

GALES AND FLOODS STRIKE ITALY

Thirty-five were killed in falling houses, hundreds made homeless in the worst gale in fifty years, with damage stretching from Sicily to Milan. In the north vast areas were flooded around the River Po. Threatened by the mounting waters, village after village was evacuated.

Troops joined the rescue work as the aged and the very young were taken to safer high ground.

Vast areas of farmlands were abandoned and the stock taken to safety.

In these old villages ancient homes crumbled in the wake of the rushing waters. Some escaped with a few of their goods; many were killed by falling walls while others perished in the mud carried in the flood-waters.