

These aerial pictures taken at Tangiwai, in New Zealand, tell the tragic story of the terrible railway disaster that clouded a Nations' rejoicing... The night express from Wellington to Auckland was carrying passengers - (eager to catch their first glimpse of the Queen) when the bridge over the Wangaehu River (weakened by flood waters) collapsed - hurtling the packed coaches to destruction.

When news of the tragedy reached the nearest towns, volunteers were rushed to the scene, to comb the river banks in an anxious search for survivors.

and stretcher-bearers brought in pathetic remains.

The total death-roll is believed to be 136...

The Queen's concern for the bereaved was a source of much comfort, as the Prime Minister of New Zealand expressed the Nation's sympathy.

And the Duke of Edinburgh flew with Mr Holland to attend a mass funeral of twenty-one unidentified victims - held in Karori Cemetery, Wellington...

His Royal Highness laid a wreath of roses, Hydrangeas and arum lilies - simply inscribed "From Elizabeth B. and the Duke of Edinburgh" a token of Royal sympathy...

Afterwards the Duke spoke to grieving relatives - bringing comfort and encouragement in their irreparable loss.

The disaster - one of the worst in railway history - is thought to have been caused by ^{A VOLCANIC ERUPTION OF MOUNT RUATEHU -} a volcanic eruption - which released millions of tons of ice and water into the river. And to-day, Tangiwai, a Maori word meaning "Hissing Waters" is the symbol of a Nation's grief.

? Name volcano.