

Scatters rain over state

Ginger moves inland, weakens

RALEIGH, (UPI) — Tropical depression Ginger, a sputtering shadow of a once massive hurricane, touched off heavy rains near North Carolina's capital Friday afternoon after ripping through the state's rich corn and soybean belt.

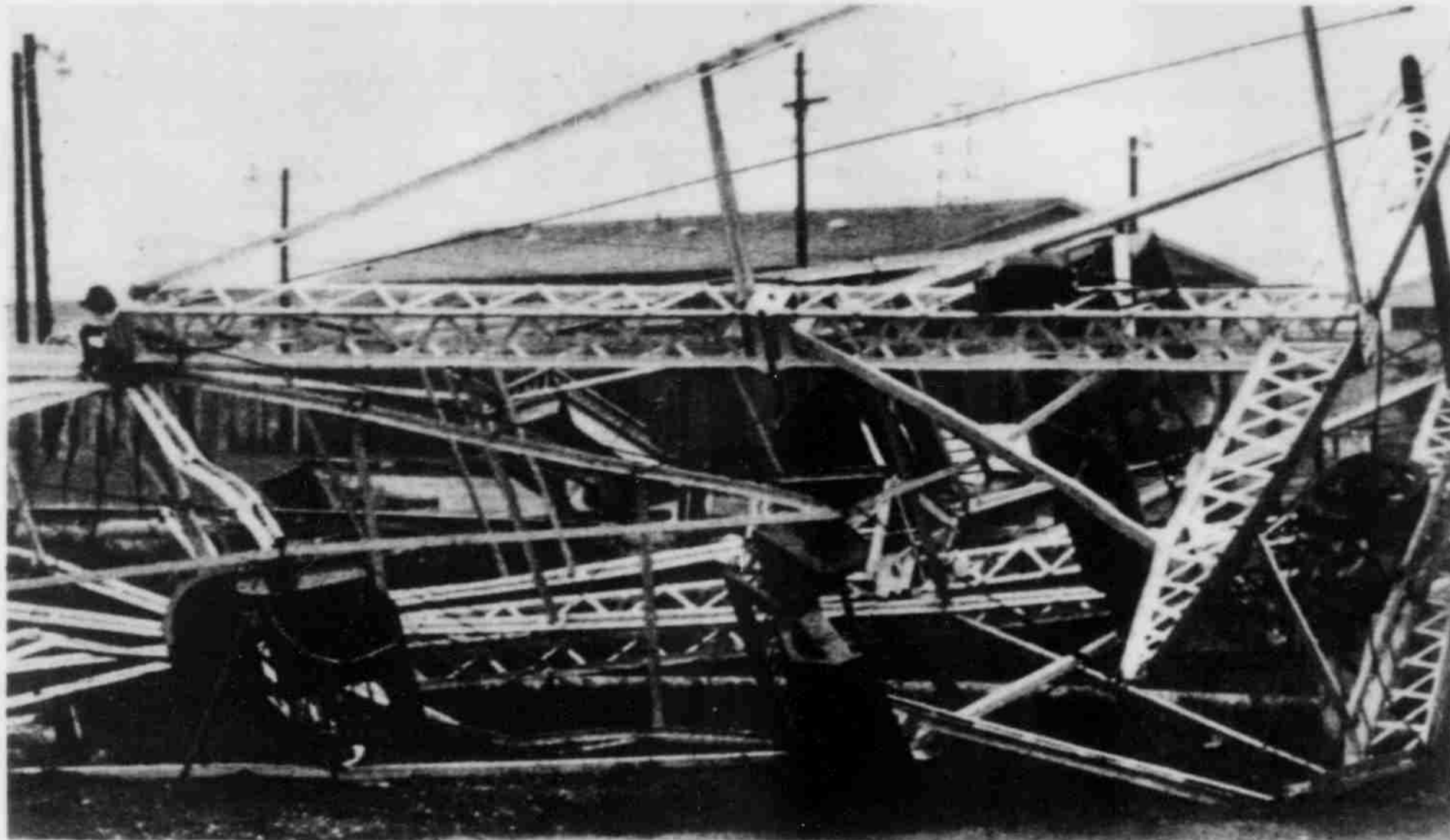
Ginger, downgraded from a tropical storm to a depression, was located late Friday afternoon near Smithfield, stripped of its winds by its slow movement over land.

Tidal flooding of low-lying areas along the North Carolina coast was decreasing Friday afternoon and the weather bureau said no flooding of consequence was expected along major rivers.

The storm did produce heavy rains, with Raleigh, Durham, Henderson and Rocky Mount recording two to two and a half inches during the morning Friday.

The American Insurance Association estimated Hurricane Ginger losses from property damage in Virginia and North Carolina at \$1,350,000 and losses on autos, boats and mobile homes at \$650,000.

The Farmers Home Administration office here announced it was making low interest credit available for farmers who suffered crop loss and for rural residents who suffered loss to a building. A spokesman said persons should contact their county FHA supervisors.



Hurricane Ginger left damage and destruction on the N.C. coast this week. This ferris wheel at Atlantic Beach collapsed due to the winds of the storm. (Staff photo by Al Thomas)

Nixon takes no action on dock strike

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. — President Nixon, encouraged by the negotiation progress in a West Coast dock strike, held off invoking the Taft-Hartley Act Friday despite a spread walkout which could close all the nation's seaports.

"We do not feel there is a national emergency in existence" said Ronald L. Ziegler, presidential press secretary. "We

do not intend to take action to interfere with negotiations at the present.

The International Longshoremen's Association walked out of bargaining talks on the East Coast early Friday. Its labor contract with the New York Shipping Association ran out at midnight Thursday and ILA President Thomas H. Gleason said his union considered itself "locked out" of the job. The 15,000 West

Coast longshoremen have been on strike since July 1.

Last weekend, in Portland, Oregon, Nixon said use of the Taft-Hartley Act, under which the President could ask the federal courts to order the strikers back to work for a 30-day cooling off period, would be "automatic" if the dock workers struck on the East Coast while the West Coast workers were out.

However, Ziegler told a news briefing Friday: "You cannot equate 'automatically' with 'instantly' or 'immediately.' The President's remarks in Portland can not be applied at this moment. Obviously, we are not going to rush into something and take a step not called for."

Nixon is spending the weekend at his Florida bayside villa studying recommendations of the Cost of Living Council on ways to prevent wages and prices from soaring when the freeze ends on November 13.

Ziegler said the President got an encouraging report from Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson on progress in the West Coast longshoremen negotiations.

Ziegler said that East Coast negotiations will be resumed Monday with Assistant Labor Secretary W.J. Usery, Jr., the administration's top labor troubleshooter, sitting in on the talks.

Scott activates plan

Government revamp begins

RALEIGH — Gov. Bob Scott, by executive order, Friday activated the first 11 of the 17 principal departments of state government under the reorganization plan approved by the legislature.

Scott said the action "represents a giant step toward fashioning a governmental structure that is more in tune with the needs of North Carolinians."

"Concern for their needs will continue to guide our thinking as reorganization continues by stages," said the Governor. The remaining six departments are to be activated by July 1 of next year.

The department heads included Thad Eure, Department of the Secretary of State; Henry Bridges, Department of the State Auditor; Edwin Gill, Department of

Stat. Treasurer; Robert Morgan, Department of Justice; James Graham, Department of Agriculture.

Also, Frank Crane, Department of Labor; Edwin Lanier, Department of Insurance; Secretary William Turner, Department of Administration; Commissioner Ivie Clayton, Department of Revenue and Secretary Roy Sowers, Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

Under the reorganization act, the board of education is designated as the head of the Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Craig Phillips, who was superintendent of public instruction, is continuing as chief administrative officer.

Scott said the heads of the new departments have been hard at work reassigning personnel, consolidating

budgets and making the other arrangements necessary for the change.

"That these tasks have been accomplished without disruption of current operations is a tribute to the men who head the departments," he said.

The state government reorganization was designed to consolidate agencies of like function and streamline the more than 200 state agencies created as separate entities over the years.

Scott said the reorganization will achieve significant short-run savings by consolidation of supporting services such as personnel, budgeting, purchasing, printing, libraries and contractual arrangements.

Over the longer haul, Scott said, concentration must be "on the effectiveness of the operations of government in meeting the needs of the people."

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Nader hits truck union
WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader charged Friday the Teamsters Union has "woefully unrepresented" its 400,000 truck driver members in the vital area of safety, particularly the use of drugs and alcohol.
Nader, who will speak at UNC Thursday, departed from his prepared testimony to the State Labor subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics to accuse the Teamsters Union of paying "mere lip service" in protecting its drivers.

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On The Outside

Viet elections near; students protesting

SAIGON — South Vietnamese students and veterans Friday tossed firebombs and burned posters of President Nguyen Van Thieu in two major cities to protest his one-man election. The president again urged the people to "get out and vote" Sunday.

The demonstrators, facing tough police controls, plus the inevitability of the election results, staged sporadic clashes with police all day. Some demonstrators marched in favor of the election while others marched against it.

Vice-President Nguyen Cao Ky told a Saigon gathering Friday the people of Vietnam should stay away from the polls to show they oppose the "tyranny" of the president, who is running for re-election.

Thieu, in turn, replied on government radio and television by urging the people to "get out and vote." The president has said he will not consider he has received a mandate unless more than half of the seven million registered voters cast their ballots for him.

Senate pressures Nixon

WASHINGTON — President Nixon faces the collective pressure of the U.S. Senate to withdraw from Vietnam by spring — totally and without regard to the future of the American-backed government in Saigon.

For the second time this year, members approved Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield's amendment establishing a national policy for complete disengagement from Indochina within six months.

The only condition attached is that North Vietnam must simultaneously release all U.S. prisoners of war and account for the missing.

The vote came Thursday, three days before Sunday's South Vietnamese election in which President Nguyen Van Thieu is running unopposed.

The Mansfield amendment was attached as a rider to the \$21 billion military procurement bill. The language cannot become law until it is passed by the House, which rejected it in June, and the entire bill is signed by the President.

Pompidou blasts U.S.

PARIS — President Georges Pompidou Friday condemned U.S. air strikes hitting North Vietnam and charged that the South Vietnamese have not been allowed to hold free elections.

Pompidou, in a toast during a lavish lunch at the Elysee Palace for visiting Communist Chinese officials, repeated a demand that the United States get out of Vietnam and that Peking be a party to any peace settlement.

Pai Hsiang-kuo, foreign trade minister and leader of the nine-man Chinese group, expressed Peking's "admiration" for French policies and, like Pompidou, castigated big-power "oppression" of other peoples.

Franco to stay in power

MADRID — Generalissimo Francisco Franco told a mammoth rally in Madrid Friday he intends to remain in power as chief of state in Spain as long as his health permits.

He also rejected the idea of basic political reforms which he said could once again divide the nation.

Franco spoke to a crowd officially estimated at more than one million massed outside the Royal Palace for ceremonies celebrating his 35th anniversary in power.

"I want to once again assure you that as long as God gives me life and clarity of judgment, I will continue to hold the helm of state," Franco said in a brief speech from the palace balcony.

His remarks, frequently interrupted by shouts of "Franco! Franco!" dispelled recent speculation that the 78-year-old generalissimo was planning to step down in favor of his handpicked successor and future king of Spain, Don Juan Carlos.

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