

Weather

Partly cloudy today and Tuesday, with a chance of afternoon showers and thundershowers. High today and Tuesday around 80, low tonight about 60.

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U.S. Salutes 200th Year Nation Alive With Uncommon Sense of Family

The Associated Press

Americans, 215 million strong, lit up the night skies, filled their waters with ships and sail, marched up their streets with streaming colors, trembled the air with pride and song and cheered their 200th Fourth of July with a joy rare and unabashed.

Strangers on the streets of the nation smiled and said, "Happy Birthday." People were up before dawn — to see the rockets' red glare above Fort McHenry, to pray at the Lincoln Memorial, to keep vigil at Independence Hall

and touch the Liberty Bell, to crowd the banks of New York Harbor for a spectacle of maritime splendor past and present.

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Westward the celebration moved with the sun in a massive salute perhaps no nation had known before, a people led by instinct more than by duty. Church bells confirmed their feelings and the nation seemed alive with an uncommon sense of family.

President Ford punctuated the initial events. He was at Valley Forge

early to formally receive the 200 wagons of five wagon trains that traversed the nation to memorialize those Revolutionary soldiers who, said Ford, "came here in the snows of winter over a trail marked with the blood of their rag-bound feet."

Then he flew to Independence Hall where, under a brilliant sun, the square was jammed with a hundred thousand Americans who ringed the red-brick, white-steepled shrine and filled the block-long mall to the pavilion where hangs the Liberty Bell, that,

the President said, "joyously rang out news of the birth of our nation."

"The world knows where we stand," the President said. "The world may or may not follow, but we lead because our whole history says we must; liberty is for all men and women as a matter of equal and inalienable right. The establishment of justice and peace abroad will in large measure depend upon the peace and justice we create here in our own country, for we still show the way."

He flew then to New York Harbor, to

the U.S.S. Forrestal to witness a procession of peace by 225 ships of sail from other nations as they motored up the Hudson River into the teeth of a gentle northeast breeze that rendered sail useless.

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But sails were up anyway, the square-riggers and the sloops looking gallant in their clouds of white canvas.

The Bark Eagle led the way, its white hull clashed by the brilliant orange Coast Guard insignia. All of them, even the warships of 22 nations, were at dress ships, signal pennants

fluttering from stem to stern, and each with an American flag flying.

Whistle salutes echoed back and forth as parading vessels passed the Forrestal. A fireboat shot plumes of water into the air, as tens of thousands of spectator vessels made their slow patrols.

The warships, crews at attention, drifted by the view in quiet majesty, the dress uniforms sparkling against the heavy hulls, a sight to challenge the Manhattan skyline and the sweep-

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More Flee Beirut as Fights Flare

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Christian military chiefs said they captured most of the besieged Tal Zaatar Palestinian refugee camp Sunday despite fierce resistance from the camp's defenders and leftist counterattacks across all war fronts in Beirut.

With the collapse of the latest ceasefire, another convoy of foreigners, including about 30 Americans, fled the war-ravaged capital for Damascus under the protection of the Palestine Liberation Army.

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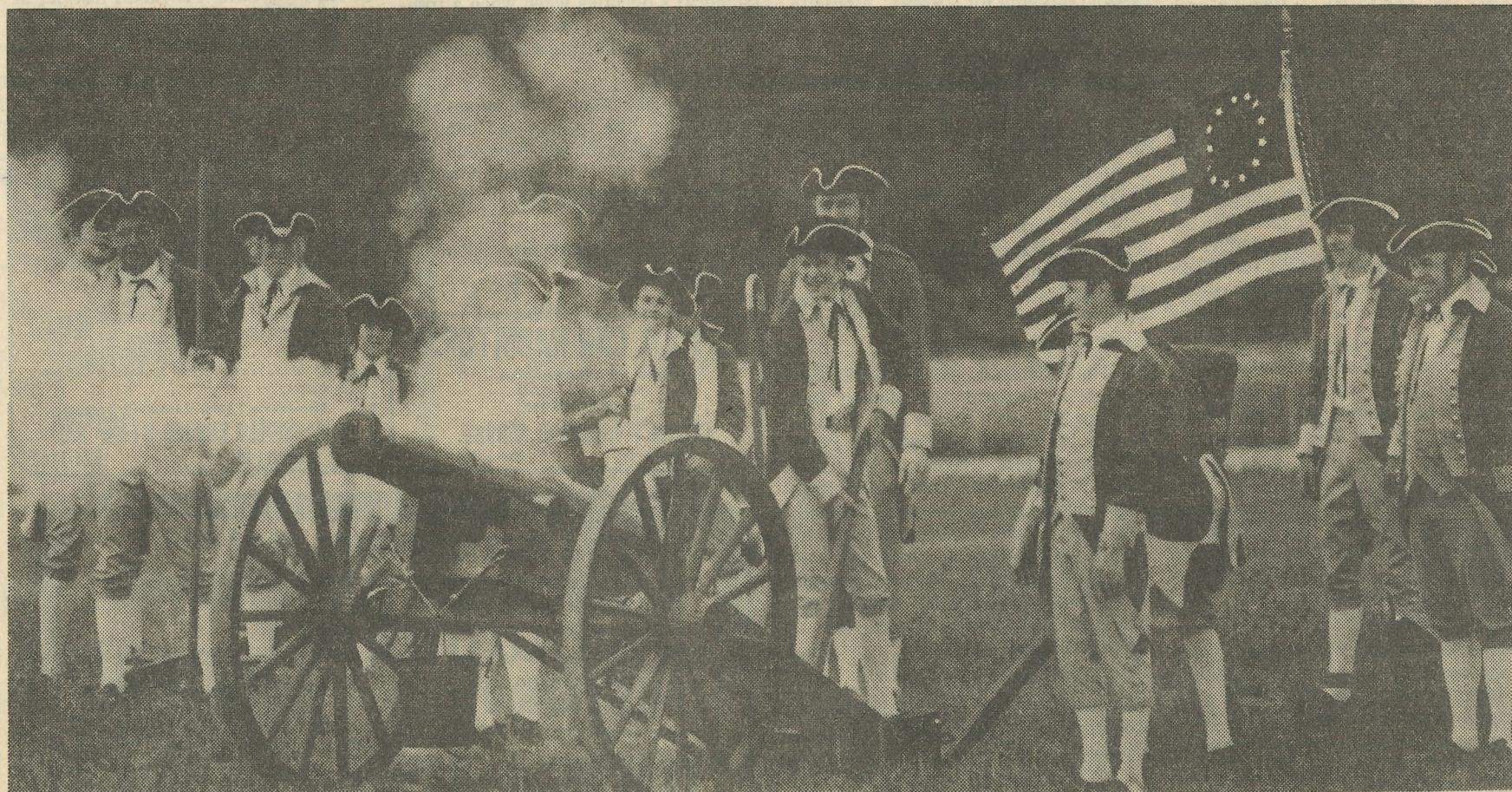
A Palestinian military commander admitted Tel Zaatar was on the verge of collapse and accused Israel and Syria of aiding the Christian attackers. He warned of a "new Vietnam" in the Middle East.

ing the night and pushed the defenders into a corner of the burning enclave in southeastern Beirut.

The Palestinian defenders rejected a surrender ultimatum from the Christian attack force of about 7,000 men and 200 vehicles. But Palestinian military chiefs tacitly admitted Tal Zaatar's fall appeared imminent.

"No man's endurance is unlimited," said Palestinian commander Abu Iyad. The camp has been under siege for 13 days.

Abu Iyad accused Israel of giving tanks and other weapons to the Christians and said he held "Syrian officials and President Hafez Assad personally responsible for all that is happening to Tal Zaatar," the leftist radio reported.



REVOLUTIONARY BATTLE — The cannons roared and puffs of blue smoke hovered over the fairgrounds during the mock Revolutionary War battle at the

county's Bicentennial bash. These "revolutionaries" are actually members of Boy Scout Troop 131 at Lexington. They, along with their fathers, made the cannon, while their mothers sewed their uniforms. (Photo by Jeff Sprang)

In Slaying

Mansfield police arrested a 63-year-old woman in their investigation of the shooting death of a 61-year-old man during an argument at his residence about 3:20 a.m. yesterday.

The victim, Ralph Pack, 536 North Mulberry St., was taken to Mansfield General Hospital where he died with what police said was apparently a bullet wound to the chest from a .22-caliber revolver.

Police were called to the residence by a woman who told police she shot the man. She was held in city jail yesterday pending further investigation.

Leftists launched attacks all along the 35-mile confrontation line between Christian and Moslem Beirut and in the mountains southeast of the capital to draw Christian strength away from the camp.

Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat returned secretly to Beirut to take charge of the Palestinians' flagging fortunes.

In the past 24 hours, 170 persons were reported killed and 300 wounded, but these figures did not include the unknown number of Tal Zaatar casualties.

About 150 foreigners, including about 30 Americans, left Beirut Sunday morning on a German-organized convoy of about 100 cars to Damascus.

By Pat Heydinger

Mansfielders celebrated America's birthday Sunday in about as many ways as the various backgrounds of the founding fathers who adopted the Declaration of Independence 200 years ago.

Family picnics and outings, special church services, parades, fireworks and mock Revolutionary War battles helped commemorate the nation's most important birthday yet.

And there's more ahead today as the three-day festivities marking the birth of the infant republic rush to a slam-bang close.

Old Glory could be seen waving across the city, but nowhere were the nation's colors more prevalent than at Sunday's Bicentennial celebration at the Richland County fairgrounds.

Whole families came attired in red, white and blue, and stars and stripes

were on everyone and everything from baby carriages to bicycles.

Puffs of blue smoke and the roar of cannon fire rose from the fairgrounds as the Redcoats and revolutionaries battled it out again in one of the highlights of the county's celebration.

The mock battle was held shortly after 1 p.m., rather than at the scheduled 1:30 p.m. because the "revolutionaries" were scheduled for an appearance at

Lexington's parade and celebration in mid-afternoon.

Jeffrey Van Loon, who directed the county affair, estimated that upwards of 15,000 persons rambled through the fairgrounds Sunday. "We got a crowd we really didn't think was possible. It really went off well," he said.

Besides the mock battle, static displays of old-time farm machinery, (Please Turn To Page 6)

President Looks to Future

Big Adventure Just Beginning

NEW YORK (AP) — President Ford visited landmarks of the American Revolution Sunday on the 200th birthday of the nation, and said the American adventure has just begun.

He visited two historic shrines, Valley Forge and Philadelphia's Independence Hall, before going on to New York to watch the tall ships sail by in the harbor.

The President's speeches on the nation's Bicentennial were a blend of honoring the past and looking with hope to the future.

At Valley Forge, where 55,000 watched, Ford greeted members of five wagon trains whose members had traveled across the country in 200 prairie schooners, replaying a saga of early American history.

They came from all 50 states to camp on the sloping hills where George Washington and his Continental Army suffered through the severe winter of 1777-78.

"The sturdy wagon trains that have returned here, the wonderful people who drive them and those along the way who rededicated themselves to the Declaration of Independence offer heart-warming proof that our American adventure has really just begun," Ford said.

He said that adventure had one of its beginnings with the suffering of Washington and his army at Valley Forge.

"They came here in the snows of winter over a trail marked with the blood of their rag-bound feet," the President said.

"That ragged, starving army here emerged and changed in a way that can be sensed but never fully described," he said. "They suffered, they trained, they toughened, they buried their dead and they stayed. They stuck it out.

"When spring melted the snows and green returned to this beautiful coun-

tryside, a proud and disciplined fighting force marched out of this valley on the road to victory, into the pages of history."

In Philadelphia, Ford stood before Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed, and said:

"From this small but beautiful building, then the most imposing structure in the colonies, came the two great documents that continue to supply the moral and intellectual power for the American adventure in self-government.

"The American adventure is a continuing process," the President said. "As one milestone is passed another is sighted. As we achieve one goal — a longer life span, a literate population, a lead-

ership in world affairs — we raise our sights."

As goals in its third century, Ford said Americans must increase the independence of the individual, insure each citizen's right to privacy, create a more beautiful America, develop a safer society, build a more stable international order, match the great breakthroughs of the past century in improving health and conquering disease and continue to unlock the secrets of the universe.

As estimated 105,000 persons jammed into Independence Mall to applaud the President's speech. Thousands more were in sidestreets.

The President began the day by attending a private communion service at St. John's Episcopal Church a block from the White House.

State's Toll Climbs to 18

Two Die in Area Crash

Holiday traffic claimed 18 lives in Ohio by late yesterday, with two of the deaths from a one-car accident near Bucyrus.

Dead from the accident near Bucyrus are Dennis L. Snyder, 23, and Richard A. Magers, 22, both of Tiffin. Highway patrolmen said the two men were thrown from a car which left the roadway, hit a culvert, went airborne and landed on its top at about 1:25 a.m. yesterday on State Route 19, four miles north of Bucyrus.

The accident remains under investigation. Patrolmen said it is unknown which man was driving. Both were dead on arrival at Bucyrus Community Hospital.

The number of traffic accidents on highways in the Mansfield area remained low through yesterday, according to Ohio State Patrol Sgt. Donald Moroney

He described traffic as moderately heavy and said he expects it to be heavier after noon today. He said the patrol is making a lot of stops for speed and an average number for driving under the influence of alcohol.

In the Mansfield area, two children were injured on Trimble Rd. in the heavy traffic during the fireworks show at Arlin Field Saturday night.

Mansfield police report Thomas Stimens Jr., 10, of 567 Davidson St., and Donna Stimens, 14, of 35 Burnese Ave., crossed in front of a car driven by LaFrance Moser, 42 Hoffman Ave., who did not have time to stop.

The youngsters were taken to Mansfield General Hospital where the boy was treated for multiple bruises and scrapes and the girl was treated for bruises following the 10 p.m. accident

Tears of Joy



Scenes such as this one of a sobbing woman hugging a freed relative were repeated all over Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport Sunday as 102 hostages were mobbed in a tumultuous welcome home celebration.

Israeli commandos made an early-Sunday rescue of the 102 hostages held in Uganda by pro-Palestinian air hijackers.

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Today's Chuckle

When the ballgame is rained out in Philadelphia, the fans go to the airport and boo the bad landings.



INDEPENDENCE HALL CEREMONIES — President Gerald Ford and Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo sing during July 4th ceremonies in Philadelphia yesterday. At left is part of the honor guard, with Independence Hall in the background. (AP Photo)