

~~AVALANCHE~~ KILLS 100

Yugoslavia is worst hit so far by avalanches caused by ~~the~~ thaw. A small mountain of snow almost engulfed a hydro-electric station at Mavrovo, near the Albanian border. How many victims the white grave covered ~~the~~ quickly-formed rescue-squads ~~were~~ unaware at this stage. Both civil~~ians~~ and soldiers grimly plodded ^{to} ~~the~~ scene. The calm bearing of men schooled in meeting disaster in mountain country concealed ~~their~~ anxiety. They ~~found~~ learned that nearly a hundred people were missing, though some bodies were found at once. Others, ^{was found} badly injured as they were, counted themselves lucky to be alive. Peasants of the district brought blankets, both for the casualties and the rescued. A national fund may be opened for relatives of those who ^{died} ~~lost their~~ lives.