

59 Bodies Found in Waco:

Texas Gets Warning Of More Tornadoes

(Photo in Picture Section)

WACO, Tex., May 12 (AP).—Martial law was declared here today as the death toll from three Texas tornadoes reached 70.

The U. S. Weather Bureau warned more tornadoes may occur today or tonight in northeast Texas, northwest Louisiana and southeast Arkansas.

Rescue workers digging with bare hands and bulldozers into wreckage of downtown Waco buildings, reduced to rubble by a tornado yesterday, had found 59 bodies by late morning.

Eight were dead at San Angelo,

200 miles to the west, and three were reported killed between Red Lake and Fairfield in East Texas.

The death list could climb to 100 in Waco, central Texas city of 90,000.

Fifty persons were reported

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missing, including an estimated 20 still believed trapped in a pool hall from whose debris the bodies of several young men already had been extricated.

A broken water line had flooded the basement of the R. T. Dennis building at Waco, one of the principal structures leveled, and rescue workers still had not been able to reach the basement where some people were believed trapped.

Guards with carbines and .45 revolvers patrolled the downtown

business section where two fantastic mounds of rubble—until yesterday part of the business section—were probed.

It seemed that every time a bulldozer took a bite into the rubble more bodies were disclosed.

COUPLE IDENTIFIED.

A Baylor University professor, Keith W. James, and his wife were among the identified dead. Their bodies were found in the wreckage of their car, destroyed by bricks toppling from the Dennis building.

Bodies of three unidentified girls of high school age were found in a parked car where they had been sitting.

Cold, hard rain fell steadily at Waco and cannon-like thunder reminded rescuers of the weather bureau warning of "severe weather"—and the possibility of more tornadoes.

At San Angelo, on the west

Texas plains, discipline and luck were credited with saving many lives. Its biggest tornado hit the city of about 52,000 late yesterday. More than 100 were injured.

Two square miles were demolished or damaged in Waco and property damage here and at San Angelo ran into the millions.

Scores of school children were reported among the injured in San Angelo where nearly every window in the Lakeview School was blown out. Teachers at the school were praised for ordering the children into hallways when they saw the storm approaching. More serious injuries and possible deaths were prevented, school officials said.

In Washington, Red Cross national headquarters allotted \$200,000 today to meet emergency needs of the Waco and San Angelo tornado victims. More money will be forthcoming as needed, said Raymond T. Schaeffer, national director of disaster service.

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Many Still Missing:

Tornado Death Toll Rises to 78 in Waco

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WACO, Tex., May 13.—The number of known dead from the tornado which ripped apart the downtown section of Waco mounted to 78 today amid indications the figure will increase while the Brazos River added a new peril of flood to the battered central Texas city.

Rescue workers dug into heaps of rubble in the search for additional victims of the tornado which struck the metropolis of 100,000 population late Monday and devastated more than 30 blocks.

Officials guessed the damage would exceed \$25,000,000 and said the city was paralyzed economically.

The magnitude of the disaster dwarfed the damage inflicted by a tornado which two hours earlier hit San Angelo, Tex., 200 miles west of Waco, causing nine deaths and 70 injuries. Authorities estimated damage there at more than \$3,500,000.

More than 300 persons were hospitalized in five Waco hospitals and scores of others were treated and released.

It was impossible to estimate the total of dead until workers

with trucks, bulldozers and giant cranes searched debris heaped over dozens of square blocks still untouched by rescue efforts.

Two days of drenching rain swelled the Brazos River to 28 feet, two feet below flood stage. Lowlands 25 miles from Waco were under water and several families were evacuated in the face of the flood threat.

Volunteer workers, most of them service men from nearby military posts, toiled under floodlights from portable generators throughout the night.

The number of persons believed trapped and drowned in the flooded basement of the R. T. Dennis Furniture Co. building remained unknown but Willard Wigley, president of the concern, feared 30 persons perished there.

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