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TRUMAN SEES FLOODS

In America's midwest incredible devastation marks the path of the floods. Ninety thousand pieces of rolling-stock have been swamped, bridges wrecked and whole communities laid waste. As the waters slowly recede, scores of trapped cars are revealed. Forty-one deaths are so far reported and half a million people are still displaced, their homes or workplaces damaged or destroyed. From Washington President Truman flies over a million-and-a-half acres of ruined crops in his home state. With his experts, he plans relief for an area of 11-thousand square miles.

While the President flies overhead, surviving livestock is rounded up, but thousands must perish if help cannot reach them in time. Floods play strange tricks in their passage. For instance, here's a pig on top of a car. And (spread-waste through the towns) is the rich top-soil swept away by the flood. As Congress rushes through a \$10-million vote in aid, life slowly resumes, but the danger grows elsewhere as the on-sweeping floods reach the greatest height in a hundred years.

**FLOOD CLEAN-UP**

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President Truman's personal plane makes a six hundred mile tour over the Iowa, Kansas and Missouri flood areas. It's ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a tragic view of home country for the President, who, accompanied by Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson and Major General Lewis A. Pick ~~sixth~~ chief of Army Engineers, sees his home town of Independence one of the victims. In his home state, all the crops on a million and a half acres of farmland have been destroyed. A total of eleven thousand square miles in the Midwest have been devastated -- and the flood is still moving.

plane At Kansas City the scenes of devastation are typical of hundreds of other communities also to be inspected by the President's group. Eighty seven thousand units of railroad stock have been swamped. The death toll for the three states reaches forty one, and half a million people are still displaced from homes and jobs. Cars are uncovered as the flood waters slowly recede. The streets are littered with wreckage. Thousands of buildings have been ~~xxxxxx~~ destroyed or damaged.

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Bridges, refineries, factories, stockyards and homes have been wrecked by the raging waters. Surviving livestock is rounded up.

Tons of rich farmland cover city streets. As Congress rushes a twenty five million dollar aid bill to help the stricken areas, the flood surges towards Saint Louis, which braces itself for the highest waters in one hundred and seven years.