

Cloudy and rainy today, tonight and Wednesday with rain mostly ending Wednesday. Heavy rains in northeast portion tonight. Continued rather cool through Wednesday. High today in low 60s in mountains to upper 70s along coast. Low tonight in 50s in mountains.

HURRICANE WARNINGS!

Hurricane Esther To Threaten Coast

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CAPE HATTERAS, N.C. AP — Hurricane Esther continued her relentless path toward the North Carolina coast and Virginia Capes today, while hundreds of persons fled to higher ground.

At 11 a.m. the Weather Bureau said the dangerous storm was 260 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras bearing on a course which should bring 150 mile per hour winds to the battened-down coast early tomorrow morning.

Hurricane warnings were raised this morning from Cherry Point, N.C., northward to the Virginia Capes. Gale force winds were forecast for that portion of the coast this morning and were forecast to increase to hurricane strength — 75 miles per hour — by afternoon.

Gale warnings were extended northward from the Virginia Capes to Cape May, N. J., and over the south half of Chesapeake Bay. Hurricane watch continues northward from Myrtle Beach, S.C., to Cherry Point and from the Virginia Capes to Cape May.

The whirling giant carried winds up to 150 miles per hour.

At 3 a.m. the Weather Bureau said the big storm was 335 statute miles southeast of Cape Hatteras and bearing toward the coast at 14 miles per hour.

Rising tides and seas already were buffeting this fabled coast line, known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic, and hurricane force winds of 75 m.p.h. were expected this afternoon.

But the Weather Bureau said the northwesterly curve of the storm could carry the eye, or center of the storm, just off the coast.

Coastal residents, veterans of many a big blow, warked throughout the night, moving house trailers from Atlantic Beach and Salter Path to higher ground at Morehead City, about 75 miles south of Cape Hatteras.

Tides were running up to three feet above normal and the ocean was rough with heavy swells. The Coast Guard said the swells have existed for "two or three days," possibly caused by earlier hurricanes.

U. N. Delegates Arrive In Naola; Peace Talks

NDOLA, Northern Rhodesia AP — A high-ranking U.N. delegation arrived in Nodla today seeking to carry through the Katanga peace talks shattered by U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold's death in a plane crash.

The chief U.N. negotiator is Mahmoud Khiri, chief of civil operations in the Congo.

He flew to Ndola from Leopoldvill while U.N. intelligence experts probed riddles of the wreck that killed the secretary-general.

A British government statement said a further task for the delegation will be to help identify the mutilated bodies of some of Hammarskjold's entourage.

The statement said Britain is doing all possible to facilitate contact between the delegation and President Moise Tshombe of Katanga, who pulled out Monday after an overnight stay at this neutral border town.

Tshomb returned to Katanga after vainly waiting for 24 hours for Hammarskjold to arrive for peace talks. Only late Monday did Tshombe and the world know Hammarskjold was dead in the shatt

ered wreck of his aircraft.

Salvage workers pulled another body from the wreck this morning making a total of 15 dead. There is one survivor.

Lt. Col. Ben Matlic, U.S. air attache from Leopoldville, who inspected the wreck today, said he was convinced that speculation that the plane may have been shot down was groundless.

The possibility of sabotage or armed attack had drawn banner headlines in Rhodesian newspapers. The lone survivor, Harry Julien an American U.N. security guard, was quoted as saying a series of explosions shook the four-engine DC6B before it plunged into a forest reserve north of town and burned.

Seasonal pilots who viewed the fire-blackened wreckage agreed with Matlick. They said it looked like typical results of a crash caused in a landing approach by loss of power or faulty instruments.

Col. Maurice Barber, civil aviation director of the British-run Central African Federation, heads the inquiry into the crash.

Late Bulletin

At 3:00 p.m. it appears that Hurricane Esther will hit Chowan's campus with no greater than gale winds. Hurricanes, however, have been known to turn directions without much notice . . . so students and others at the college should remain on the alert.

Keep in touch with radio reports in order to follow the path of Esther.

CAPE HATTERAS, N.C. AP The advance winds of Hurricane Esther, clocked as high as 40 miles an hour, began whipping the extreme east coast of North Carolina at 2 p.m. today. Hundreds of residents fled inland.

The Weather Bureau said the storm at 2 p.m. was a little less than 300 statute miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. Hurricane force winds—75 miles per hour and up and tides of 4 to 8 feet above normal were predicted for tonight and early Wednesday from Cherry Point, N.C. to the Virginia Capes.

The bureau warned that tides would be even higher if the storm should take a more westerly turn than expected. Rising waters closed off some roads-leaving some stubborn old-timers marooned in island fishing camps.

ANKARA, Turkey AP — A Cabinet crisis in the wake of weekend executions of ousted Premier Adnan Menderes and two other deposed former ministers was resolved today.

World Briefs

BERLIN AP — Five East Berliners crawled over rooftops Monday night and then slid down a rope to freedom in West Berlin, police reported today.

A woman in the group fell before reaching the ground and was taken to a hospital.

In another daring escape reported by police, two East Berliners crossed the barbed wire fences Monday in a storm of bullets from submachine guns of Communist police.

KUWAIT AP — British forces began a gradual withdrawal from Kuwait today.

A big Beverly transport plane headed out over the Persian Gulf carrying the first men to leave—80 sunburned soldiers from the 2nd Parachute Battalion — to Bahrain.

The British troops were flown in at Kuwait's request last July after neighboring Iraq laid claim to the little Sheikdom, a former British protectorate rich in oil.

Hurricane Esther Is Shifty Storm

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. AP — Big, powerful Hurricane Esther stood poised off the North Carolina coast today, seemingly undecided whether to swing into the mainland.

Coastal residents, veterans of such storms in the past, kept an eye on the storm, which packs up to 150 mile per hour winds, but were waiting more definite information before beginning final storm preparations.

A "hurricane watch" was in effect today from Myrtle Beach S.C., along the entire North Carolina and Virginia coastline as far north as Cape May, N.J. The Weather Bureau urged persons along the coast to keep posted in case Esther veers more to the west for a punch at the North Carolina coast.

Gov. Terry Sanford of North Carolina, when informed Monday that the storm might strike his state's coast, called a meeting with state officials. "While we are very hopeful the hurricane will not strike our coast," Sanford said, "we have taken every conceivable step to save lives and minimize the damage."

The South Carolina coast, which appears safe from the storm's full brunt, was visited Monday by Harry Walker, legal aide to Gov. Ernest Hollings. "We plan to be ready if the hurricane hits," Hollings said. Walker visited Charleston and Beaufort for conferences with Civil Defense, municipal and county officials in these areas.

Col. David Lambert, commander of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, alerted patrolmen in coastal areas to be prepared if the storm should strike.

Sanford said North Carolina's patrol and Civil Defense would be on a 24-hour alert until the

storm crisis passes.

Along North Carolina's exposed Outer Banks, which jut into the ocean to a point at Cape Hatteras, some preparations were begun.

The highway about 12 miles north of Hatteras was under water for two hours Monday at high tide.

The State Highway Department urges tourists or anyone with nonessential business not to drive to the Outer Banks until the storm passes. Service of the coastal ferry to the Outer Banks also was curtailed by the departments.

State Ports Authority worker at Wilmington and Morehead City took just - in - case preparations Monday. Jack Lee of the authority, in ordering ports personnel to action, said if Esther continues her present course "somebody is going to be in for trouble."

In the Wrights Beach-Carolina Beach - Wilmington area a few preparations were underway Monday. Residents and business operators at Wrightsville and Carolina beaches were battening down in case should hit there. "We're hoping for the best," said Town Manager Stacy Thomas of Carolina Beach, "But if it comes we'll be better prepared than ever before."

The Coast Guard said late Monday night it had sighted the crewless Liberty ship J. Warren Kiefer adrift in the Atlantic Ocean 1000 miles east of Wilmington. The Coast Guard said it hopped the weather would ease up so a tug could attach a line, but no attempt would be made to recapture the vessel until conditions improved. The Kiefer went adrift Sunday when a towline snapped as it was being towed from Wilmington to Philadelphia, Pa.

Gov. Sanford Urges Residents To Leave

RALEIGH AP — Gov. Sanford today strongly urged residents and visitors to North Carolina's Outer Banks to evacuate at once.

"It will be impossible to evacuate the Outer Banks once the hurricane hits," Sanford declared in a statement. "Therefore, I hope everybody will leave now."

Hurricane warnings are up from Cherry Point to the Virginia Capes. Heavy rains and high winds are expected along the coastal sections as Hurricane Esther approaches.

Sanford announced Monday that preparations had been

made "to save lives and minimize the damage" if the hurricane hits the coast.

Meanwhile, Highway Patrol units were busy on the Outer banks urging persons to move to the mainland higher ground.

State Civil Defense Director Edward F. Griffin said Thomas Goodman of Thomasville, Ga., regional director of the Office of Civil Defense, will arrive in Raleigh area today to work with state officials at the Civil Defense headquarters.

All civil defense directors in coastal counties have set up local control centers.