

Severe Storms Hit Midwestern United States; Damage Heavy

Dallas, Tex.—(U.P.)—Tornadoes, hail, severe thunderstorms and dust hit the southwest in furious profusion Friday night and early Saturday, causing heavy damage.

Four tornadoes were reported in Missouri, two in Oklahoma, two in Texas and one in Arkansas but no fatalities were reported.

Lt. F. E. Damp of the Missouri Highway Patrol said a twister hit Lutesville, Mo., damaging 50 buildings and demolishing one. Damp said there were a few minor injuries, but no one was hurt seriously.

Another tornado hit Sikeston, Mo., about 35 miles southeast of Lutesville. Officer Lucius Herling of the Sikeston Police Department said two large warehouses and 23 other buildings were destroyed or damaged, but no one was hurt.

Radio Station De-Roofed
Tornadoes were reported at Bloodgett and Bertrand, Mo., and strong winds hit the southeastern Missouri area.

In Oklahoma, a farmer near Yukon reported seeing a funnel and the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. said an observer saw another one 20 miles south of Sulphur.

At Duncan, Okla., high winds whipped the roof off radio station KRHD, knocking the station off the air. Broadcasting was resumed about an hour later.

Towering thunderstorms moved across the northern part of Texas Friday night and early Saturday. Heavy hail storms were reported at Loving and Graham, Tex., but no one was reported injured. Hailstones at Graham were about the size of golf balls, and damage to rooftops and crops was reported heavy in the area.

North of Abilene, Tex., a tornado was sighted over Phantom Hill lake, but there were no reports of damage. More than an inch of rain fell in the drought-stricken area during the storm.

Another small tornado hit near Holiday, south of Wichita Falls, Tex., and blew down a garage, damaging a truck.

The Fort Worth weather bureau said huge thunderstorms

built up over the northern Texas area, where a warning of possible tornadoes had been issued.

A tornado roared through the small Arkansas farm community of Pocahontas, destroying four homes and damaging 12 others. There were no reports of injuries, which Leon Williamson, a mail carrier, said "was a miracle." Four houses were blown off their foundations and dam-

age was heavy to roofs, doors and windows in 12 other homes. Many of the residents saw the black cloud approaching and took refuge in storm cellars.

Dust was kicked up by winds that reached a velocity of 55 to 60 miles an hour in west Texas and eastern New Mexico. Visibility was down to a mile at El Paso and a half-mile at Salt Flat.

Wolfson Fails in Bid To Get MW Control

Chicago — (U.P.) — Fancier Louis E. Wolfson failed in his immediate bid for control of the \$720,000,000 Montgomery Ward mail order house, but claimed Saturday that he won a "tremendous victory."

It appeared that, pending an actual ballot count not expected to be completed for three weeks, Sewell L. Avery had retained control of Montgomery Ward & Co. after stockholders elected a new board of directors Friday.

Avery, the 81-year-old iron-willed boss of the huge firm, denied that he thought of retiring. It was believed that he would step down as chairman of Ward's board of directors because of his advanced age, and he told the stockholders at the meeting that he would retire if he were "undesirable."

Kick Or Two
He later told newsmen, however, that "still having a kick or two in me, I haven't devoted any time" to the thought of retirement.

A Wolfson spokesman said he learned that the present directors of Montgomery Ward would hold a meeting next week and Avery would be asked to step down.

Wolfson said after the stormy stockholders' meeting in the Medinah Temple that he was "certain" of getting complete control of Montgomery Ward next year.

He conceded that he would not gain a majority of five direc-

tors on the nine-man board when the results of the voting will be announced, but he said he was "sure" of electing three or four, including himself.

Wolfson's Claim Disputed
Management disputed Wolfson's claim to three or four directors, and said he would get only two or three. Avery said that "outside of the holdings of his own group, Mr. Wolfson received only a small minority vote."

The meeting was marked by cheering, booing and whistling of some of the 2,500 stockholders. It was convened at 11:40 a.m. EST, and was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Friday, May 13, when a report on the voting will be made.

300 Japanese Set To Work in Salvage Project Off Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — More than 300 Japanese workers will be employed in a \$10,000,000 three year salvage operation along the Aleutian Island chain beginning May 10, the Anchorage Daily News reported Friday.

Joined in the operation will be Peterson and Sharpe Engineering Company of Reno, Nev., and the Nishimatsu Construction Company of Tokyo.

The project may immediately run into trouble, Charles Pugh, manager here for the territorial employment service, indicated. He said the firms had not checked with him or with the service's Juneau headquarters for clearance for the imported workers as required by law.

Gov. B. Frank Heintzleman of Alaska announced April 1 that the Bankers Life and Casualty Co., Chicago, had submitted a low bid for salvage work on the Aleutian chain and the contract had been sent to Washington for approval.

Since that time the Anchorage office of the employment service has taken 600 tentative applications from laborers at the request of the Chicago firm. A representative of the firm was due to arrive here April 15, but was delayed to May 1 by "contractual arrangements."

Charles Peterson of the engineering firm said six Japanese businessmen flew from Anchorage to Cold Bay Friday to inspect the site. Peterson said they also would visit at Shemya and Attu before returning here.

The salvage materials consist mostly of lumber and scrap iron, with the metals going to the Irumaru Steel Importing Co. in Japanese ships.

The contract covers Cold Bay, Shemya, Attu, Adak, Unimak, Unalaska, Kodiak, Great Sitkin and Wlaska.

Mental Hearing for Man Carrying Gun Ordered by Judge

Washington—(U.P.)—Municipal Court judge Saturday committed for mental observation a man who mentioned during a telephone conversation with Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's office that he was carrying a loaded revolver.

Judge Armond W. Scott ordered the man, identified as Clifford W. Bryan, 34, of Los Angeles, committed to District of Columbia General Hospital when he was brought into court for arraignment on charges of carrying a deadly weapon.

Case Continued
Scott continued the case until May 24 pending a hospital report on Bryan.

Bryan was arrested late Friday.

The Secret Service said as far as it knows, Bryan "never threatened Nixon or anyone else either directly or indirectly."

It said Bryan came here to attend a Civil Aeronautics Authority hearing on aircraft safety and apparently was upset or didn't agree with some of the things he had heard at the hearing.

Bryan is an aircraft inspector in California, the secret service said. They did not say what he protested about specifically at the CAA hearing.



INDO-CHINA REPORT—General J. Lawton Collins (right), special U. S. representative to Viet Nam, calls on President Eisenhower to report on the threat of full-scale civil war in the Indo-Chinese nation. Just arrived from Saigon, General Collins said that the U. S. is "behind the legal government of Viet Nam."

First-Hand Reports On Refugees Slated

By UNITED PRESS

A congressional subcommittee will get a first-hand report from Europe on why Iron Curtain refugees are not being admitted to this country in greater numbers, informed sources said Saturday.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee confirmed that two staff members have been sent to Europe to make a general study of the refugee program. But other sources said the staffers will concentrate on what has caused delays in processing refugees.

Specifically, they will look into complaints that refugees often are kept in camps for as much as two years while U.S. officials make security checks and go through other complicated requirements of the 1953 refugee law.

The subcommittee will decide on the basis of the staff report whether to hold public hearings on the refugee problem.

In hearings just completed by the Senate Refugee Subcommittee, two conflicting views were given for delays in the refugee program. Edward J. Corsi, ousted State Department immigration adviser, charge State Department Security Officer R. W. Scott McLeod and a small group of congressmen have deliberately

sabotaged the program. But McLeod denied this and said the complicated law itself is responsible for the slowness of the program.

He told still another subcommittee Friday — an arm of the appropriations committee — he plans to issue 32,000 visas this year and 130,000 next year. But he conceded that so far most visas have gone to relatives of American citizens and not to true refugees. The relatives are allotted half the quotas under the Refugee Law.

Other congressional news: **Automation:** Rep. Irwin D. Davidson (D-NY) proposed a congressional investigation of automation, the fast-moving trend toward greater mechanization of production. He said that automation "like a Frankenstein" threatens to "destroy our working men."

Subversion: A House un-American Activities Subcommittee will investigate possible subversion among youth groups on the West Coast late in June. Hearings are planned in San Diego and Los Angeles, Calif.

Gas: The Senate Commerce Committee will begin hearings May 3 on legislation to prohibit the Federal Power Commission from regulating natural gas prices at the well and before the gas enters interstate transmission facilities.

Federal Reserve Board Boosts Cash Requirements to 70 Pct.

Washington—(U.P.)—The stock market investor who wants to buy stock today must put more cash on the line than at any time since early 1953.

The Federal Reserve Board raised the cash requirement Friday night in its second move in less than four months to scotch stock market speculation.

Before the increase, the investor had to cover at least 60 per cent of the price of his investment with cash. Now he must pay 70 per cent cash. The rest he may borrow from his broker.

For the speculator who does much of his investing on borrowed funds, the new higher cash requirement means less speculating, and that is just what the board wants.

The board has taken steps to tighten up a little on other forms of borrowing in recent months, indicating confidence in the basic strength of the nation's current economic boom and no fear of hurting it.

The board's actions indicate more a fear than the boom—or some element of it—might hurt itself by booming too high and then tumbling.

Only last Monday, Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) of the Senate Banking committee, warned of "excessive speculating activity" on the stock market.

Youngster Gets in Wrong Line; Receives Two Vaccinations

Wheeling, W. Va. — (U.P.) — It wasn't the extra lollipop, he just got mixed up.

That's the way 6-year-old Gary Bonnenberger explained Saturday how he became the first child in the nation to receive two shots of the Salk anti-polio vaccine on the same day.

Gary was one of 332 children who were inoculated at Madison school in Wheeling. As a bonus each child received a lollipop.

But Gary insisted it wasn't the second lollipop he was after. He said that after he received the first shot he accidentally wound up in another line and got an injection in the other arm.

His anxious mother, Mrs. Joseph Bonnenberger, telephoned Dr. Joseph Salk's office in Pittsburgh to find out if Gary would suffer any ill effect. Salk's secretary assured her the boy would not.



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