

49/89AUTUMN FLOODS CAUSE HAVOC IN ITALY.

Across the width of Southern Italy - devastation! The Calore River and its tributaries burst their banks bringing havoc throughout the province of Campania. Thousands of square miles are submerged below the swirling waters.

As the flood waters recede, its price can be reckoned up. 20 people are dead; 100 injured. Two thousand homeless, thousands more have lost all they possess. Damage runs into three thousand million liras. But, as the sun sends away the rainclouds, the people of Benevento start again with what's left to them.

The Italian Government has made Campania Province a disaster area and starts a relief fund with a 1000 million liras. The Red Cross and a Papal Committee are sending clothes and food.

Relaying the railway line to Naples is a top-priority. The people of Benevento - fortified by some Chianti - make light of their tragedy and set out anew to regain the land they have tilled for many centuries.

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