

AVALANCHE.

2/7/57.

A plane taking off from the Italian border went to bring ~~back~~ back the bodies of nine Italian tourists who lost their lives climbing the white peak of Pitz Palu. Of a group of nineteen climbers, ~~climbers~~ ~~mountainmen~~, ten fell from ^a ~~the~~ soft edge of the mountain when rains and warm weather started an avalanche.

Of the group of ten, the only man to escape with his life was Signor Basini --- whose fall was ^{BROKEN} ~~caused~~ by soft snow but who was not buried by it.

U.S. PARADE.

In San Francisco --- the biggest parade ever held in the city was this one --- for the opening of the convention of Lions International. Forty thousand people from all parts of the world came to watch it or take part in it. The Lions International is a philanthropic society for helping the blind.

FOOTBALL IN FLORENCE.

In Florence --- ^A ~~another~~ pageant; one that is held three times a year to herald a game of football held in the Piazza outside the Town Hall. The festival dates from the fourteenth century --- and they claim that it is the origin of the modern game of football. ^{have been} Even if it isn't --- it could well be the origin of Alec James's trousers.