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### TAKING STEPS TO WARN OF TORNADO

LITTLE KNOWN OF CAUSE

Government To Make Effort to Afford Some Means of Forecasting Cyclones; Fear More Disaster

The tool of death exacted by Mississippi valley tornadoes will mount year by year unless plans are immediately formulated to warn cities which lie in the path of the twisters, it was declared recently by Dr. W. J. Humphrey, senior meteorologist of the United States Weather Bureau.

Speeding communication, particularly over telephones, he said, was the only means now at hand to avert in the future the wholesale loss of life which followed in the wake of last week's tornado.

**Affected by Population**  
Increasing population of the dozen or more states in the "tornado belt" add to the probability that tornadoes will strike cities where formerly they spent their force on the rolling prairies.

"The time is now at hand," said Dr. Humphrey, "when a comprehensive plan of action designed to sound the alarm should be worked out by the various states."

"Contrary to popular belief, tornadoes come at a relatively low rate of speed, possibly on an average of only 30 miles an hour."

"Cities in their path could be warned by telephone of the approaching peril, as tornadoes move in a relatively straight line and the inhabitants would be able to save themselves."

The average tornado, he said, is only about 1,000 feet in width, with a length of approximately six or eight miles.

**Great Tornado Belt**  
"The Mississippi valley is the greatest tornado belt in the world, more of them being recorded in that section than in the rest of the world combined."

"Despite the strides made by science, less is known today of tornadoes than any other atmospheric phenomenon. They cannot be forecasted with accuracy because no one knows, just where, out of 50,000 square miles of cyclonic area, one will suddenly break loose."

"They occur always in connection with a large circular storm in a region of low barometric pressure. The cool winds from the north meet the warm trade winds traveling in the opposite direction in the Mississippi valley, and a cyclone, out of which a tornado might suddenly spring, is formed."

**Effort to Forecast**  
Dr. Humphrey declared that years ago the weather bureau made an effort to forecast tornadoes by emphasizing the nearness of cyclones to a certain area.

"Because of our lack of knowledge and the fear it caused, the forecasting did more harm than good, and it has been discontinued," he said.

The airplane, in the belief of scientists, will be able to shed more light on tornadoes than other equipment, because a plane can safely circle around one and secure photographs.

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"More than 1,340,000 horsepower, or 1,000,000 kilowatts, of electricity generating capacity is linked together in the Greater Chicago area. This is as great as the potential power resources at Niagara Falls; it is more than the potential water power of the St. Lawrence river."

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In line with the general program of economy President Coolidge has sent his brown fedora to the hatmakers to have it repaired for Easter. It is not thought, however, that extensive repairs will be necessary as the hat was not even stepped on when the president threw it into the ring last year.

One of the worst fist fights in history occurred the other day in the French chamber of deputies. But this isn't hear as terrible as one of Tom Heffin's speeches.

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