

Weather Today
Cloudy and windy with rain...

Explosion Wrecks Two Philadelphia Buildings

Sen. Ferguson Calls For Fair Inquiry Bases

Republicans Call On Democrats To Help Set Up Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) said today Democrats as well as Republicans must "face up to their responsibilities" for conducting congressional investigations on a fair basis.

Ferguson, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said he will ask 18 chairmen of Senate committees to agree at a meeting this week on a set of guiding principles for hearings. But he said they will need Democratic help to put them into effect.

As a result of last week's clash between Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and Secretary of the Army Stevens the policy committee ordered a survey of the rules governing investigations.

This would replace the present House Committee on Un-American

John Hoopengardner Given Commutation

At the age of 65, John Hoopengardner has been granted a commutation of the second degree murder sentence on which he went to prison five years ago.

But Hoopengardner probably won't return to his former home just north of Hancock in Buck Valley. Since his imprisonment, the family has disposed of its Buck Valley farm and has gone to some point in New York whose exact location isn't known.

Slashed To Death

U. Of M. Registrar Killed By Burglar

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The registrar of the University of Maryland was slashed to death in his bedroom early today and a sister who went to her aid was wounded by a housebreaker who escaped.

Police identified the dead woman as Alma H. Preinkert, 58, registrar at the university since 1936 and an active member of several national organizations. She had a large gash in her throat and was pronounced dead at the scene.

2 Accidents Near Boonsboro Sunday

There were two auto accidents on Alternate Route 40 east of Boonsboro Sunday morning.

The first crash, which occurred shortly after midnight, involved a car driven by Edgar T. Moser, Boonsboro Route Two, which ran into the rear of a parked care belonging to Arthur E. Ruggles, Boonsboro.

State Trooper David Hasenbuhler reported that the parked car was shoved by the impact into a nearby fence on the eastern outskirts of Boonsboro.

Just one car was involved in the second accident, also investigated by Trooper Hasenbuhler.

Police Wound Cairo Rioters

Rifle Shots Back Up Regime's Appeal For Order

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 28 (AP)—Police gunfire wounded 12 rioters in Cairo today. The rifle shots backed up with force the appeal of Egypt's shaken military regime for order and unity after three days of crisis over removal and restoration of Gen. Mohamed Naguib.

Steel-helmeted police opened fire when unruly pro-Naguib university students tried to march through Cairo's Garden City district, site of the British and American embassies and the swank Semiramis Hotel.

The display of force curbed wild demonstrations which broke out all over the city last night and resumed this morning after the ruling Revolutionary Council restored the popular general to the presidency from which they dropped him Thursday.

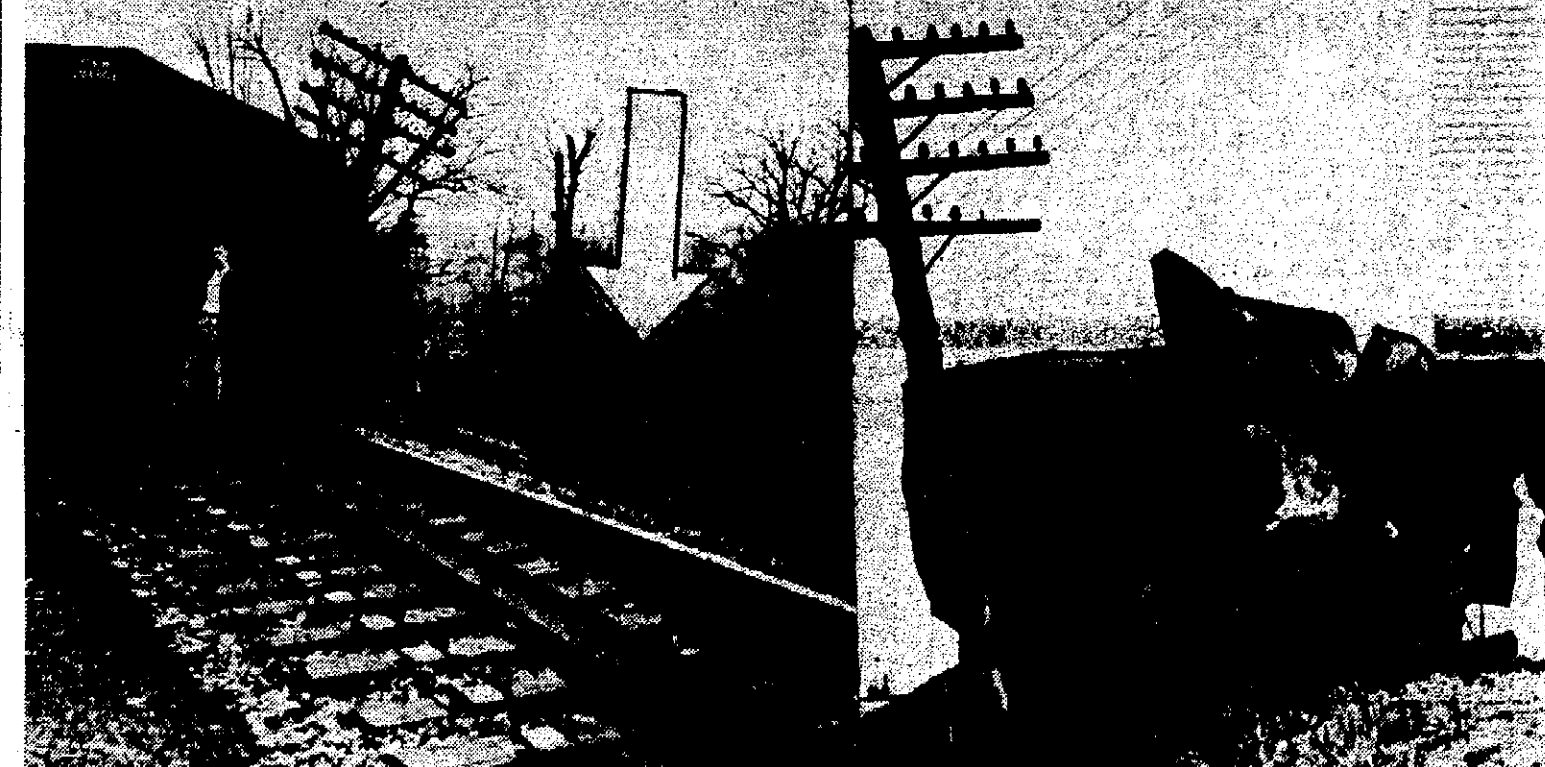
Other shouting processions of demonstrators streamed all morning into Republican Square outside the presidential office where Naguib appeared on the balcony smiling and waving. He appealed to his supporters for "moderation and forgiveness."

In a public display of unity, Naguib sat in a Cabinet meeting beside Lt. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the 36-year-old revolutionary leader who was mainly responsible for the attempt to drop the general from the presidency because he said Naguib wanted to be a dictator.

Nasser, chief of the "free officers" who drove King Farouk from his throne emerged from the three-day crisis as prime minister and chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Egypt's ruling body.

Before Thursday, Naguib held all three titles—president of the republic, prime minister and chairman of the revolutionary council.

Together, Naguib and Nasser went to the hospital to visit wounded demonstrators. In a hospital ward, Nasser was kissed by demonstrators who a few hours before the shooting were shouting "down with Nasser."



SCENE OF TRAIN DERAILMENT—The above photos were made shortly after the derailment yesterday afternoon of eight loaded coal cars on Western Maryland Railway tracks at the Kemps Crossing near Williamsport. Top photo shows how two mainline tracks were torn up and covered with tons of coal. Lower photos show how cars piled up against telephone pole which overlooks the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byers and family. Arrow points to home in relation to spot where crumpled coal cars finally came to rest.

VA Office Here To Stay Open Awhile

The Veterans Administration office in Hagerstown is not going to be closed "for the time being," it was learned over the weekend.

Wreckage Overlooks House

Eight loaded coal cars of a B & O freight train were demolished in a derailment which cut both of the Western Maryland Railway's main lines to Cumberland near Williamsport yesterday afternoon. No injuries were reported.

Catholic Vets Against Movie Censorship Ban

BALTIMORE, Feb. 28 (AP)—Catholic War Veterans of Maryland closed their three-day annual convention today after rejecting a resolution calling for vigorous opposition to moves to abolish the State Board of Motion Picture Censors.

County Tax Total About 2 Million

He won't know the exact figures until sometime today, but County Treasurer Hugh K. Troxell predicted last night that state and county tax collections for Saturday would total about \$2,000,000.

Pope Reliefs

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 28 (AP)—Pope Pius XII rallied slightly today, almost on the eve of his 78th birthday, as Roman Catholics by tens of thousands prayed for the Virgin Mary for his recovery.

14 Year Old Girl Gets Radio License

A 14 year old Hagerstown girl, Ruth Larson, 124 Calvert Terrace, recently passed a Federal Communications Test for "novices" in amateur radio. She expects to receive her call letters within a few weeks.

Dr. Shealy To Head Historical Society

Dr. W. H. Shealy was re-elected president of the Washington County Historical Society last night, at the annual organizational meeting of the board of directors.

Dairy Building Is Broken Into

Two more burglaries were reported to city police over the weekend. Someone broke into the Hagerstown Dairy on South Putnam Street, stealing \$1.98 in cash, 400 three-cent stamps, and keys to most of the locks in the plant.

Boy Held Here In Assault On Girl

A 15-year-old Lanvale Street boy was arrested by city police last night on a charge of attempted assault on a nine-year-old girl.

Jet Airliner

The Fairchild M-186 is listed with either cargo or passengers among four jet airliners which American corporations have "ready for production" in the March issue of Aero Digest, a leading aeronautical engineering magazine.

Fairchild's M-186 Plans Nearly Ready

The Douglas DC-8 will have a top speed of 620 miles per hour, seating up to 100 passengers and able to use existing airports. The Lockheed L-103 will also seat up to 100 passengers, with a cruising speed of 564 miles per hour. Pan American World Airways is believed to have signed tentative orders for this plane.

Deer Seen Near Beaver Creek

Mrs. Robert Snyder of Beaver Creek couldn't believe her eyes when she looked out the window yesterday afternoon.

A good-sized deer, about 15 feet away, stared her right in the face. She and other members of the family watched for a few minutes, and the deer finally jumped a fence in the yard of her neighbor, Mrs. Frank Newcomer. When last seen, the animal was headed toward a nearby cemetery.

Local Girl Fatally Shot

Shooting Occurs Following Murder Mystery On TV Program

A sixteen-year-old Hagerstown girl was fatally shot last night after watching a television murder mystery in a farm house two miles from Williamsport along the road to Downsville.

Linda Ann Lewis, 211 Jefferson Street, died at the Washington County Hospital at 10:35 p. m., about an hour after what apparently was an accidental shooting.

The girl had been shot in the left chest, near the heart, with a .22 calibre bullet from a revolver. William Eugene Pyle, 17, of 100 block South Locust Street, the Lewis girl's boy friend, was holding the gun when it went off. He told police he was showing the pistol to the girl and that it fired by accident.

The shooting occurred in a farm house along the Williamsport-Downsville Road in which Ray Samuel Burger, 21, lives with his father.

Young Burger, his girl friend, Katherine J. Myers of 400 block West Washington Street, Hagerstown, and the Pyle boy and the Lewis girl were in the house at the time. They had been watching television in the living room.

Detective Sgt. John J. Cassidy of the State Police and Trooper Clyde B. Tucker launched an immediate investigation.

Burger told the officers this story: The two couples had been watching a murder mystery on TV. Pyle told Linda, his girl, that Sam Burger had a pistol in his bedroom across the hall similar to the gun shown on the TV show. Pyle and his girl then walked across the hall to the bedroom to look at the gun.

"They were hardly in the bedroom," Burger told police, "until we heard a 'spat' sound. It wasn't a 'bang,' it was a sort of 'spat' sound, muffled somewhat by the howling wind and rain outside at the time."

Burger said Pyle ran crying into the living room, shouting that "Linda has been shot."

Linda walked into the living room, holding a finger, saying she thought she had been shot in the chest.

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Five Killed, Others Trapped In Structures

Store Fronts In Area Blown Out; Rescue Squads Called Out

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28 (AP)—A deafening explosion blew two 3-story buildings to destruction in heavily-populated South Philadelphia tonight, killing five persons.

At least one other woman was trapped inside in a first floor phone booth. Firemen and civil defense officials worked frantically to clear away the rubble and save her.

At least 20 persons were injured. The blast occurred at the corner of 7th and Snyder Sts., some three miles from the center of the city. Nearly 500 persons were routed from nearby apartments and homes.

A jewelry store and snack shop were on the main floor of the adjoining buildings. The upper floors contained apartments. The snack shop was open at the time of the blast.

When firemen arrived both brick structures were reduced to a 25-foot high pile of rubble. Nineteen-year-old Jacqueline Mickelberg, who lives across a narrow street from the wrecked buildings said "the whole house shook" when the explosion came.

"There was a white flash," she said. "The windows rattled and then cracked off out onto the floor. I went to the door and saw the building still standing when suddenly it smashed together and came tumbling down. I ran out into the street and could hear screams but couldn't tell if they came from the wrecked house or other buildings."

There was no indication whether those trapped inside were dead or alive.

Firemen and civil defense crews worked frantically to free the victims. At least one child was believed to be among those inside. Store fronts in several buildings surrounding the blasted area were blown out.

Fire Chief George Hink reported "at least four persons" are trapped inside the gutted buildings. (Continued on Page 24, Col. 4)

Sharpsburg Legion Hit By Burglars

Thieves stole whiskey and money from the American Legion at Sharpsburg early Sunday morning. Deputy Sheriff Michael Farris said entry was gained by forcing open a second-floor door in the rear of the building.

Whiskey in half-pints and fifths was taken from the barroom. A cigarette machine, record player and two pinball machines were forced open and money taken.

A ham was taken from the refrigerator in the kitchen, but was thrown into the sink, not taken from the building.

Deputy Farris said the thief or thieves seemed to know what he was doing. A screwdriver or similar tool was used to force open the various locks without doing too much damage in the process.