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Kate slams ashore as thousands evacuate

Fourth major hurricane this year hits northern Gulf Coast

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PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Hurricane Kate charged ashore in the Florida Panhandle with 100 mph winds yesterday, the first November hurricane to make landfall in half a century, as more than 100,000 people fled for the fourth time in as many months.

The hurricane spawned tornadoes that ripped the roofs off buildings and tore down power lines in the towns of Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach. Roads were blocked by floodwaters or toppled trees, and emergency officials warned residents to stay put in evacuation shelters for the night.

Kate's eye, which was 20 miles in diameter, hit land at 5 p.m., said Dr. Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables.

"I can tell you, it's bad right now," operator Merle Weeks said at the St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Co. in Port St. Joe. "I can't see outside, but I can hear it."

Sheet metal roofing lay in the Port St. Joe's streets and several trees were broken in half.

"It's pretty rough. The wind's real, real strong," added Tim Griffin, assistant general manager, who spoke from the two-story building about two blocks from the Gulf of Mexico. "Our roof is about to come off. It's shaking our suspended ceiling. It's...flapping it."

Kate had already caused at least 10 deaths and "grave" destruction to crops and property in Cuba, and there was potential for heavy damage to Mexico Beach and other coastal communities east of here, Frank said.

Tornadoes also touched down in Panama City and in neighboring Calhoun County, tearing down power lines and trees. High winds ripped part of the roof off a school being used as a shelter in nearby Callaway, but no injuries were reported.

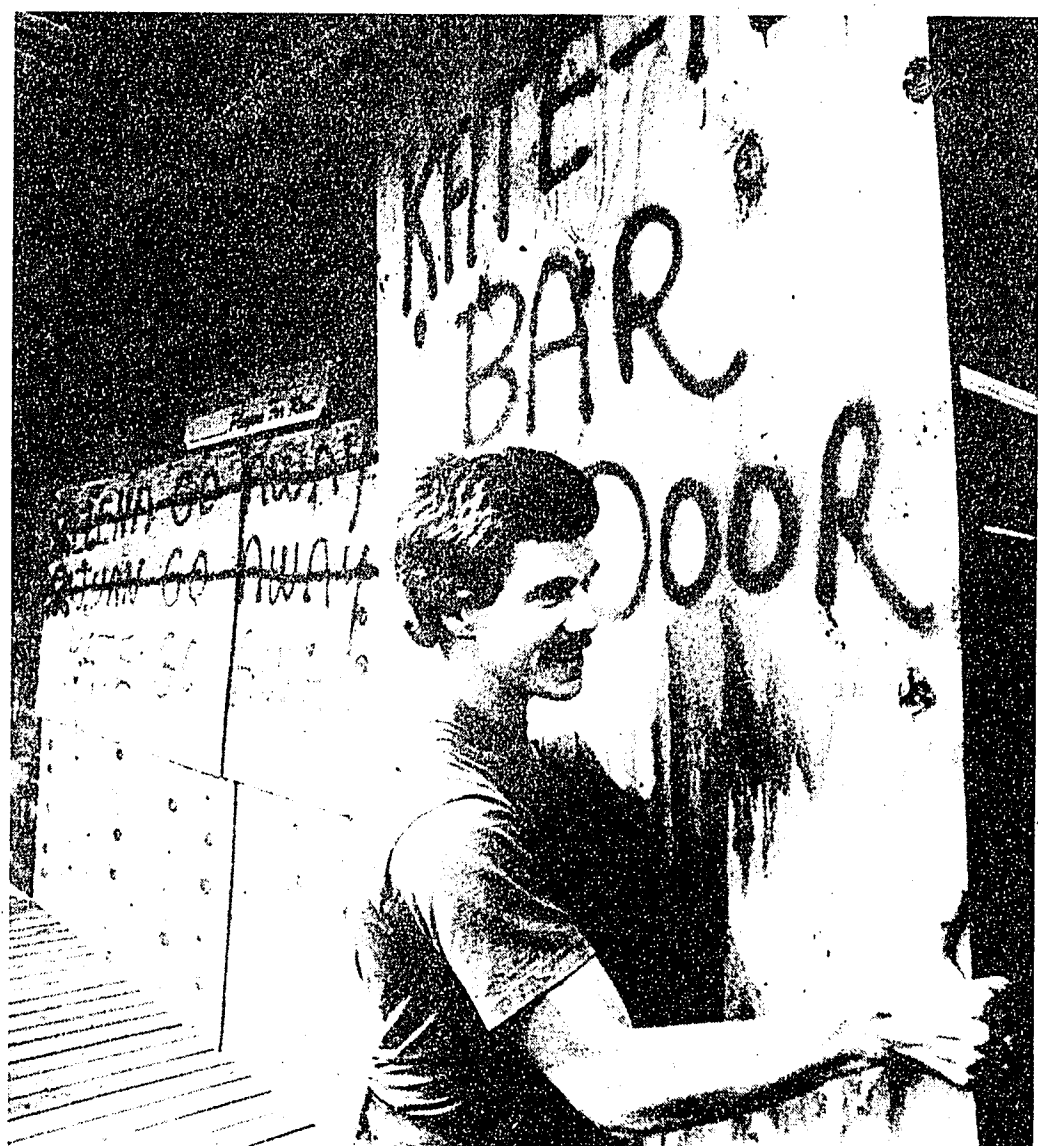
Winds of 85 mph were clocked in Apalachicola, 30 miles from Mexico Beach, as Kate's eye passed, said forecaster Richard Charnick. The storm's center then moved to the northeast and slowly weakened as it headed toward Georgia.

The hurricane had stalled off the coast earlier in the day while its center reorganized as it was "sensing the coastline," said forecaster Bob Case. Then, Kate gained momentum just before slamming into the Florida Panhandle, increasing its speed to 10 to 15 mph.

Authorities had closed roads, bridges and schools ahead of Kate, which continued its journey north through the Gulf of Mexico.

More than 100,000 evacuated low-lying areas in 10 Florida counties since Wednesday, many at the order of Gov. Bob Graham. Civil defense officials in the region estimated 75 to 90 percent of the people under mandatory evacuation instructions, plus thousands more voluntarily, had fled inland.

Some people refused to leave, but many tiny coastal towns between Apalachicola and Pensaco-



Gulf Shores, Alabama convenience store manager John Hamrick boarded up his store yesterday as Hurricane Kate headed for the Florida panhandle. Hamrick's boards tell the story of the unlucky Gulf Coast this hurricane season. Hurricane Elena and Tropical Storm Juan have already pounded the area this year.

la were ghostly quiet and motels inland reported they were full.

Forecasters said Kate brought 5 to 10 inches of rain and tides 8 to 12 feet above normal. The Gulf County sheriff's department ordered liquor and beer sales halted, trying to prevent "hurricane parties" by people who refused to leave.

One death was reported during the evacuation Wednesday, when an 81-year-old woman suffered a heart attack.

Kate was the first Atlantic hurricane to reach land in November since the "Yankee Storm" hit Florida on Nov. 4, 1935.

Summit provides little 'measurable' progress

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BRUSSELS — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev went into and emerged from their Geneva summit without achieving any measurable progress toward ending, or even slowing, the nuclear arms race.

But while they remain at loggerheads over U.S. determination to search for a futuristic system to defend against nuclear attack, both men demonstrated that they found talking useful. People who understand each other are presumed to be less likely to make some dreadful miscalculation.

That alone offers some encouragement to an anxious world.

But even before the day was out, the cold rhetoric of the dispute was pouring forth again.

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The two leaders ended the session friendly and smiling, but neither had budged from their positions on "Star Wars," as the president's program is most commonly called.

"There was no give on that at all" from Reagan's side, said Secretary of State George P. Shultz. And as for the Soviets' outspoken opposition to the program, he told reporters, "I would say their position did not change."

That was a comfort to the hard-line conservatives among Reagan's entourage. They were unenthusiastic about his going to the summit in the first place and feared despite Reagan's repeated insistence he would not bargain away his dream of a strategic shield.

"The president did well," said defense undersecretary Fred Ikle, one of those sent to Geneva to represent the war in the administration best personified by his boss, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger — author of a leaked letter urging the president not to give ground on arms control issues — issued a statement saying it was significant that Star Wars "will continue unabated."

And White House adviser Patrick J. Buchanan, the conservative ideologue who represents the president's longtime supporters from the political right, flashed a thumbs-up sign as the summit ended.

The longstanding U.S. and Soviet differences were concealed by the news blackout at the summit, but Gorbachev went on the offensive immediately afterward, saying, "All restraint will be blown to the winds" in nuclear rivalry until the United States pulls back from Star Wars.

And Reagan, when told Gorbachev had predicted the president eventually would change his mind about Star Wars, fired back, "By that time he will have changed his mind."

Some officials were optimistic that human rights issues, which they said Reagan raised privately with Gorbachev, would yield some long-range benefits, although neither man said so publicly.

Nor were there any strong signals that efforts to resolve inflammatory regional disputes, particularly in Afghanistan and Central America, were given more than lip service.

But one official said the Soviets appear willing and perhaps even want some peaceful resolution of the war in Afghanistan, where 100,000 Soviet troops are fighting to prop up a Communist regime.

If, as Shultz said, their airing of differences provided something on which to build, it would be a mistake to judge the summit solely on the basis of fudge, publicly stated agreements.

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state news briefs

Rizzo may run for mayor again

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Voted up twice and down twice, former Mayor Frank Rizzo is considering another try at regaining the job he held from 1972-80, according to newspaper reports.

The "Supercop," as the former police chief has been known, lost in the 1983 Democratic primary to current Mayor W. Wilson Goode, but sources have told the city's daily newspapers that Rizzo may try again.

"I've got one more campaign left in me," one local official quoted Rizzo as saying last summer, according to the afternoon Daily News. "And it isn't for governor."

The 65-year-old Rizzo was elected in 1971 and 1975 to a stormy two-term stewardship in which he failed to convince voters to approve a change in the city charter to let him seek a third consecutive term.

Asked by The Associated Press about reports he was considering another run for mayor, Rizzo said only, "I'll talk to you later."

Flood cleanup continues

MAXWELL, Pa. (AP) — The floods which poured down the Monongahela River earlier this month put a blue-collar river out of work, and workmen using cutting torches and explosives are laboring to clear bent, buckled barges from the channel.

Engineers say it will be Dec. 10 before they can remove the last of the 19 steel hulks which jammed against the Maxwell Locks on Nov. 5, halting shipping on a river dotted with coal-fired power plants, coke plants and steel mills.

Time is money. Businesses are losing \$500,000 each day the river is closed, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Five coal mines have been shut and 1,500 miners laid off because no coal can be shipped through Maxwell.

The Coast Guard said 119 barges, 20 pleasure boats and three towboats broke free or were damaged in the record floods of Nov. 5, which inundated towns all along the Monongahela. Forty-seven of the barges sank, and eight ran aground.

The runaway steel barges, each weighing 200 tons empty, jammed 61 miles south of Pittsburgh, slamming into concrete piers and each other. "A good way to describe it is pickup sticks," said William Braceband, executive officer for the U.S. Coast Guard.

nation news briefs

Senate approves nuclear pact

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Senate quietly voted approval yesterday of a long-delayed nuclear cooperation agreement between the United States and China.

The action means U.S. firms will now be able to enter the market to provide China with materials and technology for the ambitious civilian nuclear power program of the world's most populous nation.

The agreement was first initiated last year during President Reagan's trip to China but had been shelved because of fears that technology supplied to China be used to help other nations build atomic weapons.

Several restrictions were added to the bill last week by the Foreign Relations Committee, including a requirement that the president report to Congress that he has "additional information" from China that it is not helping other nations acquire atomic weapons.

Another restriction provides that the United States can deny Peking permission to reprocess U.S.-supplied nuclear fuel.

A similar resolution is pending in the House, but for the agreement to have been blocked, both chambers would have had to pass a disapproval resolution by Dec. 11.

Millions try to kick the habit

(AP) — Smokers in California watched the dancing Cancersettes, in New York's Harlem they attended a "cold turkey" rally, and even the villainous J.R. Ewing of "Dallas" helped a smoker try to kick the habit yesterday during the ninth annual Great American Smokeout.

The goal of the American Cancer Society, which sponsored the nationwide anti-smoking day, was to get one in five of the nation's 55 million smokers to quit for at least 24 hours.

Last year, a record 20.4 million smokers tried to quit and 5.4 million succeeded for the day, according to estimates drawn from a Gallup poll. About 3 million were still off cigarettes five days later.

One smoker got special help yesterday. Gretchen Orthen, a nurse at St. John's Hospital and Health Center in Santa Monica, Calif., was "adopted" for the day by actor Larry Hagman, who plays J.R. Ewing on Dallas. Hagman escorted Orthen around the "Dallas" set and to a rally and other activities in an effort to keep her mind off cigarettes.

Another "adopter" was University of Texas football coach Fred Akers, who was "adopted" by his next opponent in a Southwest Conference football game — Baylor coach Grant Teaff.

Teaff sent Akers a supply of lollipops, a Baylor green-and-gold "growl towel" to chew on, and a shirt that says, "Kiss Me — I Don't Smoke."

world news briefs

Soviet image of Reagan a contrast

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet citizens are getting their first good look at Ronald Reagan, and it's quite a contrast. The glowering, missile-clutching demon of newspaper cartoons now smiles warmly at their leader.

Pictures of President Reagan at the summit appear in the state-owned press. He made his first speech on Soviet television yesterday, live from Geneva, where he had spent two days meeting with Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

The Soviet press and television muted their often strident anti-American rhetoric during the first meeting of U.S. and Soviet leaders in six years.

Television paid close attention, providing live coverage of yesterday's closing ceremony and Gorbachev's news conference. A commentator read the text of the joint statement on an early evening program.

"I'll be watching at 9 o'clock," a man in his early 30s said on a busy Moscow street. "I've been so worked up about this the past three days," he said, touching his heart. "I don't even get this worked up about soccer."

Residents angry over evacuation

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Townspeople near the Nevado Del Ruiz volcano were angry yesterday when they learned that a forced night march from their homes to the mountains was only a practice evacuation. But they won't go back, fearing a repeat of the eruption and avalanche that killed at least 25,000 last week.

Juan Castillo, a spokesman for President Balduino Betancur, said that, as of Wednesday, an estimated 27,000 people had died in the Nov. 13 disaster, and 8,000-9,000 of them were under 16. But Health Minister Rafael Zubiria said earlier this week the figure was 25,000 and has not updated it since.

Mayor Joel Hartman of Mariquita, apparently the only town involved in the evacuation drill Wednesday night, said the order to leave the town and march into the hills came only hours after 15,000 people had just returned to the town after fleeing in fear of another eruption and mud avalanche.

Victor G. Ricardo, director of the National Emergency Committee set up to deal with the disaster, said he had ordered the practice evacuation "to keep the population alert."

Seismologists and volcanologists have been warning that the three-mile high volcano could erupt again, melting more of the tons of ice and snow on its peak, and triggering more mudslides like the one that buried Armero under a lake of mud 15 feet deep on the night of Nov. 13.

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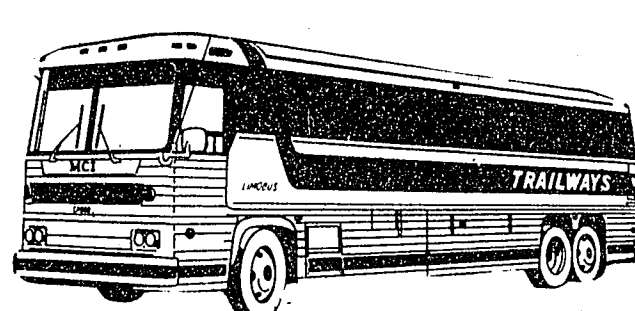
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