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Wladislaw Gombalka, leader of Poland's struggle for independence, comes to the Kremlin to discuss with Soviet leaders the future relations between their two countries. Conscious of having succeeded where Hungary failed, Gombalka meets Khrushchev, Voronin, and Bulganin with a handful of axes. Through fear of Germany, Gombalka agrees that Russian troops may stay in Poland - temporarily. But their movements will be subject to Polish permission. A great victory in the struggle which is going on behind the iron curtain.

In the Venezuelan capital of Caracas, sixty workers are trapped when a bridge under construction suddenly collapses. Four hundred tons of concrete and steel are reduced to rubble, and rescue squads work frantically to bring the injured to the nurses and doctors who have been rushed from the city centre.

Joining in the rescue work are police, firemen and civilian volunteers. But in spite of all their efforts, at least 14 people are dead and another 50 injured in the disaster. And the cost of the damage, to a project which was nearly completed, runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars.