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ITALY - 29 DIE IN AIR
CRASH:

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Ski-patrols struggle towards a ledge on Mount Terminillo where a Belgian Sabena airliner lies wrecked. The 'Plane, which was blown off course, during a gale, crashed into deep snow near the mountain-top killing all the 29 passengers and crew. Rescue parties were beaten back time and again by the snow, and it took them eight days to reach the aircraft. Helicopters were unable to land owing to treacherous winds and driving snow. The second pilot of the airliner was a married Londoner. It has since been revealed that diamonds, worth several hundred thousand pounds, were on board, All have been recovered from the wreckage.

As more bodies are located, extra stretchers are prepared for the grim procession down the face of the snow-and-wind swept mountain.