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NEWS IN FLASHES

In the wake of heavy rains, widespread floods threaten the Thames Valley. Between Reading and Oxford further rainfall is expected to flood suburban districts. To check the spread, all weirs are opened wide to carry the swollen waters.

Already some houses are threatened and anxious eyes watch the swirling river because a sudden unexpected rise at any moment may touch the danger point.

TURIN

It's a dark, damp and dirty night as international walkers set off on a hundred-kilometres race in Northern Italy. In badly flooded Puziano it's "take to the duckboards" and on into the dawn. Some find "Music while you walk" a great help. They're setting a pretty hot pace so any help is welcome. The favourite is Baldassari - a pedlar by trade. He's leading by seven minutes. Hubert and Pouchet of France are lying second.

Baldassari is setting a cracking pace, with Hubert still plodding on.

Only a hundred and fifty yards to go but Baldassari looks groggy. Still far behind, Hubert takes a swig of corpse-reviver.

Now Baldassari looks really bad.

Hubert is close, now. Baldassari is up again, but he can hardly walk, and with a pat of sympathy Hubert storms on to win a gruelling race for France.

NEW YORK

In theory, an atom bomb has just fallen on Brooklyn in a major civil defence test, the biggest and most realistic yet staged in America. Through rain-soaked streets, fire-fighting and rescue equipment is rushed from every part of New York and from twenty-two nearby cities.

Blinding searchlights pierce the damp and noise-filled darkness as crews rush in to deal with a burst water main. Firemen and policemen by the tens of thousands take part in the two-and-three-quarter-hour drill, along with almost two-hundred-thousand volunteers. Control centres keep close contact with rescue and repair work over a large area and the huge exercise goes off without a hitch. New York plans an even larger exercise to teach its citizens how to act should atomic attack ever come to their city.

N.Y. ATOM BOMB DRILL

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BLINDING SEARCHLIGHTS PIERCE

~~The smother exercise comes very close to the real thing in the camp~~
 and noise-filled darkness, ~~caused by~~ ^{infused by} blinding searchlights. ~~Boysers~~
~~of water spent from the street and crews rush in to shut down the~~ ^{deal with a burst}
 water main. ^{as} ^{broken mains.}

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In strategically spotted nerve centers, close contact is kept with the
 rescue job. Along with the atom attack, high explosive and incendiary
 bombs ^{are} have also been supposedly dropped on the city by enemy planes
 which ^{the} pierced our air defenses. ⁴⁵ Geiger counter crews check on radio-
 activity, then hospital crews remove the injured to field ambulances. ^{26.}

(No "UP")

ATOM TEST (2)

huge exercise ~~pro~~

Now

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act should atomic attack ever come. ~~City Civil Defense Director~~

~~Arthur H. Wollender speaks to theater-goers everywhere...~~