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Tornado Death Toll Reaches 250

Dazed Survivors Begin Rebuilding Destroyed Homes

Arkansas Continues Search for Bodies

Little Rock, Ark.—(U.P.)—The death toll rose to 250 Monday in the tornado and flood-ravaged areas of six southern states as dazed survivors finished the two-day job of burying their dead and began rebuilding their wrecked homes.

The American Red Cross counted 1,107 injured in the wake of the swirling black funnels, greatest barrage of tornadoes in 20 years, and estimated damage would run into "millions."

Search for Bodies Continues

The grim search for bodies continued in Arkansas, hardest hit by the killer twisters that marched across the mid-south through Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Missouri.

Raines had stopped in the flooded areas along the Kentucky-Tennessee border, where 10 lives were lost, and the state highway patrol at Harlan, Ky., reported the rampaging rivers were receding.

In Arkansas, National Guardsmen patrolled the storm-shattered towns to prevent looting.

Red Cross officials here revised upward the number of killed by the raging storms in Arkansas from 121 to 149 with 711 injured. Elsewhere a state-by-state breakdown issued by Red Cross headquarters in Washington gave this picture:

Alabama: 8 dead, 46 injured.

Tennessee: 60 dead, 257 injured.

Mississippi: 11 dead, 23 injured.

Kentucky: 7 dead, 1 injured.

Missouri: 15 dead, 69 injured.

Officials received applications from 2,612 families for various kinds of help.

The Red Cross listed 975 homes demolished by the on-slaught of the storms and another 1,391 damaged.

Care Given Homeless

Red Cross and Salvation Army relief workers supplied food, clothing and shelter to the homeless, while doctors and nurses gave medical aid to the injured in hospitals and improvised clinics set up in churches, schools and other structures.

Red Cross disaster headquarters here sent a "rush" shipment of milk, baby bottles and nipples to Searcy, Ark., in the heart of the tornado-belted area.

Federal officials, acting on orders from President Truman, began a survey of the stricken areas to determine relief possibilities. The Red Cross increased its national disaster fund by \$500,000 to care for the needy.

State of Emergency

Gov. Sid McMath of Arkansas proclaimed a state of emergency at Judsonia and Bald Knob and Tennessee's Gov. Gordon Browning ordered all state relief agencies into action in the western part of the state.

Clean-up crews with bulldozers began showing into the debris and muck that lay across the earth, as the search for bodies continued through the jumble of wrecked homes and buildings, trees and utility poles.

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — U. S. Navy Secretary Dan A. Kimball left Hong Kong Monday for Okinawa to continue his tour of Pacific naval installations. From Okinawa he will go to Formosa and then to Japan.

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TORNADO KILLS 250—Aerial view shows the business district of Judsonia, Ark., which was the hardest hit when a tornado ripped through four states killing 250 and injuring 1,107. Judsonia looked as though it had been struck by two 500-pound bombs and then shelled by a concentration of artillery. Arkansas counted 149 dead, Tennessee 60, Missouri 15, and Mississippi 11.

Rain on Snowpack Brings Potential Danger of Floods

A potential danger of damaging floods in southwestern Oregon was reported today by Bob Church, meteorologist in charge of the Medford weather bureau. The danger is not immediate, he said.

A record-breaking snowpack is lying in the mountains, and

Rainfall since the start of the agricultural year here on Sept. 1, 1951, already exceeds the average for a 12-month period, weather bureau records showed today. The total since September 1 was 18.06 as of midnight last night. The average is 17.89.

the freezing level has gone up to an altitude of about 11,000 feet, Church reported, while rains are falling generally throughout the mountains.

Streams are beginning to rise, he said.

But the danger of flooding will probably be lessened by an inflow of cooler air from the northwest, Church predicted, which will bring the freezing level down to 7,000 or 7,500 feet. There will be continued melting at lower levels, Church said, and the situation may resolve into a favorable one permitting the gradual melting of the heavy snow pack.

Showers to Decrease

The showers now falling in the area will decrease early this week, he said the forecasts showed.

Snow survey radio reports from Diamond Lake said that 1.4 inches of rain fell there between Sunday and Monday mornings. Temperature this morning was 34 degrees—two degrees above freezing—and the total snow pack is 97 inches.

At Lake O' Woods it also has been raining steadily for the past 24 hours. The temperature is nearing the freezing point, and there are 58 inches of snow.

Vancouver, B. C. — (U.P.) — Eighty-six passengers aboard the Union Steamship company passenger vessel SS Cardina were taken off by tug Monday after the 226-foot ship ran aground at the entrance to Vancouver harbor in dense fog.

Sierra Nevada Range Gets Fresh Snowfall

By UNITED PRESS

The most destructive storm of the winter howled toward the Far North Monday, leaving behind it a swath of destruction down the nation's midsection from the Canadian border to the deep south.

The weather bureau said the giant storm would howl itself out of existence in the Canadian northland.

But in the mountains of the west, fresh snow fell on the Sierra Nevada range, already

choked under the heaviest blanket of snow in decades.

"Operation Haylift," designed to bring feed to more than 600,000 head of livestock faced with possible starvation, was stalled temporarily at least because of the rough flying weather.

The pileup of snow in the mountains brought grave threats of floods to the San Joaquin valley at the western base of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Authorities said it would be

the heaviest spring run-off in 40 years once warm weather turned the mountain snowpack into water.

The snowpack at present holds up to 135 per cent of its normal amount of water. It is a record 159 inches deep in places.

Winds up to 55 miles an hour piled snow 10 feet deep in some portions of the northern Midwest.

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Jakarta, Indonesia — (U.P.) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt arrives here Thursday from Singapore for a two-day visit to Indonesia.

German Newsmen Begins Visit Here

Gunther Barth, a young newspaperman from Dusseldorf, Germany, spent his first day at work on The Mail Tribune today. He is visiting the newspaper for one week through a cooperative arrangement between the school of journalism at the University of Oregon and The Mail Tribune.

A drama, art and music sub-editor on the Reinheits Post of Dusseldorf, which has a circulation of 250,000 in a city of 350,000, Barth is in this country on an exchange scholarship. His visit to Medford is during spring vacation at the university.

Today he accompanied Mail Tribune staff members on their beats, and received an introduction to the workings of a small city newspaper. A series of articles, giving his impressions of America, and of Medford, will be published in The Mail Tribune during the week.

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Janouch succeeds Walter Dunlap, who resigned earlier this month due to ill health after 16 years in the office.

HST Asks 300,000 Europeans Allowed To Enter America

3-Year Immigration Program Requested

Key West — (U.P.) — President Truman asked Congress Monday to let an additional 300,000 Europeans, including fugitives from iron curtain countries, into the United States during the next three years.

The chief executive proposed a three-year emergency immigration program designed to assist "fugitives from Soviet terror" and to meet the need for increasing migration from overcrowded European areas.

Three Point Program

He outlined a basic three-point program in a lengthy message to Congress:

1. "Provide aid for the unfortunate victims of oppression who are escaping from Communist tyranny behind the iron curtain."

2. "Continue our participation in the international effort now being made to assist in the migration and resettlement throughout the world of a substantial number of persons from the overpopulated areas of western Europe."

3. "Authorize additional immigration into this country, on a limited basis, to aid in alleviating the problems created by Communist tyranny and overpopulation in western Europe."

Follows Sunday Action

The message followed action by the president Sunday to start the use of American funds for recruitment of iron curtain escapees in the North Atlantic Defense forces.

Mr. Truman okayed the first expenditure of \$4,300,000 in mutual assistance money under the so-called Kersten amendment which authorizes the use of up to \$100,000,000 for this purpose.

Mr. Truman pointed out Monday that the recruitment of fugitives for NATO military forces and their formation into active military units posed "great and administrative difficulties" and would not eliminate the need for additional measures to use the "skills and energies" of fugitives in civilian life.

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Gold Beach Man Hangs Self After Admitting Murder

Coquille, Ore. — (U.P.) — Glen Raines, 45, who admitted to state police that he killed his former wife Feb. 4 and buried her body at the foot of an embankment south of Gold Beach, Ore., hanged himself in his jail cell here early Monday.

The body of Raines' former wife, Mrs. Ruth Genevieve Marr, 51, was not found until last week.

Death Follows Quarrel

Raines told State Police Sgt. Howard Marsh Saturday he killed Mrs. Marr in a trailer house at Gold Beach after an argument. He told Marsh she pulled a gun from a mattress and pointed it at him. He said he picked up a frying pan from the stove, intending to knock her off balance, and struck her twice.

When he discovered she was

dead, Raines told authorities he drove about five miles south of Gold Beach and carried the body down an embankment, buried it in loose dirt and put ferns over the top of the grave. Several days later, he said, he felled a tree across the grave.

Daughter Suspicious

Mrs. Evelyn LaChappelle, Reedsport, a daughter of Mrs. Marr, became suspicious of Raines' story that her mother had gone to San Francisco. She went to Gold Beach last week and found there was a draft against her mother's bank account.

Mrs. LaChappelle and Gold Beach Police Chief Victor Lortie went to the trailer house where Raines lived. When he stepped outside, they challenged him. Lortie said Raines began to run but stopped after he fired a shot.

Arrested for Forgery

Raines was arrested on a forgery charge. On Saturday he confessed killing Mrs. Marr. The body was found where Raines said he had buried it.

The trailer house was taken to Reedsport and Raines was taken there yesterday. He described to officers how it had happened.

He was returned to jail at Coquille Sunday night. His body was found about 7 a.m. Monday. Authorities said he hanged himself with a strip of blanket torn from his bed.

Truman, Wilson Study Steel Strike

Key West — (U.P.) — President Truman and Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson sought Monday to devise a plan for avoiding a steel strike without causing another costly spurt of inflation.

Wilson and the President, meeting in the winter White House, studied a series of plans and alternatives which Wilson brought with him on a flying trip from Washington Sunday night. The mobilization director was to fly back to the capital Monday afternoon.

Wilson submitted a series of recommendations to the President, thus putting not only the threatened steel strike, but the economic consequences involved in a settlement squarely up to Mr. Truman.

The mobilization director would not discuss his plans with reporters until he finished his talks with Mr. Truman.

16 Persons Killed In Africa Air Crash

Dakar, French West Africa — (U.P.) — Sixteen persons were killed and three were injured seriously Monday when an "African Tropical Transport Society" plane crashed and burned near Gao in French Nigeria.

The crash occurred 80 miles northeast of Niamey.

A baby was among the passengers killed.

All three crewmen died when the plane, which apparently developed engine trouble, plowed into the jungle a mile outside Gao.

A company spokesman said the plane crashed immediately after taking off from Gao on a routine flight to Niamey.

Ruch School Gymnasium Bond Issue Defeated

Ruch — A proposed \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of constructing a new gymnasium for the Ruch school was defeated by a one-vote margin at an election here last week.

The vote was 52 for the bond issue, 53 against.

3 Children Lost in Storm; Searchers Find Two Dead

Oconto, Wis. — (U.P.) — Rescuers searching for three small children lost in a blizzard in Nicolet National forest Monday found one of them alive and the other two dead.

They were found by a tavern keeper in an outbuilding near a hunting lodge where searchers by the hundreds had tramped since the children were reported missing since Saturday.

Survivor Hungry

The only survivor, four-year-old Mary Ann Church, was taken to the office of Dr. J. S. Dougherty in nearby Suring, Wis.

The bodies of her sister, Kathy, 5, and her cousin, Stevie Kennedy, 5, were brought in later. Their bodies were stiff, the doctor said.

But Mary Ann, who had survived the blizzard and the bitter cold for 43 hours, apparently had suffered no serious effects.

News Blackout On Prisoner Issue Being Discussed

Further Discussion On Secrecy Matter

Pennunjom — (U.P.) — Allied and Communist truce negotiators "almost" reached agreement Monday on clamping a news ban on deadlocked prisoner of war discussions.

Both sides met for more than three hours discussing the scope and form of future talks on exchanging prisoners. A UN spokesman said the talks were "quasi-confidential."

Further Discussions

"We almost came to an agreement, but not quite," said Allied staff officer Col. George W. Hickman after the session. "We will discuss the matter of secrecy for 20 minutes Tuesday."

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, the official UN spokesman, refused to give details of Monday's conversations. However, he said the negotiators discussed whether they should meet in executive sessions "in which both sides would be free to express points of view and to develop these points of view over a period of perhaps days in complete privacy."

They also discussed what they would talk about, once they reach agreement on secrecy, Nuckols said.

Meeting Late

The meeting began three hours late at the request of the UN, but it was not known why.

Other negotiators took up the question of ports of entry to be used by both sides once an armistice is reached. The Communists submitted for Allied approval five new maps outlining areas for Korean ports of entry. The maps at first glance appeared in "general agreement" with UN ideas.

"As for the ports of entry concerned, conceivably we could wrap it up tomorrow," said Col. Don O. Darrow, UN staff officer.

Information Undecided

Hickman said there was no discussion in the prisoner meeting of what kind of information would be given the press in case a news blackout is decided upon.

The prisoner of war discussions became deadlocked on the Communists' demand for forcible repatriation. The Allies have insisted on voluntary repatriation.

San Francisco Girl Found Beaten, Raped

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The nude body of a 17-year-old high school girl, the victim of a rape and brutal beating, was found in a clump of hedge near Mission high school Monday.

The girl was identified as Hilda Rose Pagan, a student at the high school.

The body was found by Andrew Young, 64-year-old night watchman, who told police he was taking a customary morning walk through the Mission Dolores park when he came upon the body.

The girl had been reported missing Sunday night by an uncle, Jose Monillo, when she failed to return from a movie she attended in the late afternoon.

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Lowell Stockman (R., Ore.) left here Monday by air for a tour of military installations in the Far and Middle East.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional rain through Tuesday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 46. High Tuesday 52.

Highest Yesterday 45

Lowest this Morning 40

Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .33

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"That's a question you'll not get a 'yes' or 'no' out of me," retorted the first lady.

To take the sting out of the reply she laughed and added, "... but that's a fair enough question, I'll admit."

Special Preview

"Could you stand it, if you had to?" asked another reporter.

"Well," said Mrs. Truman, "I have stood it for seven years."

About 1,000 members of Congress, other government men and their wives also got a special preview of the \$5,700,000 remodeling project Sunday. Mrs. Truman, however, did not linger to greet them. She and Mr. Truman will receive them at an official party later.

Both tours tramped through nearly all of the 107 rooms of the reconstructed mansion — from the stainless steel and chromium kitchen on the ground to the new glass-enclosed solarium on the roof. They were excluded only from the secret underground shelter.

Solarium Most Pleasant

Most visitors found the 10-sided solarium with its green-upholstered bamboo furniture and high outlook over the city, the pleasantest room in the White House. A small family dining table has been placed in the center of the room and it is apparent the Trumans intend to eat many meals there this summer.

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