

FLOODS HIT BRAZIL

50,000 are homeless, along a stretch of 140 miles of the Jaguaribe River. This part of north-east Brazil suffered its heaviest rainfall for 36 years. Many people are drowned, the number as yet unknown. Immediate cause of the disaster was the bursting of a great dam. Through the breach and the already swollen river poured its millions of tons of water on to a defenceless community. And what irony in the reflection that, only a year ago, this area was scorched in a ruinous drought.