

Fair and a little warmer. The high predicted for today is 63, the low tonight 38. Thursday's high and low were 54 and 47.

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King Slain by Memphis Sniper; Violence Erupts Across Nation

President Johnson was reported to have told Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem., N.Y.) in their meeting Wednesday that he would remain neutral in the political fight this year because he did not think it was appropriate for a "class duck" president to try to pick his successor.

Kenneth Wayne Baker, 18, a high school senior, who told police he was making bad grades and wanted to destroy his academic records, was charged at Nashville, Tenn., with arson in two school buildings which resulted in \$3.25 million damage.

Dr. James Watson, 40, a Harvard scientist, who won the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1962, was married at La Jolla, Cal., to Elizabeth Lewis, 19, a Radcliffe College junior.

Gen. Lyman L. Lemrick, 68, supreme Allied commander in Europe, underwent an emergency appendectomy at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Pvt. Neal P. Sala, 24, of Wilcox, Mich., who refused to wear his Army uniform, was found guilty of willful disobedience at Fort Gordon, Ga., and sentenced to six months at hard labor.

Baptist Billy Graham, commenting at Brisbane, reports that he might enter the presidential race, said the prospect was fantastic and beyond imagination.

Walter F. Beutner, president of the United Auto Workers union, disclosed at Detroit that the 26-member Executive Board of the UAW would meet next week to discuss who to support in the presidential race.

Dr. Samuel P. Asper, professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, was named president-elect of the American College of Physicians, meeting in Boston.

Mrs. Jose Garcia Rivera, Roman Catholic ambassador to Goodaiztara, Mexico, ruled that women wearing mini-skirts to church cannot receive Holy Communion.

Dak. Reid, 52, who sold his car and voluntarily gave up his driver's license after having an auto accident, was arrested and carried at Hyrum, Utah, to transport him to the eight blacks from his home to the town square.

President Cheng Ise Park of South Korea will take part in Vietnam strategy talks with President Johnson this weekend in Honolulu. It was announced in Seoul and Washington.

Lord Johnson Nagent, the president's younger daughter, told Washington friends that she did not believe her father when he told her Sunday that he was not going to seek re-election, adding, "I cried. The saddest thing is that he is 21 and eligible to vote by November and I won't be able to vote for my father."

Vanessa Redgrave, the British actress, who took part in a massive anti-Vietnam war demonstration outside the United States Embassy in London, was denounced in the House of Commons by Dick Taverne, a Home Office official, who described her as being "misguided" and "a little Red Nazi."

Gen. William C. Westwood, commander of American air forces in Vietnam, flew from Saigon to Honolulu where he will meet with President Johnson.

Charles B. Sherman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told the Senate Agriculture Committee that farm price supports and federal controls have depressed, not strengthened, farm prices and should be scaled down or ended.

Melvin E. Laird (Rep., Wis.), chairman of the House Republican Conference, said that Robert F. Kennedy would be more difficult for a Republican presidential candidate to defeat than President Johnson.

Neyens Co. Ky. vice president of South Vietnam, declared at Saigon that the South Vietnamese would never accept a coalition government with the Viet Cong as a condition for peace.

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U.S. Wants Guarantees To Halt Raids

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Police Clash With Youths In Ghettos

From Gazette Press Service

Negros across the nation reacted with violence Thursday night in slaying Memphis Mayor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Nashville, Tenn., about 1,000 Tennessee National Guardsmen were ordered to duty as scattered violence broke out.

The troops were called out after groups of Negroes began throwing stones at motorists in North Nashville. Police said vandals' stores were flooding into their headquarters.

Police said Negroes began gathering on a street corner after two persons, one a 13-year-old boy, were wounded in a battle with riot police.

Police said the shooting occurred after officers were sent to the area to investigate a complaint that a person armed with a rifle was threatening residents.

In Washington, crowds of Negroes gathered in a predominantly Negro shopping area Thursday night and broke out in an apparent angry reaction to the death of King.

Looting Reported In Harlem, Brooklyn

In New York, sporadic looting and stone-throwing broke out in Harlem and Brooklyn in the city's two largest Negro areas. Looters set a fire in one store and battled firemen trying to put it out.

Mayor John V. Lindsay went to Harlem to help calm angry youths at police reinforcements into the area.

Lindsay ran into a unruly group of youths who chanted "Luther King Jr. is a nigger" and hurled stones.

The mayor retreated to Grand Central station where he planned to keep in close touch with police.

In Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section, youths stopped a city bus and pelted it with stones and bottles. None of the 30 passengers, almost all Negro, appeared hurt.

Bottles Thrown At Jackson College

In Jackson, Miss., Negro students at Jackson State College began sporadic bottle-throwing Thursday night.

In Raleigh, N.C. city police clashed with a group of 30 young Negroes on Raleigh's main downtown street Thursday night after riotous stone throwing and window smashing.

North Carolina Highway Patrol vehicles were dispatched to Winston-Salem to help police deal with a civil disturbance in that city, and there also were reports of trouble in Durham and Charlotte.

In Boston a large crowd of Negroes stoned six police officers near a Negro housing project in the Roxbury section, police said.

Store Is Looted By Miami Negroes

A group of 15 to 20 Negroes looted a furniture store in Miami, Fla., and looted four or five television sets. Police patrol cars were posted with officers when they arrived, Order was quickly restored.

Stone-throwing Negroes stoned a fund raising Democratic dinner in Washington, D.C., which had taken place in

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Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in familiar pose.

Reports Say City 'Like Jungle'

From Gazette Press Service

MEMPHIS — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning exponent of nonviolence in America's civil rights struggle, was shot to death by a sniper Thursday evening at a Memphis motel.

Two white men were picked up near the scene of the shooting but they were released after being questioned by police.

Police said they found a Browning automatic rifle fitted with a scope on Main Street, about a block from the Lorraine Motel where King was assassinated.

Violence erupted throughout Memphis Thursday night as news of King's murder swept this Mississippi River city of 600,000 residents—200,000 of them Negroes.

Police reported snipers firing on police and National Guard units and several persons were reported to be injured. Two policemen were reported shot.

Several fire bombings and other acts of vandalism also were reported.

The Associated Press reported the Negro youths were "running rampant, many of them with fire bombs in their hands."

"It's like a jungle out there," said news items who were turned back by police when they attempted to go into the Negro area where King was slain.

Police Director Frank Holloman said the assassins might have been a white man who was "50 to 100 yards away in a popohead."

A television broadcast Holloman said, "Rioting has broken out in parts of the city. Looting is rampant."

Police issued an alarm reported to have rushed out of a building across the street after the shooting. The building had dropped the rifle. It had not been determined that the rifle was the slaying weapon.

Arkansas Police Are Alerted

Arkansas State Police, across the River, were alerted Tuesday, requested an alert to watch out for a white Mustang car driven by a "white man, dark-haired and dressed in a dark suit."

4,000 Guardsmen Sent to Memphis

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Holloman ordered hundreds of city policemen, wearing riot helmets and carrying shotguns and rifles, into the area where King was slain.

"I and all citizens of Memphis," Holloman said, "regret the murder of the great man and all resources at our and the state's command will be used to apprehend the person or persons responsible."

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Bullet Struck Him in Neck

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Police said further disposition would be up to Dr. Derry Franks, a nearby medical examiner, who could not see the scene in Memphis and were in touch with the attorney general.

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Johnson Delays Trip to Hawaii, Calls for Calm

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President Johnson Thursday night delayed his trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, because of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"America is shocked and saddened by the brutal slaying tonight of Dr. Martin Luther King. I ask every citizen to stay away from violence that struck Dr. King," Mr. Johnson said.

"I know every American of good will joins me in mourning the death of this leader and in praying for understanding throughout the land."

"We can achieve nothing by violence—it is only by joining together and working toward full equality for all of our people."

In a nation-wide television and radio broadcast, the president expressed hope that the nation might learn from the tragic death of Dr. King that "only by working together and joining together can we find equality."

"I pray that his family can find comfort in the memory of all that he tried to do for the land he loved. I have just expressed the sympathy of Mrs. Johnson and myself to Mrs. King."

The president canceled a scheduled conference with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. President Johnson was to discuss the Vietnam war with Eisenhower early today at March Air Force Base. Col. The White House did not say whether the meeting would be rescheduled.

The president was to go on to Hawaii after the conference. The Hawaii trip was postponed indefinitely.

HHH Gives News At Fund Dinner

Vice President Humphrey, at the dinner, said that King had died and that the nation was in a state of emergency.

Mr. Johnson canceled his appearance at the dinner.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark ordered an immediate inquiry into the shooting of Dr. King.

Clark said the purpose of the inquiry was to determine whether any federal law was violated.

One provision of civil rights law that could be invoked makes it a crime to engage in a conspiracy to deprive a person of his civil rights.

The attorney general was in the Justice Department office in Washington when he received word of the shooting shortly after 7 p.m. on Thursday. He immediately called representatives were on the scene in Memphis and were in touch with the attorney general.

Communist Plot Seen in Assault

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N. Vietnam Says Bombers Struck North of Hanoi

From Gazette Press Service

Hanoi charged that American planes Thursday bombed a populated area northwest of the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

The broadcast said the area hit by three waves of planes was 30 miles east of the provincial capital of Lai Chau in the extreme northwestern tip of North Vietnam. This is 10 miles west of the Laos border and about 25 miles below the Chinese border.

Hanoi radio said American planes struck the populated area three times between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., dropping more than 50 bombs.

In Washington, Assistant Defense Secretary Paul G. Gooding said "an immediate investigation has been ordered."

"As previously stated, the president has ordered that there be no attack on North Vietnam," Gooding said.

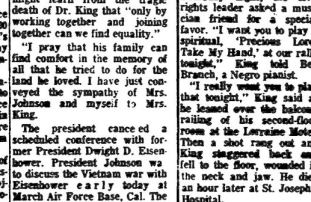
"We have no present knowledge of any such United States attack since the president's speech Sunday night."

The same Hanoi broadcast also reported American air raids Thursday against the cities of Vinh and Thanh Hoa, Thanh Hoa, a frequently bombed target, is not below the 20th Parallel, Vial, in the southern region, is about 90 miles south of Hanoi.

Hanoi radio said United States aircraft dropped more than 50 explosive and steel pellet bombs on Vinh and Thanh Hoa. The planes were hit by the local armed forces. It did not say if it crashed.

The broadcast did not mention the 20th Parallel limitation set by Mr. Johnson March 21 and he merely mentioned the northwestern sector in a radio

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