Weather Forecast
Cloudy, highest about 78 today; possible shower. Clear, cool tonight, lowest near 54. Tomorrow, sunny with high near 70. (Full report on Page A-2.)

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Test of Improved Atom Weapons At Eniwetok 'Highly Successful'; House Unit Favors Super-Carrier

Lilienthal Terms Secret Trials on Atoll a 'Milestone'

The White House said today that tests involving three atomic weapons of improved design proved successful in all respects recently at Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific.

The statement was made after the Atomic Energy Commission gave President Truman an official report saying the results "indicate very substantial progress."

Chairman David E. Lilienthal and the four other commissioners reported orally to Mr. Truman that the "present stage of the commission's tests of atomic weapons is now concluded."

Mr. Lilienthal called the tests "a milestone in atomic development."

Test Series Completed.

The White House statement about the report follows:

"The President today received from the United States Atomic Energy Commission a report on tests of atomic weapons conducted at the commission's proving ground at Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands. The tests were held pursuant to approval of the President, given in June, 1947. The first series of the tests are now completed.

"The commission reported that the tests involving three atomic weapons, each of improved design, was successful in all respects, and that the results indicate very substantial progress. The President gave general approval of commission plans for steps it proposed to initiate at once for further nuclear development, based upon information gained from the tests.

"As previously announced by the commission, the tests were conducted under the security provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, and information as to the scientific results and technical details of the tests cannot be made public at this time. The area of the proving ground, as previously defined, remains closed to unauthorized persons.

10,000 Men Involved.

"The Secretary of National Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission have authorized statements of acknowledgement of services of the personnel engaged in the tests, for release by the military scientific leaders of the project upon their return to Honolulu tomorrow."

There may be statements from Honolulu then, from Lt. Gen. John E. Hull, commander of the task force, and from Capt. James S. Russell, test director who is in the commission's military application division, Mr. Lilienthal said.

He said about 10,000 men were involved in the test, including military personnel, engineers, scientists and others.

Mr. Lilienthal gave no details of his conversation with Mr. Truman.

Term Limit Approved.

Meanwhile, the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee approved a bill which would limit to 23 months the new terms for Mr. Lilienthal and the four other commissioners. The vote was 11 to 5.

The bill would extend terms of the commission members until June 30, 1950. In effect, it would give the next President the privilege of making full-term appointments. The present terms expire August 1.

One Democrat, Senator Johnson, of Colorado joined 10 Republicans in support of the compromise. All five of the negative votes were Democratic.

Roll Call on Bill.

The roll call follows:

For the two-year extension—Senators Vandenbarg, of Michigan, Millikin, of Colorado; Knowland, of California; Bricker, of Ohio, and Hickenlooper, of Iowa, all Republicans, and Senator Johnson; Representatives Elston of Ohio, Hin-

(See ATOMIC, Page A-4.)

Late News Bulletins

Fight Is Postponed

The 10-round bout scheduled at Griffith Stadium for tonight between Tony Janiro and Beau Jack was postponed this afternoon until next Monday night because of threatening weather. Both principals will be required to weigh in again, boxing commission officials announced. The entire supporting card will be held over.
(Earlier Story on Sports Page.)

Governor Cancels Parley

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP).—Gov. Luther Youngdahl today called off a proposed meeting with packers and union representatives in connection with the strike of CIO United Packinghouse Workers. He said he was flying to Chicago to offer his services to try to settle the National dispute. He had called the meeting for 3 p.m. today.
(Earlier Story on Page A-4.)

Pay Case Retrial Ordered

The Supreme Court in an 8-to-1 decision today ordered a new trial to determine whether contractors who operated Government-owned war plants on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis are required to pay overtime wages. The Justice Department estimates several hundred million dollars are involved.

U.N. Group Drops Efforts to Agree On Atom Control

Vote Is 9 to 2 as Gromyko Insists Accord Is Possible

By the Associated Press

LAKE SUCCESS, May 17.—The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission decided today to end its two-year effort to agree on world atomic control. The vote was 9 to 2.

Russia and the Soviet Ukraine voted against the suspension, which was proposed originally by the United States, Britain and France.

The move came after the western powers concluded it was useless to continue the talks any longer in view of the deadlock between Russia and the commission majority.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko told the commission he does not agree that further efforts are useless.

"The Soviet Union government stood, stands and will continue to stand for an effective international system of inspection and an effective international system of control," Mr. Gromyko said.

"Agreement is possible." Mr. Gromyko said, "but not under the United States plan. * * * The United States Government does not want control of atomic energy."

Nations in ERP Fund May Be Required to Devaluate Currency

Action Will Come When Inflation Curbs Country's Sales to Other States

By the Associated Press

The United States will "require" European Recovery Program countries to consider devaluing their currencies when the United States thinks they should, the administration's top group on foreign finance said today.

The National Advisory Council, in a report sent to Congress by President Truman, said the United States will "require" countries getting ERP aid to work out devaluation with the 46-nation world monetary fund.

The requirement will be asserted whenever the council "believes that a country's exchange rate is imposing an unjustifiable burden on its balance of payments"—in other words, when inflated currency is drying up the country's sales to other nations.

Apparently, the United States could "require" countries getting aid under the $5,300,000,000 ERP program to at least work on devaluation with the monetary fund by threatening to shut off ERP money if they refused.

Adjustments May Be Forced.

"Some adjustments in exchange rates (currency devaluation) may have to be made in the near future," the council said in its first progress report on operations of the monetary fund and its twin institution, the 46-nation World Bank.

The British pound, now valued at

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Gen. Moore Transferred From Trieste to Washington

By the Associated Press

The Army today announced the transfer of Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore from command of United States troops in Trieste to Washington. He will succeed Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks as chief of the Army Public Information Division.

Maj. Gen. William M. Hoge, commanding the engineer school at Fort Belvoir, Va., will succeed Gen. Moore at Trieste. The changes will take place in June.

Gen. Parks will be given an overseas assignment. He has been in the information division 28 months.

Gen. Bradley, Army chief of staff, sent Gen. Moore a message of appreciation for his "outstanding service" in a position of "great responsibility" in Trieste.

65,000-Ton Vessel Would Be Largest Ever Constructed

A House Armed Services subcommittee approved unanimously today a bill clearing the way for the Navy to get started on a 65,000-ton giant aircraft carrier.

Navy authorities say the supercarrier, capable of cruising in Arctic waters, would be the largest ship of any type ever built. It would be about half again larger than the Navy's present biggest carriers. Up to four years would be required for its construction.

Presumably, multiple-engine bombers capable of carrying an atomic bomb thousands of miles could take off from its flight deck.

Would Divert 229 Million.

To clear the way for its construction, the subcommittee recommended to the full committee that the Navy be allowed to stop work on 13 unfinished ships. This would divert approximately $229,000,000 to build the proposed carrier and vessels designed to launch guided missiles.

The action was taken after Representative Hess, Republican, of Ohio read a letter from Secretary of Defense Forrestal assuring that the nation's top military leaders all approve the super-carrier project. Mr. Forrestal said President Truman and the Budget Bureau military planners also favor the project.

Mr. Hess said the full committee may act on the bill tomorrow.

Four Carriers Planned.

Secretary Forrestal and Admiral Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, reported to the subcommittee this morning their plans for construction of four of the huge carriers.

The Navy asked, however, only for authorization to start work on one during the coming fiscal year.

Admiral Denfeld estimated that 48 months would be necessary to build one carrier but that in event of emergency and with priority, the time could be shortened to about 30 months.

The Navy's biggest carrier now has a displacement of 45,000 tons, a length of 910 feet and width of 143 feet. The proposed super carrier would measure about 1,030 feet long on the water line and 236 feet as a maximum width. Admiral Denfeld said it would be the largest naval craft ever built but could be constructed on several existing drydocks.

Secretary Forrestal had been scheduled as a witness before the subcommitee, headed by Representative Hess, but sent word he was unable to testify today. He provided a long letter, however, explaining that the President's budget for the coming fiscal year did not provide sufficient funds to complete the 13 warships now under construction and at the same time permit a start on the super carrier. He added that "no man can accurately predict the nature of any future war and urged that the $230,000,000 originally set for the shipbuilding work be shifted to the carrier construction project.

Program Approved.

Admiral Denfeld told the subcommittee that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had approved the supercarrier program, as well as the 70-group air force expansion and a 14,500-plane Navy strength. This approval, he explained, was given before the recent issue came up in Congress concerning desirability of a 70-group, as compared with a 66-group air force.

The super carrier, Admiral Denfeld testified, would have the fol-

(See DEFENSE, Page A-4.)

Henry Grady Nominated To Asia Economic Unit

By the Associated Press

President Truman today nominated Ambassador to India Henry F. Grady as United States representative on the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

Mr. Grady will hold the post along with his job as Ambassador and as Minister to Nepal.

The Economic Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations on March 28, 1947.

The President also nominated Ralph H. Ackerman to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Ackerman, a Californian, is a Foreign Service career man.

Michigan Police Called to Quell Auto Pickets

CIO Union Threatens To Call Out 225,000 At GM in Two Weeks

By the Associated Press

DETROIT, May 17.—Special squads of State police were rushed into suburban Highland Park today to cope with an outbreak of picket line violence around one of 16 strikebound Chrysler Corp. plants.

They were dispatched into the Detroit area by Gov. Kim Sigler at the request of Mayor Norman Patterson of Highland Park.

Mayor Patterson said local police were unable to quell a disturbance started by CIO united Auto Workers "goon squads." Two policemen were reported sent to the hospital by the outbreak of fist fighting and rock throwing.

Gov. Sigler also disclosed he was preparing to alert the National Guard if necessary.

First Violence in Strike

This first major violence in the 6-day-old Chrysler strike came as the auto-union threatened to call a strike of 225,000 General Motors workers and replied tartly to an unexpected plea from the Ford Motor Co. to cut wages.

T. A. Johnstone, acting director of the UAW's General Motors department, said there is "a very good possibility" of a walkout in 90 GM plants May 28 if no settlement is reached by then.

"Our people probably aren't going to work if there's no contract," he added.

The current UAW-GM contract, extended 30 days, expires May 28. Nearly half of the General Motors union locals already have approved a strike, according to Mr. Johnstone.

A walkout at General Motors would boost the auto industry's strike total to 300,000.

Ford's wage cut proposal met a crisp CIO rejection.

Chrysler, meanwhile, accused pickets of forcibly preventing white collar workers from entering some of its 16 strikebound plants.

Developments in Picture.

Here are some of the developments on the many-sided auto labor front, affecting up to a half a million workers at least indirectly:

1. The Ford Motor Co., pleading a cause of "public security," proposed that its wage "differentials" with competitors be eliminated, meanwhile rejecting the UAW's demand for a 30-cent hourly increase.

The bulk of Ford's 107,000 production workers probably would be affected in any pay reduction. Ford's pay is said to be roughly about 10 cents higher than the pay of rival firms.

The union, in a tart rejoinder, said "no," though offering to drop its wage demand if Ford would

(See AUTO WORKERS, Page A-4.)

Philadelphia Radio Station Says 'Saboteurs' Cut Cable

By the Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Officials of Radio Station WFIL said today the main cable linking its downtown studios with a suburban transmitter was cut last night in what they described as "a deliberate case of sabotage."

Both WFIL and Station KYW were cut off the air at 8 p.m. (EST). KYW was able to resume normal operations in less than 2 minutes by means of a spare cable.

WFIL, however, was off the air for 11 minutes and was forced to transmit musical transcriptions for an additional 2 hours and 7 minutes before resuming scheduled broadcasts over the American Broadcasting Co. system.

WFIL has been operated by supervisory employes since May 1 when 43 engineers, members of the American Communications Association, CIO, left their jobs. Station officials described the strike as a jurisdictional dispute, while union officials said it was a wage dispute.

What a Fight!

Arabs Shell Heart of Jerusalem, Virtually All in Jewish Hands

Army of Israel Takes Area in 51 Hours Of Street Fighting, Delayed Dispatch Says

(This is a combined American press dispatch, filed through United States Navy facilities and distributed by the Associated Press.)

JERUSALEM, May 16 (Delayed).—Arab Artillery shells fell today in the heart of Jerusalem, now virtually all in the hands of the army of Israel after 51 hours of furious street fighting.

Lashing out with machine guns and mortors within seconds after the British government and the British Tommies evacuated the city Friday morning, the Jewish forces swiftly overran British-evacuated positions and started knifing toward Arab territory.

The first efforts of Israel's fighters had two objectives:

To blockade the city against possible invasion from Arab nations and to isolate the old walled city, the most hallowed square mile in all Christendom, which is the headquarters for Arab guerrillas.

Jewish "freedom fighters" (members of the Stern group) scaled the walls of the old city and occupied two Arab houses. The Sternists made a lightning thrust Saturday morning to reach the wall and raised ladders to scale the ancient parapet. They stayed inside for 10 hours and then withdrew.

Neutral powers, members of the United Nations Truce Commission,

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Pepco Asks Rate Boost July 1 to Add 3 Million Per Year to Revenue

$2,220,000 to Be Levied On Commercial Patrons, $780,000 on Residential

The Potomac Electric Power Co. today asked the Public Utilities Commission for a general increase in its rate schedules for electric service which would add approximately $3,000,000 annually to the company's operating revenues.

A. G. Neal, Pepco president, said the company was asking that the new rates be made effective July 1. He estimated the average Washington family will pay about 10 cents a week, or $5 a year, more for electric service under the proposed rates.

Mr. Neal said that about $2,220,000 of the proposed rate increase would be passed on to commercial customers and the remaining $780,000 would be added to residential bills.

Rising Fuel Cost Cited.

The spiraling cost of fuel used in the generation of electricity was given as the main reason for the request. Mr. Neal said the cost of fuel today represents 50 per cent of the total operating expenses and consumes about 33 cents of each revenue dollar compared with 19.4 cents in 1942.

Mr. Neal said the delivered cost per ton of coal has increased from $5.25 in 1942 to $9.42 cents today—an increase of $4.17 a ton or 79 per cent.

He said that fuel costs to the company in 1947 were approximately $2,500,000 more than in 1942.

Request Predicted

The request for higher rates came as no surprise. On March 26, Mr. Neal informed the utilities commission that the rising costs of coal and increases in other operating expenses were going to force the power company to ask for a rate increase.

Pepco this year will earn about $1,500,000 less than the 5½ per cent return allowed them under the sliding scale agreement, according to Mr. Neale. He said the company's present rates were based on 1942 costs and are producing revenues "wholly insufficient" to offset the continuous increases in its operating expenses.

Mr. Neal said the company's operating revenues for 1947 increased 29.5 per cent over 1942. On the other hand, he explained, during this same period operating expenses in creased 77 per cent and, if current cost levels were used, these operating expenses would be 97 per cent over 1942.

First Asked in 28 Years.

Mr. Neal pointed out that this is the first increase in billing rates requested by Pepco in 28 years. He said that the company had "a continuing record of rate reductions."

The aggregate rate reductions put into effect from 1926 through 1943 totalled approximately $8,400,000, Mr. Neal said. In addition, refunds totaling $3,213,601 were made to customers last year by order of the PUC. The company unsuccessfully contested the refunds in court.

Mr. Neal also pointed out that the PUC required the company to

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Treasury Aide Urges End of Oleo Tax, Calls It Excessive Burden

Wiggins Tells Hearing That Levy Hits Hardest At Low-Income Group

By Chalmers M. Roberts

Federal taxes on oleomargarine "unnecessarily burden consumers far in excess of the amount paid in taxes" and should be repealed, the Senate Finance Committee was told today by Undersecretary of the Treasury Wiggins.

The Treasury official was among more than 20 pro-margarine witnesses at the opening of a two-day hearing on the House-approved Rivers Bill, now on what may be its next to last lap in the long route through Congress.

Cimmittee approval is considered certain, so final passage seems assured if the bill reaches the Senate floor for a vote before Congress quits for the National Political Conventions.

Mr. Wiggins said the burden of the margarine taxes "fall with particular weight upon low-income groups" and that revenue raising is not their real objective.

Would Simplify Tax Structure.

The Federal Government will receive about $7,000,000 this year in margarine taxes, he estimated. The tax has the effect, he said, of preventing many consumers from buying the less expensive margarine.

He also advocated repeal of the taxes on the grounds the move would simplify the overlapping Federal-State tax structure.

Mr. Wiggins pointed out that in addition to Federal taxes, 22 States have laws prohibiting the sale of colored margarine. Three other States impose a ten cent a pound

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Major League Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
(None Scheduled)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Boston at Brooklyn—Night.
New York at Philadelphia—Night.
(Only Games Scheduled)

CIO Public Workers Threaten March on D. C. to Fight Rider

Mass Movement of 500 To Capital Planned When Debate Opens

By Joseph Young
Star Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 17.—The CIO United Public Workers of America today opened its second biennial convention with the announcement by its leadership that it would move the entire assemblage of 500 delegates to Washington if the Senate opens debate this week on the so-called Red-rider aimed at the union.

This was an indication that UPWA's left-wing leadership will do everything it can to prevent the split-up of its Federal employe membership into another union.

The House-approved amendment, which has been tacked on to various appropriation measures, would cause the dismissal of all Government employes belonging to unions whose officers fail to sign non-Communist affidavits.

Will Work Out Program.

In his opening address Abram Flaxer, union president, told the convention: "We will fight this rider with every resource at our command. We have to work out a program of licking this rider and licking it this week."

Mr. Flaxer bitterly attacked Congress and the "White House" for creating a "police state in this country."

"It's a police state when some of these gentlemen in Congress try to force a worker from resigning from a union of his own choice," Mr. Flaxer declared.

President Truman's loyalty program was also attacked as a "police state" measure by Mr. Flaxer. He declared the union would not be "intimidated."

The UPWA chief attacked what he termed was "flagrant discrimination" against Negroes in the Federal service. "The only thing that was

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Alert Ordered in Guam As Typhoon Approaches

By the Associated Press

GUAM, May 17.—Guam was alerted for a typhoon today.

The storm, with 80-knot winds at its center, was reported approximately 375 miles to the southwest—moving toward Guam.

Apra Harbor was closed to incoming traffic. Ships were leaving two and three at a time. The Navy shut down its Agana Air Field.

Meanwhile, a search was ordered for 18 Yap natives blown to sea yesterday in canoes and rafts. Yap, in the Carolines, is about 400 miles southwest of Guam.

In Manila the Weather Bureau said the season's first typhoon was heading for the Philippines. It reported the typhoon—given the code name of Lana—was moving northwest at 7 miles an hour, and was expected to be 650 miles east of Samar tomorrow morning.

The Weather Bureau broadcast a warning to Yap, Palau and Ulithi Islands to prepare for at least a 60-knot blow. It did not mention Guam.

Names Selected For Grand Jury In Gaming Probe

23 Tentatively Picked As 16 Are Excused By Judge Pine

By Chris Mathisen

Selection of a special grand jury to investigate gambling in Washington was expected to be completed this afternoon by Justice David A. Pine of District Court.

A total of 16 prospective jurors had been excused for various reasons, and others were due to be eliminated before a final selection of 23 veniremen to form the special investigative body.

Meanwhile, the regular grand jury returned indictments against two persons on gambling charges.

After 14 members of the special grand jury panel had been excused, a tentative group of 23 was selected by noon. Justice Pine later excused one other, however, and the remaining 22, together with the "spares" among the 59 prospective jurors originally brought before him, were sent to lunch. At the same time, Justice Pine excused one of the "spares", and it was learned one of the group of 22 also hoped to be released when the selection process resumed.

Three Women Excused

Three women were excused by reason of their sex alone. Women may serve on a grand jury here but are not required to do so. The others were excused as follows: School teacher, two; student, two; illness, two; poor hearing, two; nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, one; needed to care for convalescing husband, one; ordered to active military duty, one; serious financial hardship, one; indispensable to business, one.

Justice Pine denied or deferred action on 11 requests to be excused. Pressure of work in Government or private employment was the reason advanced most among these. To one prospective juror, he said:

"All of us enjoy the privileges of citizenship; we occasionally have to assume its burdens."

Those indicted by the regular grand jury today on charges of operating a lottery and possession of numbers slips were Mattie Thomas, 36, first block of N street S.E., and Burnie O. Love, 37, 1200 block of Eastern avenue N.E. Both are colored.

14 Indicted Last Week.

The same regular grand jury indicted 14 persons on gambling charges last week.

The special grand jury, the first ever ordered here to make a gambling inquiry, was requested by United States Attorney George Morris Fay with the approval of Attorney General Clark.

Mr. Fay said information reaching his office over an extended period indicated organized gambling—horse betting, the numbers game and other pursuits of chance—was grossing in excess of $100,000,000 a year in Washington.

When impaneling is completed, the investigative body will begin its work by hearing an exposition of the present gambling situation from Mr. Fay and Assistant United States Attorneys John W. Fihelly and Charles B. Murray.

Meeting in Courtroom.

The special grand jury will meet in secret in a courtroom of the Municipal Court Criminal Division Building.

There will be no announcement of witnesses, and those heard will become known only through being recognized in entering the grand jury room. Police Supt. Robert J. Barrett and other officials of his department are among those expected to testify.

The special grand jury will be able to conduct its investigation on an interstate basis through a Federal subpoena power crossing State lines.

During the last week, gambling operators have been reported closing down temporarily or conducting business with increased caution. A number of them, including at least one major figure, have left the city on "vacation."

Stock Market Quiets Down At Slightly Lower Levels

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 17.—Stock prices turned down today and the pace of recent trading days lost much of its frenzy.

Prices steadied as trading slowed down near noon, but were mostly below Saturday's close.

Traders, eager to turn the paper profits of last week into cash, sent in a flood of over-night orders that put the ticker tape behind in a fast first hour, which saw some 690,000 shares change hands. This could not hold a candle to Saturday's opening hour of 1,220,000 shares.

Under the profit-taking mass most leading stocks turned downward. The later rally was led by the rails, which were the first to firm and regain part of the early losses. Many of the less active issues held to the upward course started last week.

Among those losing ground were Union Pacific, Santa Fe, and Pennsylvania in the rails, United States Steel and Bethlehem, General Motors and Chrysler, Kennecott Copper, DuPont, Westinghouse, Johns Manville, Douglas Aircraft and Sears Roebuck. Goodyear and Goodrich were lower, but United States Rubber advanced.

Vatican Reports Arrest Of Bishop by Yugoslavs

By the Associated Press

VATICAN CITY, May 17.—Vatican sources said it was learned today that Yugoslav authorities arrested Msgr. Pietro Cule, Bishop of Mostar, April 20. They said it is not known why the bishop was arrested nor where he is held.

Democrats Pin Hopes on Five-Man Outfield

Democrats were reported going radical today as a scheme for using five outfielders against the Republicans Friday night at Griffith Stadium came to light.

"It's a logical move," explained Manager Dick Richards of South Carolina. "Republicans pop up when they don't blow up completely. They're always up in the air. Last year a puny pop fly hit the fence and went for a home run that won the game and we intend to see that it doesn't happen again. Besides, we've got more outfielders than we know what to do with."

Republicans gleefully declared their rivals probably couldn't muster four infielders able to bend over for a ground ball.

"And it isn't the first time they've tried packing positions," grunted Republican Manager Runt Bishop. "But let 'em put five men in the outfield. Let 'em put the whole team out there—maybe they'll get lost—and I couldn't think of anything more beneficial for the country."

Both managers issued instructions to bear down in practice this week as the homestretch

Representative Gossett. Representative Worley.

hove into view. Richards said the Democrats might even practice today but positively would have a batting drill before Thursday. Republicans were reported to have worn a groove between Capitol Hill and Eastern High School stadium where they have been alternately drilling and ducking showers.

The Democrats, meanwhile added a bevy of talent to their roster that figured to make them a serious threat in the big game.

Tom Pickett of Texas loomed as a key figure in the team's plans. The lanky Lone Star stater catches, pitches and plays the outfield. He is an ambidextrous thrower and a switch hitter.

"And he can run backward about as fast as he can go forward," added Richards.

With two additional Texans on

(See BALL GAME, Page A-4.)

Tickets for Ball Game On Sale in Star Lobby

Tickets for the Congressional baseball game at Griffith Stadium at 8 p.m. Friday can be purchased in the lobby of The Evening Star Building and at the stadium.

The scale of prices is $1 for general admission, $1.25 for reserved seats and $2 for box seats, tax included.

Those desiring to make reservations by mail should send checks made out to The Evening Star and address them to Congressional Ball Game, Room 724, The Evening Star Building.

Flooded Home Traps Woman; Lightning Strikes Two Houses

A 1.13-inch downpour between midnight and 6 a.m. today, accompanied by lightning that struck two houses on Ridge place S.E., trapped a woman in flooded living quarters behind a store at 5600 Grant street N.E.

Firemen from No. 27 engine company carried Mrs. Pearl Oliver to safety after water rose four feet at the Grant street building. She was uninjured.

As the result of a head injury when she fell into a curb washout Saturday night near her home, Miss Myrtle Hames, 46, of 3317 E street S.E., was taken to Providence Hospital last night. Her condition is reported not serious.

Occasional showers and possibly brief thunder storms before clearing and cooler weather tonight were predicted. A maximum temperature in the high 70s, with considerable humidity, was expected today.

Rainfall yesterday, until midnight, was .18 of an inch. The 1.13 inches that came down mostly betwen 1 and 3 a.m., set no record but was unusually heavy the forecaster said.

Lightning struck a chimney on the home of Paul A. Jones at 1511 Ridge place S.E. during the storm. A short time later the home of Paul Bruinicki also was hit and an electric meter put out of commission. Firemen reported little damage was done.

Potomac Electric Power Co officials said the storm caused no interruption in service in any section of the city.