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SCHOOL TRAGEDY

The inhabitants of Terrazzano, a small country village at 20 kms. from Milan, were living on October 10th several hours of terror because of a big scale kidnaping of the 97 pupils of the local elementary school effected by two mad criminals.

At 11 a.p. the two criminal brothers Egidio and Arturo Santato, - this latter released only a few months ago from the lunatic asylum for criminals of Aversa - armed with guns and nearly four kilos of dynamite, entered the school and took the children and their three lady teachers as captives, asking the children's families a ransom of 200 million lire to liberate the prisoners.

The madmen ultimatum was thrown from a window wrapped round a stone. In it they said that no pity for the children could prevent them from blasting off the school, unless the ransom was promptly paid in cash.

The school was held by the bandits for six terrifying hours during which the police surrounding the building by 700 men was unable to attack, fearing for the captives' lives.

Some among the children's parents tried to attack the madmen, who answered firing their guns and hitting a mother.

One of the criminals at a window and sheltering himself behind the bodies of two little girls asked for food and for a microphone for a mad address to the crowd. It was necessary to comply with all his wishes to temperize. The situation became more and more hallucinating. The criminals' sister was brought under the windows for an attempt to negotiate the children liberation, but the brother shot at her, and luckily missed her.

The hero of the rescue was the teacher, Miss Paola Del Caratore, who, fighting a bandit with her bare hands succeeded in taking his knife from him and stabbing the man in his head. Then the heroic woman started a deadly fight with the other one. This gave the police the opportunity to attack and to get hold of the bandits.

It was necessary then to protect the criminals from the crowd who tried to lynch them.

The losses of the tragic day were represented by the death of a young man, a worker, Sante Zennaro of 23, who volunteered to accompany the police and died while trying to enter the school by a window and was shot down by the bandits. A fireman and a police agent were injured. The mother of a pupil was wounded in the leg.

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SCHOOL TRAGEDY IN TERRAZZANO (Milan)  
2 Madmen hold at gunpoint 92 pupils for 6 hours

The coverage shows:

1° Reel - by teleobjective - mt. 60

- Children ~~sk~~ leaned at window ( please note their hands bound
- Now and then ~~also~~ the bound-handed teachers lean out of the window
- Arrival of the televisor, which had been asked for by the madmen.
- One of the two madmen leans out of the window, and through the microphone tells what he wishes
- A fray begins because of the police coming up
- A bustle in the square: people who flee, people who climb the window by a ladder (see the youngman ~~-wearing the overall-~~ who will be later shot down by the madman)
- Still bustle, coming and going: the first pupils come out from school, scared
- Mob around one of the two madmen, seriously injured, who is taken away by policemen
- A view from the top: the madman lain on the ground between life and death, is being loaded on the Red Cross ambulance

2° Reel

(To make up before the shots of the window)

- Police holding up the mob
- C.U. - The teacher being interviewed by journalists
- Photographers with their teleobjectives in the windows of the opposite houses
- Firemen's ladder
- Crowd
- A view with the church of the village.