

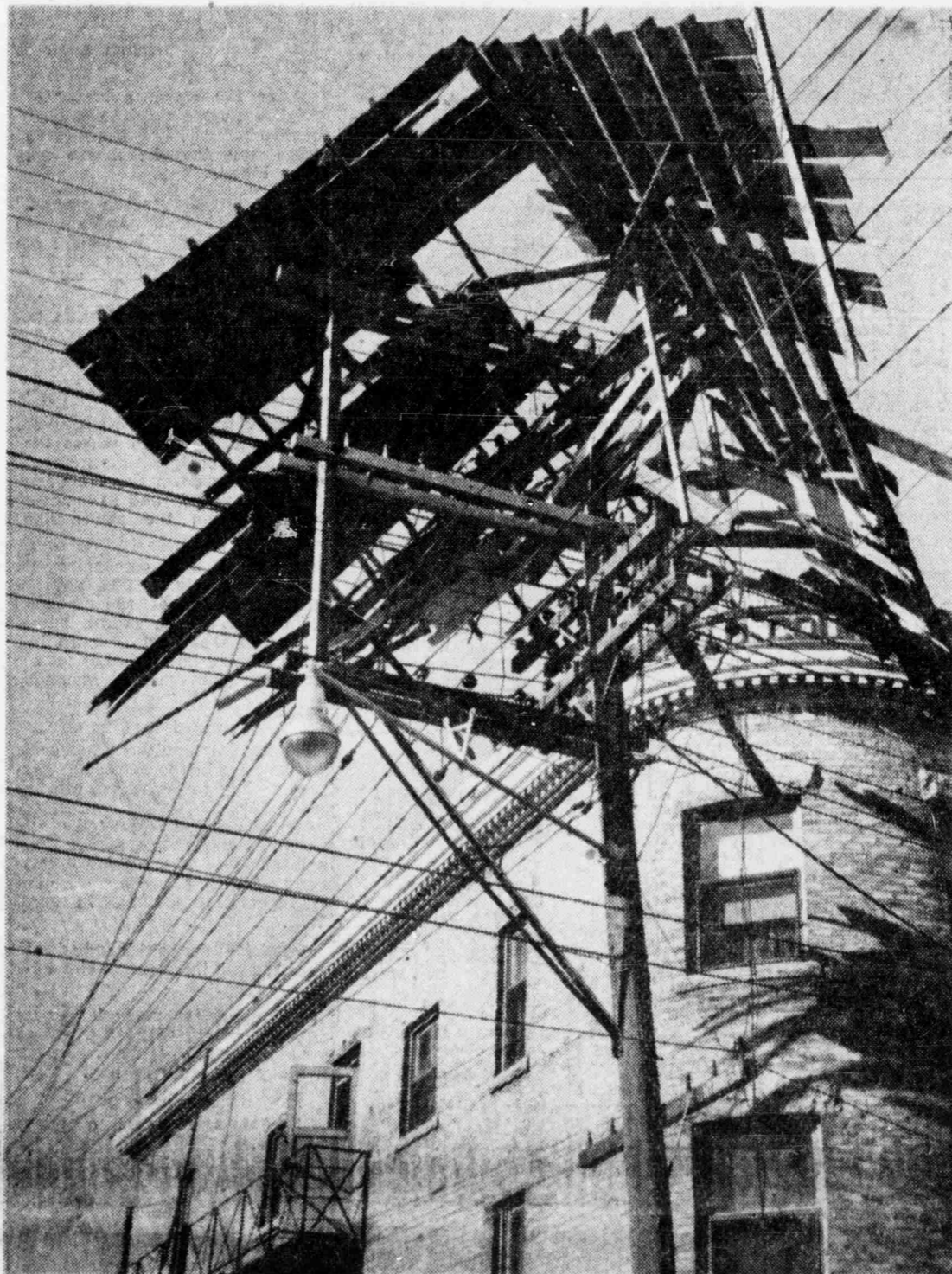
Two Die in Flash Storm; Five Injured

NEAR-HURRICANE LOSS HEAVY

In Wake of the Storm

Section of roof ripped from Mansfield Court, Maryland St. and Ellice Ave., rests on top of power lines in photo at right. Tenants were exposed to wind and rain during storm.

Telephone pole snapped off by fierce wind crashed on top of streetcar on Selkirk Ave., as shown in photo below. There were no passengers in part of tram hit by pole and no reported injuries.



Blast Topples Trees, Garages

A flash thunderstorm of near hurricane proportions struck Greater Winnipeg early this morning, bringing death to two persons, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars damage and forcing a power blackout through much of the city.

The storm, accompanied by winds up to 68 miles an hour, was believed to be worst to hit here in 28 years.

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Two persons are dead as the result of the storm which struck about 12.30 a.m.

Forty-one-year-old Paul Chumilar, of 38 Cobourg St., died when he touched a live wire blown down by the storm.

Sixty-four-year-old Clarence B. Lee of 36 Armstrong Ave., collapsed and died of a heart attack while attempting to close the windows of his home during the rainstorm.

Five persons were injured when a billboard collapsed on their car.

They were: Mr. and Mrs. William Minns, 57 and 53, of 875 Garwood St.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCowan, 57 and 55, of 180 Brock St.; and Margaret Angus, age and address unlisted.

RADIO TOWER TOPPLES

Thousands of trees were blown down by the force of the storm, bricks were torn off buildings and hundreds of windows were smashed.

Twenty-thousand dollars damage was caused when the wind blew down the R.C.M.P. radio tower at Middlechurch.

The storm also tore off roofing at the R.C.M.P. Portage Ave. barracks causing damage estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Huge section of the roof at the Laura Secord School was blown off.

The accident occurred shortly after 9 a.m. today, Dr. Athol Gordon, coroner, attended and the body was taken to Kerr's funeral home.

Collapses in Home Second person to die as the result of the storm was 64-year-old Clarence B. Lee who collapsed and died in his home.

He suffered a heart attack at the height of the storm as he rushed to close the windows of his home. Mr. Lee had just recently returned from hospital.

Five persons who sought safety behind a billboard in their car were hurt when part of the structure tumbled over on the vehicle.

Sought Billboard Shelter The five were taken to Victoria Hospital and treated for hand and facial lacerations. They were later released.

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City Power Hit; 40 Lines Broken

Hundreds of Greater Winnipeg homes will be without power or light for the rest of the day following this morning's near-hurricane.

Trees and parts of buildings falling before the brunt of the storm tore down more than 40 major power lines serving thousands of homes in scattered parts of the metropolitan area.

In addition, hundreds of individual power lines were swept down.

Utilities officials said at noon today all services should be restored by Tuesday morning. Line crews, who began repair work at the height of the storm, will continue operation until every service is reconnected.

Worst hit areas were St. Vital, St. James, the central part of St. Boniface, Fort Rouge and River View. In these areas whole blocks of homes went without breakfast.

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'JUST LIKE THE BLITZ'

Bolt Strikes Home Of Ex-London Wife

A woman who was blitzed three times in London thought she was back in it Sunday night when a direct hit of lightning smashed the chimney of her home at 250 Smithfield Street, West Kildonan.

"I thought we were finished," Mrs. Albert Phillips said. "There was the most terrific crash followed by a roaring sound."

"If that chimney had fallen the other way, it would have hit our bedroom and we'd have been killed."

"Thank God, it didn't kill us. That was the first thing I said."

Be Calm, Says Hubby "My husband just said, 'Be calm.' But that was before he knew what happened."

The house must have been hit at exactly 12.35 Mrs. Phillips guessed, because that was the time the electric clock in the kitchen stopped. All the electricity was cut off.

The chimney, smashed to fragments by the direct bolt, lay

scattered on the carefully tended lawn. Some pieces were as large as four feet square. Smaller pieces of brick and dust had found their way into the cellar-way from the back door.

Interior of the house was filled with water and brick dust; rugs and comforters were soaked, curtains flapping wetly. Electricity was cut off and water dripped from the refrigerator.

A Terrific Crash "I was lying awake when the storm started. I'm scared of storms."

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TODAY'S CHUCKLE When Cupid hits the mark, he usually Mrs. it.

Yanks Launch First Offensive Punch 3 Miles into Red Lines

TOKYO, Aug. 7 (CP) — United States troops today scored their first major success of the Korean war with the capture of a vital road junction on the approaches to Chinju.

It was the first big objective in the offensive launched early today after five bitter weeks of retreat.

Munro Sees Crack Marines in Action

By ROSS MUNRO (Tribune Far East Correspondent) WITH THE U.S. MARINES ON THE MASAN FRONT. From a G.I. slit trench level I watched the Americans slant back hard at the Communists for the first time in this merciless campaign in these guerrilla-ridden mountains.

From dawn until noon I was in the line with the U.S. marines down in the Red Korean dirt with a light mortar platoon and I felt the same battle exhilaration and confidence I knew with top Canadian battalions cracking on an offensive. These marines are good, probably the best troops the United States has.

From the fox hole viewpoint, this attack may run into trouble before long in the hills ahead. But so far things have been going reasonably well.

Artillery fire on our position has been fairly heavy but, it is not particularly accurate. About every five minutes or so there has been either mortar, gun or tank fire coming in on us except when American aircraft are over the battle area.

Planes keep the fire off. You spend the major portion of your time flat down in a trench but shells have been falling in front of us or behind us in the rice paddy fields and casualties have not been heavy so far.

A captain and three marines were wounded on a hill immediately to our right when they could not get dug in before the North Koreans hit them. These were probably the first casualties in this battle and the marine stretcher-bearers laboriously and tenderly brought the wounded down a rocky hill to a casualty clearing station.

Play-by-Play There were other casualties in an artillery position behind us but none of our platoon was hit. Here is a play-by-play of the action as I saw it. From divisional headquarters up to the front just before dawn, and I hardly got with the troops before the air came under some kind of artillery fire. I was not sure what kind of fire it was and nobody around me was either. It might have been mortar

About 9,000 Americans and some South Korean commando units attacked over a 20-mile-wide front. It was a hard battle but casualties were reported light. Allied forces clashed head-on with the crack North Korean 6th Division, backed by the Communists' 1st Division. The two number about 15,000 men. Capture of the road junction opens the way for the Americans to push on to Chinju, important road and rail centre, 65 miles west of Pusan, main supply port for the United Nations forces.

Recapture of Chinju seemed to be the main objective of the first full-scale U.N. offensive since the Communists invaded the southern republic June 25.

Tank-supported Marines and the under cover of American artillery and Royal Australian Air Force low-level bombing attacks by Mustangs.

The road junction is on the main communications line 12 miles east of Chinju. But the American drive — described by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters as a "planned offensive" — was menaced by a Communist move from the north.

Northerners were threatening to drive southwards from Uryong, which straddles the approaches to both Chinju and Masan. This could jeopardize United Nations supply lines. Soon after the offensive started, fresh American armored reinforcements poured in at a South Korean beachhead.

Harriman at Front Within an hour the men and tanks — expected to provide the first effective opposition to the Russian-type armor used by the northerners — were racing into battle positions.

As the big push started, W. Aver-

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STORE WINDOW BLOWN OUT: Two youths stand in show window of Dayton's store, Portage Ave. and Hargrave St., after plate glass had been blown out in storm.

EXPECTED SHOWERS

Gale Caught Forecaster By Surprise

Sunday night's near-hurricane caught the weatherman completely by surprise.

No storm warning was issued — and just five minutes before the storm broke, weather officials were expecting nothing more serious than a few light thundershowers.

They even decided it was unnecessary to close the windows at their office.

What Happened The weatherman explains what happened as follows:

"Cold Pacific air which had been lying stationary over Saskatchewan for the last three days began moving slowly east. Ahead of it was humid air from the south central states.

"The heavier cold air rode under the lighter hot, moist air forming huge clouds towering from 6,000 to 40,000 feet.

"Two of these clouds passed over Winnipeg, one to the north and one through the centre of the city.

"Underneath the cloud there was a strong suction of air. It spiralled upward in an anticlockwise direction causing strong surface winds."

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Beach Holidayers Escape Big Storm

Beach resorts escaped the thunderstorm which wrought heavy damage in Winnipeg Sunday night.

Winnipeg Beach was reported unaffected by the storm.

Telephone lines to resort areas were clogged, apparently with calls from stay-at-home Winnipeggers anxious over the welfare of their holidaying relatives, but there were no reports of damage at Grand Beach or Victoria Beaches.

Philippines Offer Troops For Korea

MANILA, Aug. 7 (AP) — The Philippines government offered today to send immediately to Korea a fully-trained, fully-equipped regiment of 5,000 combat infantry.

This marked a sharp change in policy.

President Quirino said the troops could serve wherever they might be needed. That was in answer to a question on whether the troops might aid in the defence of Formosa.

Avert War III, Lie Asks

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Aug. 7 (AP)—Trygve Lie, United Nations secretary-general, believes a bold and enlightened act of statesmanship is needed to meet the threat of a third world war.

He gave his views in his 143-page annual report to the general assembly, which meets at Flushing Meadows, N.Y., Sept. 19.

In the report, written July 12, Lie said there was no way of foreseeing the outcome of the war in Korea. He said the breach of peace in Korea interrupted his efforts to get high-level officials of the big powers to resume negotiations.

Need for negotiations, however, will be greater than ever "when United Nations action has succeeded in restoring peace to Korea," Lie wrote.

Can't Accept Division "I do not believe that member states adhering to the charter can ever accept the doctrine in irrevocable and irrevocable division of the world into warring camps, not so long as the least possibility exists of preventing a third world war by peaceful settlements based on the principles of the charter."

The report termed a successful conclusion to the U.N. military action in Korea "first priority" for member countries but added:

"This does not mean, however, that either the member government."

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WIND BLAST BENDS STEEL STORAGE TANK

This morning's near-hurricane bent steel.

One side of a 55,000-barrel oil storage tank for the new Imperial Oil Ltd. refinery at East St. Paul was forced in by the 68 m.p.h. wind.

The tank is made of steel one-quarter of an inch thick. Part of a roof of a temporary building at the refinery was also torn off.

MORE RAIN SEEN FOR CITY TODAY

More rain is forecast with scattered showers anticipated this afternoon and Tuesday.

Little change in temperature is expected. Westerly winds are forecast at 20 miles an hour.

Low tonight at Winnipeg, Gimli and Carman is forecast at 55; high on Tuesday, 75.

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