose, tubing, medical supplies and plumbing supplies."

In advocating diversification, the university suggested that small-scale enterprises linked to established manufacturing fields be developed.

Although material resources in Allegany county might be improved, the report indicated, they are generally good. Other advantages mentioned were the availability of fuel sufficient water supply and power, and easy access to markets.

These factors could facilitate the establishment of industries such as the manufacture of paper containers, the university said, despite the need for large capital investments.

A note on farming was included in the report. County farmers were advised to specialize a bit more in strawberries, raspberries, apricots, sweet corn, cabbage and other garden crops.

DEED RECORDED
A deed was recorded in the clerk's office for the sale of a farm of approximately 196 acres, located in Buckeystown district, from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams of New York city, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Z. Putnam, consideration being in the neighborhood of \$39,500, according to revenue stamps.

The Nation Today

(Editor's Note: This is the first of two stories explaining the latest step in national defense, the Army-Navy unification plan.)

By JAMES MARLOW
Washington, July 21 (AP)—This explains the latest step in national defense.

The Senate (July 9) and the House (July 19) have voted to "unify" the Army, Navy and Air Force.

This isn't a merger or melting together of the armed services. All it means is getting them to work better together for national defense.

For example:

1. Better team-work in planning.

2. They can save money, time, effort, materials and manpower in buying what they need.

The Army, Navy and Air Force will be under their own civilian secretaries and their own commanders. They'll be separate branches of the armed forces.

But all of them will be under a Secretary of National Defense. That's a new job.

All this seems so natural and useful you might think it would have been done long ago.

True, it's been cooking for a long time. But it hasn't been easy to do. And it isn't finished. It should be soon. There's still a slight hitch.

This is it: The Senate voted for one bill to unify the services, the House voted for another.

The bills are almost identical. But there are some differences. The House and Senate will try to iron out these differences by setting up a joint committee—called a conference committee—of both Houses.

There isn't much time for doing this since Congress may quit for 1948 by the end of this week.

It's expected an agreement will be reached quickly. Then the bill agreed to by both Houses will be sent to the President for him to sign into law.

He'll sign it promptly because, to a large degree, this has been his baby. He's pushed hard for it.

The idea of unification isn't new. It isn't something which sprang suddenly out of World War II. There's been talk of it since World War I.

Since 1921 at least 60 bills to unify the armed services have been introduced in Congress.

A number of studies were made. But until now no action was taken. Yet, the real drive for unification did spring out of World War II.

That war showed some real weakness in this country's national defense set-up. For example:

The scrambling the Army and Navy did to get what they needed when the war started.

If they had had a plan ready they could have saved time, money, effort, materials.

The failure of the Army and Navy big shots to agree on unification threw a huge stumbling block in the way of getting the idea through Congress.

The Admirals didn't want to wind up being bossed by a general. The generals wanted to be sure they didn't lose ground to the Navy.

And the Air Force didn't want to be under the thumb of the Army or Navy. It wanted to run its own show.

Last year the Army came up with one plan for unification. The Navy came up with another. They were miles apart.

Congress worked on the plans but, even though President Truman asked for action, the 1946 Congress went home without doing anything.

Before this year's Congress came here in January, Mr. Truman finally got the Army and Navy to agree on a single plan.

He gave this plan to Congress in February. Since then committees of both Houses have held hearings on the unification plan.

The top Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine commanders went before the committees and spoke in general favor of the plan.

(With their boss, the President, behind the plan it wasn't likely that any of those commanders were going to come out flatfootedly against it.)

Finally, both committees okayed the plan, passed the word on to House and Senate, and both Houses this month voted for it.

Gambling In Ocean City Is Charged

Accusations Made And Denied Slot Machines Are Publicly Operated

Ocean City, July 21 (AP)—Published reports of wide open operation of slot machines and other gambling devices in Ocean City, Maryland's largest seashore resort, drew from various state officials the comment that any enforcement of alleged violations was up to local authorities.

The Baltimore Sun in a special dispatch reported "open gambling in direct violation of Maryland law is continuing on a large scale at this resort."

The Sun added "a casual count today showed 134 coin slot machines operating along the boardwalk. A total of 176 other kinds of gambling devices also was counted."

Attorney General Hall Hammond's office said any action is "up to the State's Attorney in Worcester. We are not charged with enforcing criminal laws. We couldn't do anything if we wanted to. It is his responsibility."

Col. Beverly Ober, State Police superintendent, said he could act only if the Ocean City mayor or chief of police requested assistance or if ordered by the Governor.

Asked if he had received such requests, Ober replied "no comment." He added "we are not acting in any way."

Ober said the State Police cannot act within an incorporated city unless requested, then any action is discretionary.

The Ocean City police headquarters, contacted by telephone, brought the response from a person answering to a call for Police Chief Josiah Savage "most of it is untrue. The reporter who wrote that story (The Sun) needs bifocals."

To the question if there is any gambling on the boardwalk, the person replied "not that I know of. In a subsequent call to headquarters and check with Chief Savage, the Associated Press was told "how do you know you were talking to the chief? He is out."

An effort to have slot machines legalized in Worcester county was passed by the 1947 Maryland General Assembly but vetoed by Governor Lane.

15 State Officers Of Jaycees Confer

Fifteen State officers of the six Maryland Junior Chambers of Commerce, held morning and afternoon sessions of an interim planning meeting here Sunday, looking to business to be taken up at the Jaycees annual state-wide directors' meeting to be held at Hagerstown September 27-28.

Presiding officer at the planning sessions held in the Blue and Grey room of the Francis Scott Key Hotel, was John Jacob, Salisbury. He submitted a plan for a possible state-wide project of the Jaycees.

His presentation was an adaptation of New York Jaycees, in preparing an appointment calendar depicting Maryland scenes.

Allen Clobber, Hagerstown president and chairman of the state Jaycees budget committee, and William H. Tyeryar, Frederick, State chairman of the awards committee, submitted plans to curtail "sumo" items in their separate departments, at the annual meeting.

Recently returned from the national Jaycee convention, State Director David Kauffman, Cumberland, pointed out that his home organization had received first place award for Government Affairs activities and second place in Public Relations in Maryland accomplishments submitted to the national group.

Other Jaycees in attendance at the sessions Sunday included William E. Hardy, Frederick, Jaycee president; Richard E. Shoemaker, first vice-president; State Treasurer Clifton Eblevin and local director William B. Bennett, Jr.

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Half-Wild Dogs In Washington County

Hagerstown, July 21 (AP)—More than 100 half-wild dogs are terrorizing Washington county, Sheriff Joseph D. Baker estimated today, advising farmers to shoot them on sight.

"Shoot them whether they are tagged or not," Baker said. He added that any dog can be legally killed when found on one's property without being on a leash.

Ranging county farmhands in wolf packs, stray dogs have attacked livestock at least two places, he said.

One farmer reports his sheep had been killed by a pack of half-wild dogs, Baker said. The number of sheep involved was not given.

Another county farmer said he had found a pack of dogs attempting to kill a calf.

WATER INSPECTION
The Mayor and Aldermen, with some invited guests, will make their annual summer inspection of the fishing Creek water supply on July 30, Mayor Lloyd C. Cutler said today. A picnic dinner will be served.

SOME EDGE FORWARD
New York, July 21 (AP)—Individual stocks edged forward today although many market leaders did nothing or continued to give ground.

36 Reported As Killed In Plane Crash

Buenos Aires, July 21 (AP)—An Argentine army transport plane crashed today near the El Palomar military airport and first unofficial reports said 36 persons were killed. The air secretary promised a communique later in the day.

An air demonstration in which 200 planes had been scheduled to fly over the capital was cancelled.

Reports from the airfield, 20 miles outside Buenos Aires, said the plane crashed in flames upon striking telegraph wires shortly after its takeoff.

Several persons were reported to have escaped by leaping from the plane cabin. Those remaining inside were burned when gasoline tanks exploded when the craft hit the earth.

Heavy Sale Of Dog Licenses Is Reported

More Than 5,800 Issued And More Have Been Ordered

County Treasurer James H. Falk disclosed today that he has nearly exhausted his supply of dog licenses and tags after the largest sale for any year in the history of the county and is awaiting the arrival of an additional supply of 4,000 before filling mail orders.

At the same time, Sheriff Guy Anders indicated that his office may begin a door-to-door canvass of county homes to check on compliance later this week. His deputies will be armed with summonses, it is expected, to serve on persons who have failed to comply with the licensing law.

The treasurer has issued more than 5,800 licenses thus far and said applicants are still trickling in although the rush appears to be over. He has approximately 400 mail applications to fill as soon as the additional blanks and tags are received. These are expected by Wednesday.

Pending their arrival, the treasurer is retaining a small supply of application forms in the office so that dog owners who apply in person can be accommodated immediately and not made to return at some future date.

Largest number of licenses issued in a previous year was 5,600 in 1945. With the additional supply which is to arrive this week, the county will have secured 10,000 applications. It is possible that the issuance may run this high, in the opinion of some officials, particularly after the Sheriff's office begins to take stock of the situation in its district-by-district survey.

It is understood that a list of persons to whom applications have been issued is being prepared in the County Commissioners' office. Once this list is ready a copy will be supplied the Sheriff to assist him in his check on the dogs.

Sheriff Anders disclosed that about 16 dogs have been picked up this far through his office, in response to calls from residents.

Former Barons Pilot Is Dead

Speed Williams Was Well Known In City

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 21 (AP)—Sylvester P. (Speed) Williams, 27, former baseball manager, circus performer and newspaperman, died yesterday of a heart ailment in Mercy Hospital.

Williams managed the Wilkes-Barre Barons of the Eastern League for four years until his retirement from baseball in 1940. Earlier, he was a member of the Buffalo Bill circus, engaged in the newspaper publishing business (town unknown), and was manager of the American Chain Company, York, Pa.

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Swarms Of May Flies Halt Freight Trains

Peach Bottom, Pa., July 21 (AP)—Swarms of May flies halted three freight trains pulled by 350-ton electric locomotives last night on the Pennsylvania Railroad line between Port Deposit, Md., and Harrisburg, Pa.

Crews worked for several hours to clear away the millions of mono-plane-shaped insects which blanketed the boxcars, clogged overhead power lines and short-circuited motors.

Three steam locomotives finally pushed two of the trains to Harrisburg and the other to Port Deposit.

May flies are known as ephemerids to the learned. Perspiring trainmen had other names for them last night.

APPROVE BRADLEY POLICY
Baltimore, July 21 (AP)—Top-drawer Maryland medical men today cited the Veterans Administration policies of General Omar N. Bradley as "free of red tape and politics."

Curfew On 90,000 Jews In Jerusalem

Movements Of 155,000 Now Restricted From Dusk To Dawn; New Violence Is Feared

Jerusalem, July 21 (AP)—A dusk-to-dawn curfew was ordered today for 90,000 Jerusalem Jews, bringing to 155,000 the number of Jews under curfew restrictions here, in Haifa and in the Natanya area.

The action followed a new outbreak of violence which left three dead and 23 wounded in 48 hours.

The British army was ordered to lock in the Jewish quarters here from 7 p. m. to 5 a. m. daily "until further notice."

Some 50,000 Jews in Haifa already were under a similar curfew. About 15,000 at Natanya have been under martial law for a week as a result of the kidnaping of two British army sergeants.

Fear of repercussions for the deportation from Haifa of 4,500 or more uncertified Jewish refugees of the Exodus of 1947 was reported to be the reason for the extended curfew.

Hebrew newspapers this morning headlined in heavy black type a story that the refugees were being sent back to France.

The death toll in the last 48 hours included a British policeman ambushed in Haifa Saturday night, a British soldier blasted to death near Natanya Sunday afternoon, and a Jewish civilian fatally wounded while participating in an attack early today on the Stella Maris army signals camp near Haifa.

An official government announcement said two British soldiers and one British policeman and an Arab civilian were seriously injured during the two-day period. The announcement said the civilian was hurt just before dawn today when he accidentally stepped on a mine planted on the perimeter of a radar installation, south of Haifa. Four Palestine policemen were slightly injured by gunfire in resisting an attack on the radar station.

Lutheran Summer School Is Opened
Before approximately 250 registered members of the 12th annual Lutheran Maryland Synod summer school for church workers who met Sunday evening at eight o'clock in the Evangelical Lutheran church, Dr. Paul Empie, director of Lutheran World Action, spoke on the reconstruction and relief of churches throughout the world.

Dr. Empie told his audience that having been "caught in the web of war and tragedy we said there would not be a 'next time' but this is the 'next time' and we should perform deeds of kindness to inspire the brotherhood of man for the good of all instead of letting the feeling of hate continue. He also said with the rise of communism, atheism is increasing and is making a strong bid for the countries of Europe. Unless we do all in our power to encourage the peoples of Europe, where over 50 per cent of the Christians in the world are found, the future is in doubt, he added.

The church workers opened their school at Hood College Saturday and will remain in session this week.

Dr. Empie, who has been directing the raising of \$10,000,000 for reconstruction and relief, spoke to the women of the conference at 11:30 o'clock this morning. The remainder of the morning was spent with study courses being held for the various groups.

Tonight at sunset vespers, Rev. Dr. Gould Wickey, executive secretary of the Lutheran Board of Education, will present the devotional program followed by two films at nine o'clock.

Rev. Howard F. Reisz, pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Baltimore, is the director of the school.

Sales Tax Boosts Pennies' Circulation
The State sales tax is apparently producing an influx of pennies into the city parking meters, reports indicated today. Collector Elgin Hemp said that last week he counted \$211 in pennies, more than for any previous week in the history of the meters. The penny total generally runs around \$160 to \$170 a week, he said.

He suspects that many persons are receiving more change because of the sales tax pennies and are using this small change in the meters.

Have Some?
San Francisco July 21 (AP)—The Stinbath aquarium had ordered a batch of humuhumunukunuuapua.

When the shipment arrived Dr. Robert C. Miller, aquarium director, lifted the lid and peered in. "Why?" he exclaimed, "these aren't humuhumunukunuuapua at all. They're mummichogs!"

He was just glad to see the tiny trigger fish just arrived from Hawaii, and put them on display today even if he was short-changed six letters.

And he reordered the 21-letter kind.

Not Trying To Irish Of 'Discredit' Commission

Groves Angrily Refutes Insinuations Regarding Atomic Energy Control

Washington, July 21 (AP)—Major Gen. Leslie R. Groves denied officially insinuations today what he sought to "discredit" the civilian-controlled Atomic Energy Commission headed by David E. Lilienthal.

In an unusual statement released through the War Department, the officer who directed the development and production of atomic bombs until the Army's "Manhattan Project" was taken over by the commission last January 1, said Secretary of War Patterson had "expressed the desire that I issue a statement with respect to some matters recently discussed in the press."

Groves asserted that "erroneous reports have been widely circulated the past few days concerning my position on atomic energy matters." Several of these "insinuations" that I have encouraged a campaign to discredit the administration of the commission, and (c) "all such reports and innuendoes are absolutely untrue." To this the General added the flat statement:

"I am not nor have I ever been a party to any effort calculated to place the Atomic Energy Commission in an unfavorable light in the eyes of the American public."

Before the first bomb was used in the summer of 1945 he advised former Secretary of War Stimson and the then Chief of Staff, George C. Marshall, that he favored prompt legislation which would remove atomic energy from the control of the War Department.

Truman States Prosperity Is Unprecedented
Washington, July 21 (AP)—President Truman said today the nation has surged to a pinnacle of "unprecedented prosperity" but must strengthen its defenses against inflation.

In a special mid-year economic report to Congress, the Chief Executive declared that production now is running at a rate of \$225,000,000 a year, far surpassing anything in history, and added:

"We can place the high production and the high employment that we have today on a firm foundation of enduring prosperity and peace."

But threaded through the 30,000-word document were four C's—corn, coal, construction and commerce overseas—named by Mr. Truman as developments which mean that "inflationary problems may become stronger."

Termining price reductions still necessary in many areas, the President said they must not be swamped in a wave of speculation caused by the forecast of a short corn crop or by a wave of new wage and price boosts pegged to John L. Lewis' coal contract settlement.

Mr. Truman said there are as yet "no grounds for real alarm nor for general speculative increases in food prices" arising from the forecast of a corn harvest 20 per cent below last year's. But in the event real shortages should develop, the report recommended:

1. Full publicity as to the true farm outlook, perhaps including a campaign for "strict economy" in the use of some foods.

2. Quick planning for construction, through export controls and possibly by renewing the government's recently lapsed power to control the amount of grain used by distilleries and other processors.

Mr. Truman renewed his plea of ten days ago that coal, steel and other industries forego immediate price increases until they test the real costs of the wage boost won by Lewis' miners.

"Stability in steel prices would be a wise economic policy for this industry as well as for the country," the President declared, where as increases based on guesses and an "exaggerated interpretation" could "start another price-wage spiral in motion."

"Another general surge of price inflation would have only one result—the sharp recession which it is everyone's interest to prevent," Mr. Truman said.

He added that price cuts and boosts in substantial pay rates are still needed as he said they were "when the first economic report was made in January but that meanwhile corporation profits have gone on to new record heights.

"It is evident," the Chief Executive asserted, "that in many cases business profits are more than adequate to permit price reductions or wage increases, or some combination of both."

Mr. Truman reassured industry, however, that he does not seek or expect a return to pre-war price levels.

NO VISIT TO ENGLAND
London, July 21 (AP)—A British Foreign Office spokesman told a news conference today that Senora Eva Peron, wife of the Argentine President, had definitely cancelled her plans for a visit to England.

Begin Open Warfare In Indonesia

Dutch Planes Reported To Have Bombed And Strafed Java Airports; Land Attacks Also Made

Batavia, Java, July 21 (AP)—Dutch warplanes struck at Indonesian republican airfields in Java and Sumatra today in an effort to immobilize republican anti-aircraft guns, and air forces believed to consist of about 10 old Japanese planes, many in poor repair.

Indonesian broadcasts and other sources said the finely equipped Dutch army of about 120,000 men, using mostly U. S. lend-lease and surplus military equipment, was striking simultaneously at numerous points.

Dr. H. J. Van Mook, acting Dutch Governor General, called the skirmishing "police action."

Long-standing differences between the Netherlands and the Indonesian republic have been open warfare today as Dutch forces pressed operations against the republic on the land and in the air after setting Indonesian key points here in a series of lightning moves last night.

Acting Governor-General Hubertus J. Van Mook described the Dutch operations as "police action," but the Indonesian news agency Antara reported—before it was closed down—that Dutch planes had bombed and strafed republican airports throughout Java and that Dutch troops were attacking simultaneously at several points.

Dutch troops took over the offices of Antara shortly after noon today and ordered the Indonesian news agency to cease issuing news bulletins to correspondents.

The agency had been virtually the only source of news of military operations in Java, since the Dutch army has not as yet issued any communique.

Ankara had quoted Gen. Soedirman, Indonesian army commander in Jogyakarta, as saying that sharp fighting was under way at Semarang, north coast city 250 miles east of Batavia, and that the Dutch were attacking not only along front lines "but also in the interior"—a statement that suggested the possible use of airborne troops or paratroopers.

"Although there has been no official declaration of war, it is, however, clear that the Dutch in reality have declared war upon the republic," Soedirman was quoted as saying.

Wide Scale Attacks
Batavia, Java, July 21 (AP)—President Soekarno said by radio tonight the Dutch were attacking his Indonesian republic by land, air and sea. He appealed to the world to force the United Nations Security Council to take up the issue.

Howard County Suit Sent Here For Trial
A suit involving a real estate broker's commission has been ordered on the trials docket in Circuit Court here after being removed to Frederick from Howard county on motion for a change of venue.

Ardelle Kitchen, trading as the Kitchen Real Estate and Farm Agency, Baltimore, entered the suit against Albert L. Ridgely. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant, owner of a residence near Alpha, Howard county, entered into a written agreement with Kitchen in 1944 to sell the residence. Lowest price that would be acceptable, Kitchen said, was \$2,657.50 and Ridgely allegedly agreed to pay five per cent commission.

Kitchen said he procured a buyer at the minimum price but Ridgely declined to sell. The plaintiff is suing for a commission of \$132.88. The suit was removed here on a motion of the plaintiff.

THIEVES HUNTED
Washington, July 21 (AP)—Police today sought two men who shoved a Washington restaurant owner to the floor of his bar and made off with \$2,700, chiefly in \$100 bills, Leonard R. Shope, 28, told police the robbery occurred shortly before last midnight. He said he had just returned home from a week-end in Baltimore. He said he was reaching into the back of the car when he was shoved to the floor and something prodded against