

World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

Amin changes meeting again

NAIROBI, Kenya — Pres. Idi Amin of Uganda has postponed a meeting set for Wednesday with some 240 Americans in Uganda, Radio Uganda reported.

The government-controlled radio said Monday night another date for the meeting would be announced later. It gave no further details and no reason for the postponement, the second within four days.

Ugandan sources in Kampala reached by telephone said they believed it was in response to representations made by Pres. Carter to a number of Arab and African states.

22 die in spanish train crash

BARCELONA, Spain — Two commuter trains crashed head-on Monday in Barcelona's industrial belt, killing at least 22 persons and injuring 85 others, authorities said.

The mid-afternoon crash threw one of the engines across a nearby highway and mangled coaches from both trains, trapping several passengers inside.

At least five persons were reported hospitalized in grave condition.

Carter to 'bring in governors'

WASHINGTON — Pres. Carter's top political aide said Monday the President hopes to bring in the nation's governors as allies in his drive to reorganize the federal government.

Carter was scheduled to sit down with the governors in a work session at the White House on Monday.

White House aide Hamilton Jordan spoke to the Democratic caucus at the winter meeting of the National Governors Conference here. He told the governors they have "a friend in the White House."

"I think one of the most important things we can do is get governors involved in reorganization of the federal government," Jordan said.

Monthly deficit largest yet

WASHINGTON — A record monthly trade deficit and the biggest drop in the nation's economic indicators index since the 1974-75 recession were blamed by the government Monday on the severe January weather.

Because of plant shutdowns and transportation snarls, exports of goods declined 7.8 per cent during the month to give the nation a deficit in its foreign trade of nearly \$1.7 billion.

The indicators index, which is supposed to foreshadow future economic trends, was off 1.2 per cent in January, the biggest decline since a 3 per cent drop in January of 1975 during the depths of the recession.

Cloud-seeding planes launched

(AP) — Washington state began its \$125,000 cloud-seeding program Monday as Idaho politicians set to squabbling over whether steps should be taken against the rain rustling.

University of Washington professor Peter Hobbs' cloud-seeding DC-3 aircraft, loaded with 400 pounds of dry ice, took off Monday afternoon bound for clouds over the Yakima Valley.

It was the first of 36 flights planned by Hobbs. He is attempting to shift snowfall from the west slope of the central Cascade Mountains to the eastern slope of the range.

In Idaho, Gov. John Evans said he had asked the attorney general, Wayne Kidwell, not to go to court to stop the Washington cloud seeding. Kidwell, who believes the Washington action may rob Idaho of some moisture which it needs, promptly asked the governor to reconsider.

Elsewhere in the drought-stricken West:

- The chief agricultural climatologist of Utah said there are signs the public is learning to conserve water.

- Heavy snows were forecast for the Cascades, continuing the welcome new cycle of storms.

- A Forest Service internal memo was made public predicting the worst forest fire season on record for Washington and Oregon unless the weather makes a substantial change for the wetter.

- All electrical utilities in Idaho were ordered to submit emergency energy curtailment plans to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

- Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., said his Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee would hold a hearing Wednesday to examine options available to farmers of the Yakima Valley — an area where economists predict a loss of at least \$1.4 billion because of the drought.

Though the Washington cloud-seeding program is not the Northwest's first of the drought, it is the effort which poses the most direct threat to Idaho's rainfall. Clouds seeded over the Cascades might drop their rain over Eastern Washington instead of on Idaho as they drift eastward, Kid-

well and others have said.

Though others dispute that prediction — among them the Spokane-based Washington Water Power Co., which said on Monday in 13 years of cloud seeding nothing much happened — Kidwell insists Idaho should not risk the loss of a drop of "its" water.

Foreign fishing ban starts

(AP) — A two-month ban on all foreign fishing within 200 miles of the West Coast became effective at midnight Monday when the Coast Guard began enforcing a controversial new law.

The new limit also curtailed some foreign fishing on the East coast, but California and the Pacific Northwest got the sharpest cutbacks in fishing.

Vice-Adm. Austin C. Wagner, commander of the Guard district stretching from Central California to the Canadian border, said "there will be frequent air patrols" to enforce the new law.

The 1976 Fishery Conservation and Management Act extends the former 12-mile fishing limit to 200 miles for virtually all species of fish. One major exception is tuna, which the U.S. Commerce Department has declared too migratory to control. The new law has no effect on whales, the Guard said.

With these exceptions, the law states, foreign vessels will be al-

lowed inside the 200-mile limit to fish only for species designated "surplus."

The Commerce Department has determined hake and jack mackerel are the only species which are surplus at the moment. The fishing season for hake and mackerel begins June 1, hence no foreign fishing will be permitted until that time and then only with a permit issued by the Commerce Department.

Foreign vessels will be banned from fishing for black cod, salmon and all bottom fish species such as flounder, sole and rock fish. American vessels will still be permitted to fish for those species.

Five foreign fishing vessels were spotted Monday in the 200-mile zone off the West Coast, down from about two dozen late last week. They included ships from Korea, the Philippines and Nationalist China. All such vessels were told to stop fishing by midnight Monday, the Guard said.

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