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AFTERMATH OF HEAVY WESTERN STORM OVER HOLLAND

**Length: 67 M.
6 Jan. 1955.**

At the end of 1954 a heavy Western storm swept the Netherlands. The sea dashed against the coast during hours and hours. The weather-intelligence-service functioned very good however. The dike-watchers and coast-guards were ready.

However the storm has caused damage to several countrymen. In the "Biesbosch" (province of North-Brabant) the dikes burst at 50 places.

4000 hectares of arable land were flooded. Farms and barns were destroyed and the damage is estimated at 5 million guilders.

Near the little village of Ridderkerk (South-Holland) two polders were flooded. 150 houses stood more than one metre under water and 600 people had to be evacuated.

The year 1954 ended for many people as a dark year.