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Heavy Damage On N. C. Coast

CONNIE GRINDING NORTHWARD

Korean Killed, 2 Hurt As Tension Grows

Shots Fired By U. S. Soldier Aboard Ship

Seoul (AP)—A South Korean was shot and killed today and riots continued in rising tension over President Syngman Rhee's demand that pro-Communist truce inspectors get out of Korea by Saturday midnight. Two other Koreans were wounded.

An informed source said Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, United Nations commander, in a Thursday conference with Rhee, charged—and Rhee heatedly denied—that the Korean demonstrations were government inspired.

It has been common knowledge that South Korean officials in the past have ordered "spontaneous" demonstrations supporting other Rhee objectives.

DEMANDS PROMISE The source said Rhee told Lemnitzer the United States also must promise to help in peaceful eviction of Communist members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.

At Panmunjom U. S. Maj. Gen. Harlan C. Parks told a stormy Military Armistice Commission session that "illegal" activities by Polish and Czech NNSC members had provoked South Korea's seething demonstrations.

An 8th Army spokesman said a U. S. soldier guard aboard a ship in Incheon harbor had fired his carbine at three Koreans in a boat. He said the guard spotted them trying to steal canned milk from a large at 3 a.m.

The guard's action, he said, had no connection with any anti-truce team demonstration. The Korean national police insisted, however, that three Korean fishermen were hit by fire from a U. S. Army patrol boat guarding Walmi Island, NNSC team headquarters.

KILLED BY GUNSHOT The 8th Army confirmed that a Korean died of gunshot wounds. It said his two wounded companions, and their two sons for a holiday, were in a boat that drifted into the U. S. Army anchorage at Incheon, had been hospitalized.



Wind-Borne Debris Flies Through The Air Beside Wrightsville's Lumina. (AP Wirephoto)

Envoy To Thailand

John E. Peurifoy Killed In Crash

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—A car-truck crash today killed U. S. Ambassador John E. Peurifoy, 48, a diplomatic troubleshooter who started in settlement of Guatemala's 1954 civil war. A man who liked fast sports cars, Peurifoy and his 9-year-old son Daniel perished when his Ford Thunderbird collided head-on with a truck on a narrow bridge 12 miles south of Bangkok.

Peurifoy's elder son Clinton, 14, was critically injured. The accident occurred near the beach resort of Hlau Hin, on the Gulf of Siam.

The tall, handsome ambassador, who celebrated his 48th birthday Tuesday, came to Thailand last November after brilliant service in Greece and Guatemala. A career diplomat, he began his government service in 1935 as a 890-a-month elevator operator in the Senate Office Building in Washington.

He had arrived in the resort yesterday with his wife Betty Jane and their two sons for a holiday. There was no immediate announcement of funeral arrangements.



Crescent Looked More Like Ghost Town Than Resort As Connie Lurked Nearby

Residents Prepared, Cheerful

Grand Strand Ready This Time

By JULIAN SCHEER Charlotte News Staff Writer

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C.—The Grand Strand was ready this time. It was braced, it was deserted, but Hurricane Connie was gentle to it.

A swing down the beaches from Cherry Grove south to Myrtle revealed expert preparedness, a preparedness born of last year's suffering. At 5 o'clock yesterday Cherry Grove already was vacant. Only Horry County police officers and the National Guard were here to watch over the land. This area was hit hard by last October's Hazel and the rebuilding is still going on.

Winds were gusty up to 35 miles an hour. The tide was running out, but already you could see where it had eaten into the valuable, life-giving strand of sand.

HARDLY SHAKING At Tighlan down the way the fishing pier was hardly shaking under the tempered surf. The beach was deserted as it was on Crescent just below.

Crescent's strand was also being cut away. At Ocean Drive the situation was the same—a quiet, deserted, alerted, empty beach.

A few families gathered at the First Baptist Church at Windy Hill on US 17. They were beach families, summer residents who fled for safety's sake but who wanted to be near valuable beach property.

They came here with bags of groceries, books and magazines. They were welcome, although one young girl read a magazine story, and giggled as she revealed the title: "Uninvited."

On the beach itself, Windy Hill's fishing nets were in no danger. The folks were hopeful, but few chose to stay behind. At 5:30 in the afternoon lanterns and candles were ready. On the highway motor courts be-

gan to fill and restaurants were building.

Here at Myrtle, the end of the line, Hurricane Connie's headquarters was set up in City Hall. They were optimistic, new things looked brighter and they pointed toward Wilmington when they talked about the "target" area.

Mark Gardner, Acting Mayor W. E. Camron, Martin Shaw and others worked around the clock, tirelessly. Three thousand people had moved off the beach front to safety, but there were few fears here.

The Grand Strand was ready. Connie wasn't willing—this time. And people were happy.

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Eye Crosses Land At Morehead City

By CHARLES F. BARRETT WILMINGTON (AP)—Hurricane Connie, losing some of its punch but still a menace, raked northward along the North Carolina coast today, with 75-mile winds and destructive, pounding high tides.

The Weather Bureau said the whirling tropical storm, on an erratic course, bore inland at 9 a.m. EST near Morehead City. Two hours later it was 60 miles west of Cape Hatteras, lashing small fishing villages along the Carolina capes and the mainland along Pamlico Sound.

Cherry Point, just north of Morehead City and the site of a giant Marine base, reported top wind gusts of 75 miles an hour, reduced from the 100-mile wallop packed around the hurricane center as it approached the shore.

GALES WIDESPREAD An 11 a.m. EST advisory said hurricane force winds (75 miles an hour) extended outward only 50 miles east of the center and a shorter distance in other directions. Gales swirled out 250 miles to the northeast and 150 miles to the southwest.

The advisory said continued northward movement is expected at about 12 miles per hour, and the storm can be expected to weaken gradually after another six hours.

Red and black hurricane warning flags flapped along hundreds of miles of coastline from Myrtle Beach, S. C., to the Delaware Breakwater and northeast storm warnings extended to Provincetown, Mass.

NEW HURRICANE Connie's little sister, Diane, reached full hurricane force with 80 to 90-mile winds about 1,150 miles, due east of Miami. She was moving northwest and north-northwest at about 11 miles per hour in Miami, Chief Forecaster Gordon Dunn said any threat to the mainland southeast coast from Diane appeared to have ended. But he said it remained to be seen whether this fourth tropical storm of the year would pose a threat to the northeast.

Already, Connie was leaving a path of destruction in its wake. Almost the entire Middle Atlantic and North Carolina coast was on the alert.

The Weather Bureau said continued northward movement for the next 12 hours would place the hurricane in southeastern Virginia about midnight.

MANY FLEE HOMES Red Cross headquarters said more than 14,000 persons were forced from their homes or vacation resorts last night by Connie's dangerous winds and pounding tides. They took refuge in 79 emergency shelters along the Carolina coast, converted schools, churches and other safe inland buildings.

Along the southern North Carolina coast, first to feel the fury of the tempest, towering waves smashed fishing piers, waterfront cottages, boardwalks, amusement centers, and washed out roads and bridges.

But the damage so far appeared less than the devastation left by Hurricane Hazel last October. Many of the destroyed or damaged structures had only recently been rebuilt. Wrightsville, Carolina and Kure beaches near Wilmington were the first to be hard hit.

NEW BERN FLOODS Farther northeast, in New Bern, N.C., it was a common sight to see parents standing in shoulder deep water, handing children over their heads to National Guard rescue forces. More than 2,000 persons were evacuated from waterfront homes. Thousands of residents fled toward Kingston on the only highway left open.

New Bern's Civil Air Patrol headquarters said 50 mobile radio cars had been changed into Wilmington. New Bern, teaming up with amateur radio operators to provide contact between the storm battered cities and the outside world.

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A PORT IN THE STORM was the Presbyterian Church pew at Ocean Beach. The baby is Lilian Russell Myers of 100 Canterbury Drive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Myers Jr.

CANNON BALLS SCATTERED BY HURRICANE

FT. FISHER—How much powder did Hurricane Connie pack? One answer was supplied here this morning.

Yankee cannon-balls in front of the Battle Acres here were scattered by the force of Connie.

Incidentally, they weigh approximately 15 pounds each.

DON'T FORGET DOG NORFOLK, Va.—The fire department has urged people to keep fresh water available for their dogs. Every time a fire truck is washed firemen note crowds of dogs drinking from the curb.

Our Weather Partly cloudy and windy with some scattered showers today. Fair and mild tonight. Tomorrow, fair with moderate temperatures.

High today—81. High today—87. High tomorrow—88. Low this morning—73. Low tonight—72. Sunrise, 5:40 a.m.; sunset, 7:15 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 11-A