



—AP Wirephoto

National Guardsmen in Jeep Patrolled at Myrtle Beach, S. C., as Hurricane Neared

Hurricane Helene Rips North Carolina Coast

From AP Dispatches

Winds of up to 135 miles an hour, 25-foot waves and torrential rains of Hurricane Helene broke across North Carolina's coast yesterday and wrought tremendous, widespread damage.

Never had winds so strong been recorded along that storm-blown coast.

Helene, feinting at South Carolina coastal cities, only to alter course, boiled northward along the Carolinas all day. She shattered shipping installations, gouged out beaches and shattered buildings and houses as she kept her eye, or storm center, always just off shore.

Highway patrol spokesmen said no loss of life had been reported. There were a few minor injuries.

the streets in the quaint fishing village of Southport. One official described damage as greater than that wrought four years ago by Hurricane Hazel.

So great was the sweep of piled water into Southport, a village of 1,500, that half its municipal pier was carried away.

Buildings collapsed, roofs were ripped off and sailed about like cardboard.

Ancient live oaks, their gnarled limbs festooned with streamers of Spanish moss, fell, the crash of their collapse silenced by the hurricane's incessant roar.

A National Guard company was called ut to prevent looting of evacuated areas.

Few houses in the Southport area escaped damage of some

course lay northeastward, still paralleling the North Carolina coast as it, too, swings to northeastward to its eastern extremity—Cape Hatteras, "the graveyard of the Atlantic."

The Weather Bureau's 7 p.m. advisory located the hurricane center 45 miles southwest of Cape Hatteras. It then was moving toward the northeast at 17 miles an hour.

To Miss Virginia

Hurricane Helene was expected to pass approximately 100 miles east of the Virginia capes around midnight, according to the United States Weather Bureau's 5 p.m. advisory.

Winds along the Virginia coast, ranging up to 55 mph or less, were expected to bring heavy rain and tides two feet above normal, the Weather Bureau said.

The navy, in precautionary measures, evacuated more than 100 planes from the Norfolk area to inland bases and ordered ships to proceed to Chesapeake bay hurricane anchorages or to sea.

Hurricane winds combined with an approaching cold front to give the Richmond area blustery weather late Saturday afternoon. The temperature dropped from a reading of 83 degrees to 65 in an hour.

The Byrd Field weather station said the rain had already been predicted for the afternoon and evening.

Hurricane warnings were up from Wilmington to Manteo, N. C., and all warnings came down south of Wilmington.

After setting the position and velocity of the storm, the

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Weather Bureau said the hurricane would hit Morehead City, Cape Lookout and Manteo and then move well out into the Atlantic today.

This appeared to eliminate the possibility of the storm causing further damage along the Atlantic seaboard.

Town officials everywhere were quick to applaud the work of the hurricane warnings. These, they said, probably saved countless lives.

Exposed beach fronts, cities, towns and isolated dwellings had been fully prepared, either by evacuation or battering down.

Military centers flew their planes inland or secured them in hangars. Naval yards and depots sent their vessels upstream to save anchorages.

Power failed in countless towns. Water systems failed. Many centers had no lights, no cooking arrangements, no communication facilities.

Governor Confers

Gov. Luther Hodges, flew to Wilmington to meet with area leaders to plan for relieving distress.

The George Washington-Citadel football game at Charleston and the Guilford-East Carolina College game at Greenville, N. C., were postponed because of the storm.

Winds were so intense at Wilmington that the top of the Weather Bureau's rain gauge was blown off. Cedar trees

bent until they almost touched the ground. The control tower at the Wilmington airport was evacuated.

Power was turned off in Wilmington as a safety precaution.

Heaviest damage probably occurred in the Southport area and across the Wilmington peninsula—the coastland to the south and north, respectively, about the mouth of the Cape Fear river.

Farther to the south, along South Carolina's summer play spots, grinding waves dug holes in the beaches, knocked ends from fishing piers.

Myrtle Beach, remembering the walloping Hazel gave her had prepared for the worst but got only minor damage. Broken windows and some roof damage constituted the major harm there.

Wrightsville Beach, 10 miles east of Wilmington, and Carolina and Kure Beaches, 18 and 20 miles to the southeast, were badly washed and a number of houses were ripped apart. They were completely evacuated. Civil defense headquarters said 12 Wrightsville Beach houses had been flattened. Most Carolina Beach damage was to roofs.

Camp Lejeune, the big marine base north of Jacksonville and Morehead City, was placed on an alert, but officers there said they believed they would escape hurricane force winds. The camp set up evacuation

centers for marines' families who live in nearby trailer camps.

Meanwhile Hurricane Ilsa, now a full-blown giant with 140-mile winds, roamed far out in the Atlantic yesterday, her course influenced a little by Hurricane Helene.

At 5 p.m. the Weather Bureau reported Ilsa was centered about 500 miles northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and dawdling along at an 10-mile-an-hour clip to the north.

Gordon Dunn, chief Miami storm forecaster, said "it is extremely unusual to have two such violent storms at the same time and so close together." The centers of the

hurricanes were slightly over 1,200 miles apart.

Dunn said the presence of Hurricane Helene along the Carolina coast appeared instrumental in keeping Ilsa so far out at sea. Without her in the way, Ilsa would be inclined to take a more westerly course.

Ilsa, discovered only three days ago, had grown into a massive high-powered threat to Atlantic shipping. Her hurricane winds, ranging up to 130 and 140 miles an hour, reached out as far as 110 miles from the center. Gale winds spread out 250 to 280 miles.

Fortunately, there was no land in her present path for many hundreds of miles.

Carolina Cites Storm Damage

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Helene caused damages totaling \$19,972,465 in North Carolina, Gov. Luther Hodges said Friday in a telegram to President Eisenhower.

Hodges urged that a minimum allocation of one million dollars be made available from the Federal Disaster Relief Fund to supplement the efforts and available resources of the state and local governments in alleviating damages.

Hodges said the hurricane caused damages in 20 eastern counties. He noted "our surveys and estimates fixed the damage to private property at approximately \$17,264,190. Our determinations disclose that public properties within the area suffered damages approximating \$2,708,275."

Hodges estimated that a total of \$983,957 in state and local funds, personnel, equipment, material and other resources will be made available to alleviate the damages.

Deadly Hurricane Nearing S. Carolina

BULLETIN

CHARLESTON, S. C. (P) — Hurricane Helene, taking a slight turn northward, bore down relentlessly Friday night on the Carolinas coastline.

Packing 125-mile winds near the center and described as extremely dangerous by the weather bureau, the fifth hurricane of the season was scheduled to slash the coastal vacationland of the two states with all its fury in the early hours of the morning.

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Deadly hurricane Helene, packing 125-mile-an-hour winds, plow-

ed toward the South Carolina coast Friday night as hundreds of residents in low-lying areas fled inland.

"This is a very dangerous hurricane," the weather bureau said in a 7 p.m. (EST) advisory, "and all islands, beaches and waterfront areas should be evacuated to prevent loss of life as many escape routes will be covered by water. . ."

The bureau said "winds will become destructive by 10 p.m. (EST) Friday night reaching hurricane force near midnight."

100 Miles Off Coast

As the bureau issued this emergency warning, the season's eighth hurricane was centered 120 miles southeast of this old port city. Helene was whirling forward at 12 miles per hour toward the northwest direction she had followed practically all day.

The emergency warning was directed to the entire coastline from Savannah, Ga., northward to Cape Fear, near North Carolina's southeastern tip.

"Coastal areas from Beaufort, S.C., to Cape Fear will be flooded by storm tides, high waves and heavy seas to heights of 7 to 10 feet above normal levels and probably higher in some localities," the weather bureau said.

"All persons within reach of these tides should evacuate immediately before escape is cut off by rising waters."

The next high tide here is scheduled at 6:44 a.m. (EST) Saturday. Up the coast at Myrtle Beach, S.C., high tide will arrive at 7:14 a.m.

Watch Another Storm

Meanwhile, Hurricane Ilsa was closely watched as she beat a northwest path toward the North American mainland. By early evening, she was 325 miles east-northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, traveling about 10 miles an hour. Her central wind speed was reported at about 115 miles an hour.

Observers at Charleston said that center of Helene, if it remains on its present course will hit the Charleston - Georgetown area. Metropolitan Charleston has a population of about 200,000.

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south of Charleston, to Pauley's Island, 60 miles to the north, beach residents began moving out. The tourist season at these summer play spots wound up about Labor Day, but there are thousands of year-round residents.

Pawley's Island, struck disastrously by 1954's Hurricane Hazel, was almost deserted early Friday afternoon. Sheriff Garris Cribb said at Georgetown, 11 miles south of the island, that any who attempted to remain would be forcibly taken off the exposed island.

Charleston's Disaster Committee and the Red Cross set up evacuation shelters in the county schools. Police broadcast warnings to this coastal region to move inland. In Charleston, white people will, if necessary, be sheltered in the armory of The Citadel, South Carolina's military college here, and Negroes will be sheltered in City Hall.

Planes left the air bases at Charleston and Myrtle Beach. Ships at the naval minecraft base on the Ashley River here were moved up the Cooper River on Charleston's north side to protected anchorages. At the U.S. naval base here, all ships were secured to withstand 100-mile winds.

Area Hit By Helene In Clean Up

Carolina Coastal Section Works To Restore Service

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina coastal residents struggled to restore essential services Sunday in their hurricane-battered area.

Hurricane Helene was gone — moved some 400 miles out into the Atlantic and breaking up, the Weather Bureau said. Left behind the vicious storm, which had winds up to 135 miles an hour, were tangled communication lines, felled power circuits, blocked highways, chopped up beaches and smashed dwellings. Some beach communities had no drinking water. State and local officials strove mightily to bring order out of chaos.

Swerved Seaward

Most agreed it could have been much worse. Instead of smashing head on into the coast, Helene swerved seaward and moved parallel toward the northeast. So only one side of the big storm struck the mainland. Frequently the after half of a hurricane is the most destructive.

Fortunately, too, the wind direction held off the 10-foot or more above normal storm tides which had been predicted.

No loss of life was reported as Weather Bureau warnings had caused the evacuation of most exposed beach areas.

Still, the whining wind and 25-foot waves caused uncounted damage.

State Highway Patrol Capt. C. P. Williams at Wilmington estimated that damage here alone would run to about one million dollars.

South Part Caught Brunt

Southport, about 30 miles south of here, caught the brunt of Helene. Reports from there indicate damage may be greater than Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

Capt. Williams estimated damage at Southport between ½ and 3-4 million dollars.

With all coastal hurricane warnings down, the U.S. Weather Bureau in Washington said that winds "have decreased over coastal sections of North Carolina and late reports from Cape Hatteras show north-northwest 20 m.p.h. gusts up to 30 m.p.h." The bureau also said tides have returned to normal along the coast with only a few places reporting tides a foot or two above normal.



HURRICANE DAMAGE — This aerial photo shows one of many cottages damaged Saturday as hurricane Helene struck her heaviest blow in Carolina Beach, N. C. Property damage run in the millions on the North Carolina coast. (AP Wirephoto)

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base reported that winds reaching 97 m.p.h. were recorded.

Southern Bell Telephone, which serves the Wilmington area, reported that damage to its facilities in the hurricane area would probably run about \$150,000. Southern Bell, with an estimated 7,000 phones out in the area, rushed 60 crewmen in to restore service.

At Wrightsville beach, Capt. Williams estimated property damage at about half a million dollars.

A 300-foot pier was destroyed at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. A pavilion on the same beach also was destroyed.

A large middle section of a fishing pier at Windy Hill, S.C., was

8th Storm Now South Of Miami

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The season's eighth tropical storm, with winds up to 50 m.p.h. and growing slightly in intensity, was within 700 miles of Miami Tuesday night. It offered no immediate threat to any land areas however.

The Weather Bureau said Helene was centered about 500 miles east and a little south of Nassau, Bahamas. Nassau is about 190 miles east of Miami.

It was moving toward the west-northwest at about nine m.p.h.

Hurricane Roars Toward Coast

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Helene roared steadily toward the South Atlantic Coast Wednesday night and tropical storm Ilsa gained in size and intensity on the hurricane track 625 miles east of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Helene, the season's fourth hurricane, was about 425 miles east of Melbourne, Fla., at 11 p.m. (est). It was moving northwest at about 10 miles an hour.

Interests along the Carolina coast and southward to Florida were advised to keep in touch with future word on the hurricane, but a forecaster pointed out there is no immediate danger to any land areas.

Helene Moves Nearer Coast Of Carolina

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Helene, a growing monster of 90-mile-an-hour squall winds and gales spanning a 350-mile path, swirled sluggishly northwestward in the direction of the Carolina coast Thursday, but a 50-50 chance remained she would swerve and miss the mainland.

At latest report, the weather bureau reported the sprawling center of the storm was about 410 miles east of St. Augustine, Fla., and moving ponderously on toward the Carolinas, some 350 miles distant.

"The eventual path of Helene still remains very uncertain," the weather bureau advisory warned. "Interests along the Carolina, Georgia and extreme northeast Florida coasts should keep in close touch with future advisories and bulletins."

Meanwhile, Hurricane Ilsa, a storm which was first detected only Wednesday and developed hurricane-strength winds of 75 miles an hour Thursday, was lashing the Atlantic east of the Leeward Islands. The Leeward and

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