

# Flood Death, Damage Mounting Across Italy

## Possible 1,000 Feared Drowned

FLORENCE (AP) — Rising rivers, new death-dealing landslides and fear of epidemics deepened the misery of one-third of the Italian Peninsula that lay stunned and suffering Sunday night in Italy's most extensive peacetime disaster.

As flood waters receded from Venice and Florence, the two biggest Italian rivers—the Po and the Adige—spilled over their banks at scattered points in North Italy.

The Italian government mobilized the armed forces to help block new floods and rush more aid and rescuers to stricken areas.

Landslides near Belluno in the Alps buried homes left standing after overflowing rivers had cascaded through mountain villages to sweep away homes, stables, livestock and shepherds. They added 41 new deaths to a fatality toll that exceeded 300.

Belluno and the Veneto region of the northeast reported more than 100 deaths. It was feared the final death count from the country's nightmare might reach 1,000. Thousands were injured.

ESTIMATES ART DAMAGE  
Ugo Procacci, superintendent of Florence's art galleries, estimated 10 per cent of the paintings in the Uffizi Gallery were damaged or lost.

The 15th-century Strozzi Palace was badly damaged. All the furnishings and Renaissance weapons inside the Bargello Museum were covered by mud.

The Friday floods struck Venice its worst tidal blow in 1,000 years. By Sunday night the water had cleared from most of the city. But most of Venice was still without electricity and drinking water.

More than 50 dead were reported there on the lagoon-lands and the Veneto mainland. More than 30,000 refugees from the islands huddled in hotels, hospitals and army barracks.

Severe Storm Hits Portugal  
LISBON (AP) — Portugal reeled Sunday under a severe storm with winds up to 50 miles an hour which sent a Spanish fishing fleet and many other vessels running for safety into harbors along the Atlantic.

Hundreds of homes were flooded. In Lisbon, firemen answered 200 emergency calls from families forced out of their homes by surging waters.

The Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth was unable to berth at Lisbon and dropped anchor in the Tagus. Some 200 passengers disembarked and made the storm-tossed trip to shore in small launches.

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CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — A lunar orbiter II, a camera-carrying spacecraft with its own little darkroom, rocketed upward Sunday aiming to orbit the moon Thursday and spend a month photographing 13 possible landing sites for U.S. astronauts.

The flight plan was far more ambitious than lunar orbiter I, America's first satellite of the moon, which snapped 215 pictures of lunar terrain features in August from altitudes as low as 19 miles.

LBJ Hopes Operation This Week  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — President Johnson said Sunday he hopes his surgery can be performed later this week because he's anxious to find out the nature of the growth, or polyp, in his throat.

When his approaching surgery was announced Thursday, doctors said the type of throat growth Johnson has usually is benign or non-cancerous, but added that tests will be run to earth more than 200 pictures when it is removed.

## P.E.I. Government To Examine Finances Of Higher Education

"The government is fully aware of its new responsibilities in the field of higher education which follow the recent decision of the federal government to place the matter of financing universities solely with the provinces," Premier Alex B. Campbell said last night.

The Premier, who had just returned from the Atlantic Winter Fair was commenting on a recent announcement by the Board of Governors of Prince of Wales College.

"Our interest here is first of all, a financial one, inasmuch as we will be required to provide the funds necessary for higher education in the province.

"I have not as yet had time to consider with my colleagues the full implications of the statement issued during my absence on the subject of the future of our two island universities. It has been brought to my attention, however, that two statements have been made, the first being the announcement of a decision by the Board of Governors of Prince of Wales College to the effect that they had decided against either amalgamation or federation with St. Dunstan's University. The second statement, announced on radio, had its origin at the joint meeting of the two Boards of Governors held on Friday evening, and reported a decision by the joint Board meeting to establish a committee directed to

study areas of cooperation between the two institutions.

"The conflict apparent on the face of these two separate reports dictates an urgent need for a detailed examination by the Provincial Government of these most recent developments.

The Government has been devoting much time to the matter of financing higher education in the Province, and had anticipated entering into close cooperation with the joint Boards of Governors of Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's in developing its long-term plans for financing higher education on Prince Edward Island. It is hoped that these plans will not be jeopardized by any unilateral decisions."

Premier Campbell added that Education Minister Gordon L. Bennett is out of the province and is expected to return early this week.

## FRENCH TOWN ABHORS NOISE

PARIS (Reuters) — They hate noise so much in Evaux-les-Bains that a ban has been placed on the use of cars without good reason.

Local laws in the town in central France have barred the crowing of cocks, the barking of dogs and braying of donkeys.

Now mayor, Serge Cleret, has published a municipal decree forbidding the use of motor vehicles except for clearly defined professional, commercial or tourist purposes. He also ordered drivers to turn off their motor whenever they stop.

Another decree, issued last month, warned that if the resort's domestic birds and beasts are not silent at night, their owners will be brought before a magistrate.

## Prince MP Fears Threat To PC Party

WINNIPEG (CP) — The integrity of the Conservative party will be "very seriously threatened" if the national convention isn't allowed to deal with the leadership question, Conservative MP David MacDonald said Saturday.

All important questions must be raised if the party is to be democratic, the Prince Edward Island MP said in a speech to the annual meeting of the Manitoba Young Progressive Conservative Association.

"Either we open the doors to wider participation and responsibility or we don't," he said, rejecting any suggestion of a compromise on whether the leadership question should be hashed out at the party's national convention to be held in Ottawa later this month.

Mr. MacDonald said youth should take a bigger role in political decision-making. Limiting full participation in the process until middle age destroyed "interest and enthusiasm."

The U.S. government and the Vatican joined the Italian government in sending aid while more than 100,000 men spread into the disaster zones in a desperate race against time to save the living—and to recover the dead before epidemics flared.

THOUSANDS IN DANGER  
Hundreds of thousands were homeless. More were isolated and in danger of death from shock, starvation, exposure and landslides.

In helicopters, jeeps, trucks, boats and amphibian craft, the rescue army fought over water-covered crevasses, slime-covered hills and landslides in the Alps.

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OTTAWA (CP) — Letter carriers have authorized their union executive to call a national strike if current pay talks with the federal government break down.

Roger Decarie, president of the 9,000-member Letter Carriers Union, Saturday night announced results of a national referendum that produced a 90-per-cent vote in favor of empowering the national executive to call a strike.

The carriers were asked if they favored giving their national council authority to accept or reject any interim pay increase.

The result: 7,760 voted in favor, 842 against, and 22 ballots were improperly marked.

Mr. Decarie told an interviewer, the vote means the council now has authority to call a strike if the government doesn't come up with an adequate interim pay increase.

## GRANDPA'S DAY CARS SNARL BRITISH TRAFFIC

BRIGHTON, England (AP) — Aptos from grandpa's day took a spin down the Brighton Road Sunday and snarled traffic all the way from London to the coast.

Thousands of well-wishers lined the 55-mile route as the Royal Automobile Club commemorated the 70th anniversary of motoring's emancipation—the end of red flag domination of pioneer drivers.

More than 200 cars—all of them built before 1904—competed in the run, one of Britain's most colorful annual pageants.

The occasion marks the 1906 Highway Act which raised the speed limit for horseless carriages to 14 miles an hour from four and ended the need for all infernal machines to be preceded by a flag-waving pedestrian.

Cars and entrants from eight countries joined the jaunt — French de Dion, German Benz, American Oldsmobiles and Stanley Steamers.

Of the 236 starters, 214 arrived in time to qualify for the Punctuality Medallion, the only reward for their efforts.

The oldest car in the run, an 1893 Benz, arrived with 45 minutes to spare.

## Red Point Farmers Retain Fair's Tug-Of-War Title

By NEIL MATHESON  
HALIFAX — Red Point farmers are heavyweight champions of the Atlantic Winter Fair for the third successive year. They retained the title on Saturday night with a particularly hard-fought victory over St. Peter's. The time was 10 minutes, 34 seconds.

The two crack Island teams held each other to a deadlock for the first seven or eight minutes. Then both clubs turned into the back-lock as each tried to pull the other from the starting position. Up to that time neither team had been able to gain more than a foot either way, and the winner has to pull the entire team across the line in the face of competition the fair features.

Neither made any headway in the straight "Back-Lock" pull but the Red Point boys gained 10 to 15 feet when the St. Peter's team turned back into the original direction, facing their opponents.

Coach Ross Young explained after the pull that he did not turn his boys back, so they stayed in the "arm-lock" pulling position. He feared the boys' hands would be pretty well lacerated by that time, he said.

The long, difficult and interesting pull finally ended when the Red Point Anchor man finally touched the end of the Forum. The winners received a tremendous ovation from the huge throng which packed the big Halifax Forum to capacity. They had seen a battle between the two best clubs in the Maritimes, and they really let loose with their applause.

INTEREST MOUNTS  
Spectator interest had been building up gradually, it reached a peak when each of the powerful teams turned into the pulling position, and it reached a final crescendo when the sensational pull was completed.

Observers for the St. Peter's club was just as generous, and they were merited, for the second Island club had contributed equally to the unusually exciting event.

St. Peter's weighed an even 2,000 pounds—the heavyweight limit—the Red Point boys weighed 1970.

St. Peter's pulled Saint John (Continued on page 3 col. 3)

## OPPOSITION LEADER Diefenbaker shakes hands Saturday with Maurice Fleming

of Shelburne, N.S., who was re-elected president of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Association. Looking on is Premier Stanfield of Nova Scotia. The meeting was held at Halifax. (CP Wirephoto)

## Diefenbaker Gives Notice No Intention Of Quitting

By DON ANGUS  
HALIFAX (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, heartened by a rousing welcome from Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives, gave notice Saturday he has no immediate intention of stepping down as party chief.

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## B.C. Fishermen Vote To Strike

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. herring fishermen voted overwhelmingly Saturday night to go on strike immediately to back demands for higher prices for herring.

The fishermen, members of the independent United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, rejected suggestions by the union executive that fishing continue until next Wednesday, when negotiators were to meet again with the companies.

The fishermen want an increase of \$3.00 a ton in the current herring price of \$17.00. The companies have offered no increase on the present price.

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## Trick On Halloween Blamed For 2 Suicides

PONTIAC, Mich., (AP) — A Halloween trick and misdirected anger triggered events which authorities blame for two suicides in suburban Orion township.

Those who died were Charlotte J. Hinton, 13, and Alfred B. Hovey, 39, a father of two daughters.

Sheriff's Capt. Leo Hazen said both deaths had been ruled suicide.

Hazen said it was ironic that Hovey had refused to give officers the names of three girls he caught at Halloween, paint-spraying a dozen roadside mail boxes including his own.

The captain said he also was "sure that no member of Charlotte's family had any part of the harassment Hovey was subjected to" through repeated telephone calls blaming him for a police visit to the girl's home and her subsequent suicide.

Capt. Hazen said this chain of events occurred: The day after the Halloween spraying, someone reported malicious destruction of property and said Hovey had chased and caught two of three girls responsible.

Deputy Roland Winkler went to investigate and spoke to a woman who gave him the name of one girl and said Hovey could identify the others.

AGAINST COMPLAINT  
Hovey told Winkler he didn't want to file a complaint, that he had talked over the incident

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There was a note beside him. Hazen said the note proclaimed Hovey's love for his wife and children and said God knew he didn't report the Hinton girl.

Within two hours, Winkler got a call reporting Charlotte had been found on a bed, a rifle beside her and a fatal wound in her chest.

Then Hovey began getting threatening phone calls, accusing him of starting the trouble that culminated in the girl's death.

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## ARNO FLOOD DEVASTATES FLORENCE, ITALY

The raging Arno River pours over its banks and into the streets of Florence Friday, flooding the streets of the Italian city to depths up to 10 feet. Torrential rains and gale winds wrought havoc the past two days, and caused irreparable damage to some of the world's greatest art treasures in Florence, Venice, Grosseto and Trento also were hit. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Milan)