

FLOOD IN NORTHERN ITALY

Rains continued to fall throughout northern Italy , causing flood, landslides, road disruption and raising damages to town and crops to an imposing figure.

In Milan damages were reported to to exceed \$1,500,000. We see here Milan's streets and squares flooded.

We are aboard a Firemen's ~~streak~~ lorry and we travel with them along the flooded area going to rescue the inhabitants.

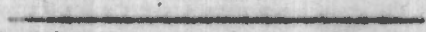
Rivers have overflowed in several places of Piedmont and Lombardy, invading large areas of cultivated land.

The population of towns and villages was ordered to evacuate.

We see here peasants and farmers leaving their flooded farms. Old men are helped out their houses, and transported by boat. The old people cry over the ruin of their land.

The cattle is assembled and rescued. Terrified pigs and cows have to be rescued from waters.

Soldiers and firemen continue to dig in the debris and mud at Tavernerio near Como, seeking the bodies of ten storm victims. Six bodies have already been dug out.



GALES AND FLOODS IN SOUTH ITALY

The central Mediterranean's worst gale in almost 50 years caused more than 35 Italians lose their lives under tumbled houses and crashing trees.

Hardest hit were Sicily and Sardinia, where whole cities were isolated. Hundreds were homeless and roads were washed by 120-foot waves. Food and medical supplies were being dropped by parachute.

At Catania, Sicily, 15 bodies were dug out the ruins of a five-story building which collapsed in the 55-mile - an-hour wind.

Rescue squads and firemen are digging for five other bodies buried.

Catania, 18th Oct. 1951.

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