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Turin Footballers killed

A CITY MOURNS AT THE FUNERAL

Turin is silent! Shops and offices are closed. Flags at half mast. A city mourns; mourns for its champions - the Torino of Turin - Italy's crack soccer team, 18 of whose players died in an air crash. Theirs was a life devoted to the glory of sport. Now, in death, theirs is a tribute from a stunned nation.

The plane - flying the Torino back from Lisbon - hit the spire of Superga cathedral, 10 miles outside Turin, and burst into flames. All its 31 passengers were killed. Among the dead was the team's English trainer - Leslie Lievesley - an old Manchester United player, 10 miles between safety and disaster. A city weeps. It mourns more than a football team. For the Torino was part of their life. Something personal and yet shared by them all has gone. Four years in succession champions of Italy, Torino, in death are awarded their fifth national title. A team without an equal on the continent has played its last game, and lost.