

Arkansas And Oklahoma Count 39 Dead In Tornadoes

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Check Made Of Fields, Swamps

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Tornado-lashed Arkansas and Oklahoma counted 39 dead today, hundreds of injured and thousands of dollars in property damage as the search continued for missing persons.

Hardest hit was a heavily populated rural area near Pine Bluff in Arkansas. Thirty-three bodies—eighteen white persons and fifteen Negroes—already were accounted for in fatalities.

Even as searchers beat a careful track up the plantation fields and bayou swamps for missing persons, Coroner E. D. Dupree said he believed his first report that 37 bodies had been recovered was correct but confirmation may have resulted from the shifting of corpses from one funeral home to another.



EXPLOSION WRECKS APARTMENT BUILDING Walls were blown out and rooms exposed when an explosion wrecked this two-story apartment building in Denver, Colo. Three persons were killed and at least eight were injured. Police Capt. L. C. Morton said gas escaping from a broken line set off the blast. (AP Wirephoto).

Two Issues Up Assembly Stages Merger Proposal

By LATHAN MEMS
MONTREAL — (AP) — Dr. Herman Turner of Atlanta, a representative of the Northern branch of the Presbyterian Church, today told the 57th General Assembly of Southern Presbyterians "I confidently look forward to the day when we can be a united Church."

The statement brought loud applause.

"You know my church as well as I know yours," Dr. Turner said in extending fraternal greetings from the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., "we would soon be united."

Plane Crash Probe Urged

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A "glorious" investigation of commercial airlines crashes during the last week was demanded today in the House by Rep. Edward T. Miller, Republican of Maryland.

Forty-two persons perished Thursday in the crash of a United Airlines ship at La Guardia Field, New York, and 53 others lost their lives in the crash of an Eastern Air Lines plane near Port Deposit, Md., on the following day.

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Russian Composer Dies

LONDON — (AP) — Herman Darszewski, 64, Russian-born composer and band leader, died in his home here today following a heart attack.

Darszewski's compositions included music for many records and such popular songs as "Whisper" and "Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers."

Truce Violations Charged In Indies

BATAVIA, Java — (AP) — The Netherlands Army today accused the Indonesian rebels of a series of widespread truce violations in the last week.

An Army communique said the Dutch on the Soerabaja, Bataavia and Gianjibar fronts in Java and on the Medan front in Sumatra.

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Hungarian Aid Halted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall today ordered cessation of an unused half of a \$300,000 credit to Hungary, where a pro-Communist regime has taken set up with Russian support.

In a statement Marshall also said that the United States "will encourage those to whom assistance on the part of peace-loving nations is a passport to aggression."

Senate Action Clause Stricken From Rent Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate reversed itself today and struck from its rent control extension bill a provision requiring decontrol at a fixed rate.

By a voice vote, it removed an amendment by Senator McCarty, Republican, Wisconsin, which would have required that five per cent of the rent control be applied to all married couples with one child.

Put On Trial For Treason

BOSTON — (AP) — Douglas Chandler, laid gray-haired 38-year-old former Baltimore newspaperman charged with treason for alleged Nazi radio wartime broadcasts, went on trial today in a crowded Federal courtroom where 100 men and women were on hand.

In anticipation of a number of challenges in the selection of a jury, an extraordinarily large panel of 100 men was drawn and only a fraction of this number could be squeezed into the courtroom.

Armed Service Union Measure Advanced

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Supporters advanced an Army-Servicemen's Union bill today in the House, and probably the only one Congress will give this year.

In a Presidential Commission call for an immediate universal military training law, the bill would require that "American military forces have been trained for the purpose of being able to mobilize for speedy passage of the unification measure."

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