

TOY SHOP
Former Boy Scout Executive James E. Blaine always had a hankering to make toys. Now he's doing it—as a business. Reporter Tom Lynch tells the story on 16-A.

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STORM CHANGES COURSE IN GULF TREATENS ALA.-MISS. COASTS

Russian Reply Awaited Marshall's Plan Winning Support Of Small Nations

By MAX HARRELSON
NEW YORK — (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall's plan to overhaul the United Nations peace machinery received small-power support today as the General Assembly waited tensely for an expected Russian attack on the U. S. proposal this afternoon.

After five speakers had delivered their countries' policy statements in the Assembly's second day of general debate, it became clear that the United States was holding its expected support in the development of battle with Russia on the program for drastic alteration of the U.N. structure.

Canada and the Philippines formally threw their full support behind the Marshall proposal. Australia, while reserving decision on the details of the plan, agreed that the Assembly must play a larger role now assigned primarily to the Security Council.

China avoided a direct reference

First Pictures Of Florida Hurricane Destruction



WRECKAGE PILED HIGH BY STORM—Splintered wreckage is piled high amid storm-tossed palm trees at West Palm Beach, Fla. Gusts blowing at 120 miles per hour struck this resort center. (AP Wirephoto).

Hurricane May Hit Mainland Again Tonight

Great Storm Veers To West After Threatening To Hit At Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla. — (AP) — A destructive hurricane of gigantic proportions veered suddenly today in the Gulf of Mexico, and endangered a 500-mile stretch of coast from Cedar Keys, Fla., to Morgan City, La.

The tropical storm, which yesterday raked across southern Florida between Pensacola and Apalachicola about midday, however, reconnaissance by an Army plane spotted the center due south of Apalachicola at 1 P. M. (EST) with northwesterly movement indicating it would strike somewhere along the Alabama-Mississippi coast.

Earlier, highway patrolmen had raced through small towns and fishing villages along Florida's exposed but thinly populated northwest coast, warning residents to flee.

Gov. Caldwell's office announced that a state of emergency had been proclaimed in Florida by President Truman in the wake of multi-million dollar damage, and Federal agencies were mobilized to aid the stricken areas.

Trend Reversed Cattle And Grain Prices In Slump

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Prices slumped on the Chicago cattle and grain markets today and dealers attributed the declines to buyer resistance among meat consumers, plus the announcement of a sharp reduction in November grain exports.

Earlier in the week prices had declined somewhat on hogs and sheep, but today cattle prices dropped as much as \$2 a hundred pounds on the grade. At the same time, wheat and corn prices dropped the limit within a few minutes after the opening of trade, and the nervous grain market remained weak in later trading.

The general market on steers was \$1 to \$1.50 lower than yesterday, with the top prices \$34 to \$36 compared with \$35.75 yesterday.

Grades regarded fractions of extreme losses which were recorded shortly after opening of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat at one time was down 10 cents all deliveries and corn down eight cents—both daily limits. Oats were off four to five cents at one time, with six cents the limit.

The low on September wheat was \$2.10 compared with \$2.25 on August 15, and \$1.15 3/4.

The sharp price break followed an announcement by the Agriculture Department last night November exports would be held to 29,514,000 bushels, compared with 30,000,000 in October quota of 45,885,000 bushels.

Meanwhile, proposals by Government officials to curb the recent upward trend in prices were soured through the nation.

DEPRESSION BYE
President Truman's Cabinet committee on food appeared headed for a decision to reduce the amount of grain export allocations for the months immediately ahead after the Agriculture Department's proposal to reduce the amount of grain export allocations.

Declines were reported in the Chicago wholesale egg and butter



HURRICANE LITTERS PALM BEACH STRAND —Wreckage is scattered over the sands of exclusive Palm Beach, Fla., in the wake of the terrific tropical hurricane. In the background is the skyline of the wealthy resort. (AP Wirephoto).

Trees Are Casualties At Palm Beach

By HAL BOYLE
PALM BEACH, Fla. — If there is sadness in the death of trees, then Palm Beach is a sad place today.

Boasted and admired, the stately homes of this Winter social capital of the Gold Coast still stand intact but its palms are littered with the corpses of famous familiar trees.

They are the royal palm known to millions of American tourists—tall, slender trees that take the wind as gracefully as a bending sail.

Now they lie like granite road blocks across Royal Poinciana and Royal Palm Boulevards—two of the world's beautiful streets. They are downed by the hundreds and probably thousands, beaten to earth and uprooted by winds whirling at more than 120 miles an hour.

The hurricane struck in full power yesterday against Palm Beach, a 12-square-mile sea island linked to the mainland by three causeways.

The island is valued on tax rolls at \$65,000,000.

MANHOOD STRIVED
But few of the millionaires who come here to rub elbows with multi-millionaires were in their mansions, still shattered and closed until the winter season. Palm Beach is populated chiefly by caretakers, policemen and firemen. No lives were here in the hurricane.

Jet-driven motor tour of the battered island this morning found it looking pretty much like a dogwash with hair

hair caught in an electric drier. Every side road was blocked with trees. The car lights were blinded at times by heavy rain squalls. High velocity winds sent torn palm fronds kicking across black pavements deserted except for police patrols.

Worth Avenue — the "Fifth Avenue" of society shoppers here—was tightly boarded and only a few windows in its store fronts were broken. Winds had ripped down the

Bougainvillea vines and they rose and fell like disturbed snakes. Green coconuts rolled crazily in the streets like bowling balls on a slope.

A flash light gleaming speckled a path of destruction across Florida's most famous playground and bathing section. It winds between Miami and Palm Beach, and emerges into the sea near Fort Myers with scarcely-diminished velocity.

The crops and districts of the worst experienced by Florida in a decade, led at least three dead thousands of emergency-sheltered refugees, and six stranded or missing persons, as well as immense property damage.

Ripping into the wealthy "Gold Coast" playground between Miami and Palm Beach at noon yesterday the average storm pounded vacation spots and citrus and vegetable growing farm lands alike with winds up to 120-mph. Damage still was uncertain, but grounds to run into many millions of dollars.

Ten thousand persons fled by train and automobile from their homes in the flood-menaced mucklands around Lake Okechobee—perished last the storm reared the 1928 catastrophe in which 1,500 were drowned by wind-blown water.

Early today's lake refugees were clustered around Sebring, and the Red Cross called upon the Navy at Jacksonville to send food for 15,000 meals. Upwards of 200,000 others in the

U. S. To Aid In Indies Dispute

NEW YORK — (AP) — The United States was chosen today to serve with Australia and Belgium on a three-member United Nations Commission to assist in brokering a settlement of the Dutch-Indonesian conflict.

The selection of the United States was announced in a joint statement by Premier Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium and Dr. Herbert V. Ewart, Australian Minister of external affairs.

They said the United States had long been a friend of the Indonesian people. Its creation originally was proposed by Herschel V. Johnson, Secretary of State under the Security Council.

The commission is authorized to transmit an official report to the Dutch and Indonesians. The United States proposed the commission after the Indonesians had turned down a U. S. offer to use its own "good office" toward a settlement.

Judge Approves Milady's Dress

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Ripped though it was, Mrs. Dorothy Goldring's midriff was an issue in the contempt divorce case, still continuing between Mrs. Goldring and John E. Goldring.

She complained her husband, after criticizing the dress, tore the blouse from her shoulder at home after a party. His attorney, Mrs. Goldring objected to his wife's "nudeness."

At her counsel's suggestion, Mrs. Goldring used the dress's chambers as a dressing room, pinned the blouse to the blouse, and the dress in the courtroom.

WEATHER

Cloudy and little change in temperature. Showers tonight and Friday.

Temperature at 3:00 today — 71 High and low last 24 hours — 71-68

More Weather Data on page 18-A

Yes, Yes, We Know...

Food prices ARE high, heaven knows. But no one is working harder to keep prices as low as possible than the Charlotte food merchants who advertise in Thursday's Charlotte News food pages. High or low, these advertised prices are the lowest possible. Make these Thursday food pages your shopping guide.

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UPROOTED TREES BLOCK ROAD —This highway north of West Palm Beach, Fla., is blocked by palm trees blown over in the hurricane that struck the lower East Coast Wednesday. (AP Wirephoto).