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Australian floods

New South Wales: Flying over Sydney and surrounding districts, news cameras ~~xxxxxxx~~ film the plight of small towns - completely engulfed by swirling flood waters.

Vegetable gardens, orchards and farms lie ruined, after torrential rains ~~has~~ caused three rivers to burst their banks. (3)

It's a sad day for many, ~~citizens~~ as they have to be rescued from their treasured homes and taken to places of safety. Over twelve inches of rain fell in forty-eight hours - resulting in damage amounting to millions of pounds in Sydney's worst-ever floods.

Air Crash

Malta: The scattered wreckage of a York airliner tells the grim story of a troop-carrying flight that ended in tragedy.

The plane, carrying forty-five ^{returning} servicemen and a crew of five, was flying from the Canal Zone to Britain - and crashed ^{after} ~~shortly after~~ refuelling at Luqa airfield - ~~on the final leg of the journey.~~

~~Rescuers were quickly on the scene; but by then, the plane was burning fiercely.~~ There were no survivors.

Soviet Congress

Moscow: Over a thousand delegates gathered in the Kremlin Palace for the opening of the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

The opening address was made by Mr Khrushchev, the First Secretary, who, in a ^{speech} six hour, listed the improvement of relations with Britain - as one of the immediate tasks that faced the party.

Duchess of Kent

London: Royal patronage for University College Hospital Nursing School, Bloomsbury, when the Duchess of Kent ^{PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS} came to present the prizes,

following the ^{HOSPITAL} ~~final~~ examination, ~~held three times a year.~~

The Gold Medal given by Sir Harold Wernher for the most outstanding nurse of the year went to Pamela Mary Wood. of Stroud, ~~Gloucestershire~~...

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