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# Eisenhower Hits Trend Toward Federal Control

## President Seeks GOP Congress

McNARY DAM, Ore.—(AP)—President Eisenhower, carrying his campaign for another Republican Congress into the Pacific Northwest, declared today any trend toward "conversion of local regions into federal satellites poses a threat deadly to our liberties."

## Police Quell Prison Riot In Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(AP)—A flaming riot at the Missouri State Penitentiary, was quelled today after four convicts were killed, 20 prisoners and three guards injured and at least eight prison buildings destroyed or heavily damaged by fire.

## Fleming Sentenced To Dismissal

By EARL AYKROID  
FT. SHERIDAN, Ill.—(AP)—Lt. Col. Harry Fleming, first American Army officer court-martialed for conduct as a prisoner of war, was sentenced today to dismissal from the service.

In addition he must forfeit all pay and allowances, under terms of the punishment assessed by an 11-man military court which convicted him of collaborating with the Communists while a prisoner in Korea.

The court-martial of 11 colonels and lieutenant colonels deliberated for 12 hours before fixing Fleming's punishment. The officers considered the extent of the penalty from late yesterday afternoon until 9:30 a.m. today. The court-martial reassembled at 9 a.m. (EST) to deliver its verdict.

Most of the prosecution and defense witnesses were in the courtroom when the sentence was announced. Many of the men who were prisoners of war in Korea with Fleming stood tensely in the courtroom waiting for the court's decision.

"Thank God I'm out of prison now—this one and the Communists," Col. Fleming said. After the sentence was pronounced he added:

## THIS IS ONE WAY TO GET ICE CREAM

LEXINGTON, Ky.—(AP)—A Lexington firm's offer to pass out a few parcels of free ice cream got an unexpected twist yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. Frasure, a farm wife from near Conover, N. C., wrote that she'd be halving of ice cream in an early mail.

Mrs. Frasure found one of 125 gift letters sent out in 5,000 gas-filled balloons Saturday at the Kentucky-Maryland football game.

Melvin A. Meyer, manager of the firm, said: "We're going to send it if it's humanly possible."

Just one other gift letter had turned up.

## Family Of Dead Girl Sues Prison Officials

RALEIGH—(AP)—The death of 18-year-old Eleanor Rush at Woman's Prison a month ago resulted today in the filing of legal actions asking \$38,000 in damages.

Lawyer Herman L. Taylor, representing the girl's family, filed in Wake Superior Court a complaint accusing two prison officials and four guards of negligence and asking \$30,000 damages.

## OUR WEATHER

Fair and mild today, tonight and tomorrow.  
High temperature yesterday—82 degrees.  
High temperature expected today—87 degrees.  
High temperature expected tomorrow—87 degrees.  
Low temperature expected today—74 degrees.  
Low temperature expected tomorrow—72 degrees.  
Low temperature expected tonight—68 degrees.  
Sunrise—6:11 a.m.; sunset—6:19 p.m.  
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ITINERARY OF PRESIDENT'S TOUR  
Today He's At McNary Dam. (AP Wirephoto)

## Methodists Delay Segregation Vote

ASHEVILLE—(AP)—District superintendents consulted today with ministers on new appointments as the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church ended its second day here.

Among today's principal speakers were Dr. James T. Cleland of Duke University School, Dr. Pendleton Gaines of Spartanburg, S.C., and Dr. Henry M. Bullock of Nashville, Tenn.

The conference yesterday postponed action on a local declaration on public school segregation, although it was backed by a number of Methodist leaders including Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte.

The Rev. Charles Bowles, pastor of the Dilworth Methodist Church of Charlotte, won a 48-hour delay on adoption of the declaration. He contended the 1,500 delegates needed additional time for deliberation on the matter.

The statement recommended the conference "affirm belief that the inherent dignity of every individual and of every citizen's rights, regardless of race or social standing, to the full benefits of the public school system. We declare our allegiance to Christian teachings applied to every area of human affairs."

From the church's General Conference of 1952, the Rev. Leroy Scott read:

"There can be no place in the Methodist Church for racial discrimination or segregation. It is now scheduled for consideration tomorrow morning."

Asheville's Dr. Embree H. Black and told the conference any delay in the adoption of the declaration would imply the conference was unwilling to take such a stand.

One member said:

"In such permits lately, though, He also said police haven't received any complaints about shooting in that section."

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## Americans, French, Germans Victims

BITBURG, Germany.—(AP)—The Bitburg mayor's office reported 22 American, French and German officials perished late today when a U. S. Air Force gasoline storage tank exploded while they were inspecting it.

The mayor's office said the dead were members of a 40-man commission which was on top of the tank when it exploded, shooting flames 1,000 feet into the air.

The duty officer at the nearby U. S. Air Force base said he could not immediately confirm the German casualty report.

The names of the dead were not immediately available.  
Bitburg is 75 miles west of Mainz, near the Luxembourg border.

The tank was reported still in flames 24 hours later, with both German firemen and U.S. service men battling to keep the fire from spreading to another nearby tank.

## Atomic Ash Fatal To Jap

TOKYO—(AP)—A Japanese fisherman dusted by radioactive ash from an U.S. H-bomb blast at Bikini March 1 died tonight in a Tokyo hospital.

Akichi Kobayama, 40, radman on the fishing boat Lucky Dragon, was believed to be the world's first death resulting from a hydrogen bomb explosion.

The fisherman had been suffering from jaundice complications brought on by radiation from the Bikini bomb, Japanese doctors said.

His illness and death is a matter of great international significance for Japan.

This country has been bitterly critical of the United States tests, and is reported to have presented Washington with a bill for several million dollars.

Kobayama was one of 23 fishermen aboard the Lucky Dragon, which was approximately 80 miles from Bikini when the test bomb was exploded.

The other fishermen also are hospitalized but appear to be recovering.

The United States has offered Japan one million dollars in damages for the 23.

Second Division  
Sails From Korea

INCHON, Korea.—(AP)—The U. S. 2nd Infantry Division sailed today for its new base at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Only a cadre of 1,025 men who have completed their overseas tour of duty are remaining here to head the transport Marine Phoenix.

Men with time left to serve in Korea were transferred to one of the divisions remaining here. President Syngman Rhee, who attended farewell ceremonies, expressed his deep appreciation to the division for its service in Korea.

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## Delay Possible In Decision On McCarthy

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Republican leader Knowland of California advised Senate officers today that it may be several days before a decision is reached on when the Senate will reconvene to consider proposed censure of Sen. McCarthy.

Mark Trice, secretary of the Senate, gave this statement to reporters:

"I have just talked over the telephone with Sen. William Knowland, majority leader, and he informed me that further consultations are necessary before a decision can be reached in regard to the reconvening of the Senate. Several days may be required before a decision is reached in the matter."

Trice had indicated earlier that he was expecting instructions non-entirely from Knowland and Sen. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, to issue a formal call for the Senate to convene. He waited in his office until late last night to hear from Knowland.

Trice's announcement appeared to eliminate the possibility that the Senate will be called back on September 29, a date that had been widely mentioned earlier. Senate leaders must give five days advance notice in calling a session.

As Trice made his announcement, a special six-member committee, headed by Sen. Watkins (R-Ill.), was meeting in closed session in an effort to complete preparation of its report on the censure charge brought against McCarthy.

Watkins had told newsmen earlier that he was hopeful that the committee could finish its report before the end of the week.

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Within a short time patrol officers reported all the convicts in trouble and C and Chas were back in their cells.

An hour and half later, Lt. Thomas E. Whiteside, director of corrections, said the danger of any mass outbreak was definitely past.

He said then the situation was under control and that he expected no further trouble.

Officials estimated damage might reach five million dollars.

The shooting riot-thriving convicts finally were driven back into their buildings after state troops fired on them.

Some, however, refused to go into their cells and there were sporadic outbursts — shouting and the noise of breaking glass and fixtures — throughout the night from one of the darkened buildings.

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## WHAT'S INSIDE

VIGOROUS PROTESTS FROM property owners over plans to widen the Raleigh Road receive editorial page scrutiny today. Turn to page 6A.

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Shattered Nerves, Sleepless Nights

Bird Invasion Chases People To Cover

By HARRY SHUFORD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Myers Park has been invaded. And residents of that area are up in arms about it. Literally.

Every evening at about dusk thousands and thousands of the invading birds come swarming into the neighborhood, screeching and dive-bombing houses, cars, trees and almost everything in sight.

They are met by irritated men with shotguns and rifles, housewives with banging pots and pans, and children dashing around to look at the falling enemy.

The excitement is being caused by starlings and purple grackles.

According to Mrs. E. O. Clarkson of 28 Ridgewood Ave., who is an authority on birds, these "invading" "birds" are stopping over in Charlotte during their migration South.

"During the summer, these birds go their own ways," Mrs.

Clarkson said. "But in the fall they begin flocking together to migrate to warmer places. That's what they're doing here now, gathering together for their trip south."

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"As soon as it gets a little cooler, they'll probably move on South."

In the meantime, the Myers Park war continues. Men who are getting tired of being kept awake at night and then wakened up at dawn by the chatter of the birds nesting in the trees, are taking measures in their own hands.

One resident said, "It sounds like the 4th of July around here in the evening. You can hear guns going off all over the place."

That shooting business is again the law, according to the City Code, unless the "hunter" has a permit from the Police Dept. Capt. John Ford here hasn't been any great increase

in such permits lately, though. He also said police haven't received any complaints about shooting in that section.

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