

# Major Shift in World's Weather

WASHINGTON — There is mounting evidence around the world that a major shift in the earth's weather is under way but what is causing it is still one of nature's most baffling mysteries.

Freakish droughts, floods, and violent storms all over the globe — coupled with less perceptible long-term changes in temperature and rainfall — all are part of the shifting weather picture according to government weather experts studying the changes.

A graphic illustration of changing patterns is the semiarid region that lies just below Africa's Sahara desert. Millions of people in that region have been threatened with starvation during the past two years in one of the worst droughts on record. The edge of the parched desert is creeping south at the rate of 30 to 100 miles per year, burning out grazing land, farms, and towns.

Here in the U.S. deadly tornadoes have been striking in record numbers and far outside their normal paths. Many of these violent storms in recent weeks have followed a path to the north and east of the usual spring "tornado roadway" — running from Texas through Nebraska. More than 70 tornadoes were reported in one day on April 3. In addition to the violent storms, high winds have caused some of the worst dust storms since the 1930s in sections of Texas.

While government weather experts have no definite answers for the changing weather patterns in the U.S., one possible reason being investigated is a shift in so-called jet stream wind patterns of the upper atmosphere.

This shift has been detected by the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City. Its officials are forecasting that if these jet stream changes continue that there will be a greater frequency of tornadoes in the Great Lakes States, the Gulf States, and on the East Coast.

Government meteorologists are now trying to determine if the shift of the jet streams crossing the U.S. and the change in upper atmospheric winds in the Caribbean area have had anything to do with the fact that the U.S. has not been hit by a major hurricane for the past two years.

Unseasonably cold weather in

Japan — with predictions that the cooling trend will continue — is being studied by U.S. weather experts to see what is causing it and the impact that this change might have on jet streams coming this way.

Since the weather developed over Communist China and Russia affects these jet streams, American officials are gathering as much information as they can about conditions in those regions.

The Russians and Chinese are

exchanging some weather data with the U.S., but none of their officials will discuss any of their government's secret weather-changing experiments.

The Russians are known to be spending millions of dollars to try to control the weather but American intelligence authorities have been unable to obtain any hard information on how successful they have been or details of their experiments.

## Opening Pandora's Box

The secrecy and importance of weather modification experiments was highlighted recently during a closed door appearance of Secretary James R. Schlesinger before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Although the meeting concerned the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks now underway with Russia, Senator Claiborne Pell (D. R.I.) raised the subject of weather control and the progress being made in this field, stating:

"It opens up the Pandora's box so that the next step is the development and pointing of typhoons."

Reluctant to discuss the matter, Schlesinger replied:

"I think the Pandora's box element is a point well taken."

When pressed further, Schlesinger admitted that both the U.S. and Russia were conducting experiments to control storms and change the weather but balked at going into any details.

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