

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Thursday with scattered afternoon or evening showers.

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Sen. Thomas Trails Foe in Oklahoma

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Sen. Thomas trails his foe in Oklahoma. The incumbent Elmer Thomas trailed Rep. Mike Monroney by more than 7,000 votes today as tabulation of yesterday's Democratic Senatorial primary election neared completion.

A run-off election July 26 was held for the other five Democratic candidates who had more than 25,000 votes among them. Returns from 181,728 precincts gave: Monroney 167,438; Thomas 160,435.

Former Gov. William H. (Alfalfa) Bill Murray, who hopes to win the governor's office once he is elected, held a wide lead over his three Democratic opponents but lacked the clear majority to avoid a runoff.

Monroney returned from 3,273 precincts, had 180,075 votes to a combined total of 221,138 for his foe, William C. Cox, Oklahoma City attorney, was second man.

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Infantrymen Cut Off By Tank Drive

TOKYO (AP)—U. S. infantry forces today were cut off by tank-led North Korean troops in a blazing battle on the central Korean front south of Suwon.

The size of the American force was not indicated. General MacArthur's communique made no mention of the trap. This news of the setback for the first American infantry to go into action came from advanced headquarters in South Korea.

Headquarters said only that the Northerners drove the "defenders" on to high ground north of Osan. But U. S. troops previously were located there. Osan is eleven miles southeast of Suwon, which in turn is 23 miles south of fallen Seoul.

The communique confirmed a gathering thrust of Communist forces at Suwon, apparently designed to cut off the whole sector of the front. That would open the way for a drive on Taejon, military center miles south of Suwon.

The Northerners were pouring more troops and arms across the Han River south of Seoul despite repeated air strikes on the rail lines stretching north of the city.

A constant stream of U. S. reinforcements was flowing into South Korea. The size of the American force was not indicated.

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One Over Lightly by THE OLD SHAVER

By ANTONIO PETRUCCI
PALERMO, Italy — (AP) — Police shot and killed Sicily's notorious bandit king, Salvatore Giuliano, in his mountain hideout shortly before dawn today.

Giuliano Trapped in Hideout
Sicilian Robin Hood Sain By Police

State of Sicily and challenged Government leaders in Rome to duel to determine who should rule Italy. The Government replied by sending in police reinforcements to hunt him down.

There were no personnel casualties during the two-day strike. MacArthur added that the commander of naval forces in the Far East "called the raid 'highly successful'."

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder today gave his testimony on the House approved bill cutting income taxes by \$1,010,000,000 and raising taxes on big corporations.

Snyder Puts Limited Okay On Excise Tax Cut Bill
House corporation tax bill by \$433,000,000 a year. The rise will fall on larger corporations. Some smaller ones would get a cut.

What's Inside
The second installment of the five-part series by AP reporters on U. S. readiness for war will be found today on the editorial page. It describes the plans for converting industry to a war-time basis.