

Paris; January 18th. 1954

AVALANCHES IN SWISS ALPS

Dupenegative developed: 97 meters = 325 ft

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Roads and railways are cut off in several parts of the Swiss Alps and these are pictures in area along the Lake BRIENZ. Clearing work is going on in spite of very difficult and dangerous conditions. Bulldozers are used in as many spots as possible.

In one village of the SCHWYZ district, which our cameraman only reached under extremely difficult conditions in view of new avalanches on his way, views of a man and woman coming out of a cement hideout which was built last summer as a precaution against future avalanches. They were safe with 7 other persons in this hiding place, whereas their house overhead was entirely destroyed. Coming out they look at their lost properties.

Shots from mountain-top to the village and church. Rescue and research work are going on in rubbles in a mountain hotel. In the village, the school was entirely demolished during the night, fortunately there were no children there at the time. Shots of dispersed school-note books.

Shots of men looking at mountain and rubbles. The village church although full of snow, rests intact,

Views of an avalanche slide, and what remains of a mountain house where a woman was killed. Shots of another house, where Grand'mother, mother and child were killed. Victims' funerals, and shots of a coffin wherein mother and child are lying side by side. All people of the village filed in the snow to participate in the dramatic funerals of victims.