

GREECE

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Tragic reports continue to pour in from the Greek islands. An American Navy rescue team describes the scene as "terrifying! sickening! and complete.!"

A Greek newspaperman, an eye witness of the catastrophe, Dimitris Caplanoglou, was aboard a ship in Argostolion harbor, when the quake struck the island of Cephalonia. He says:- "a growl then a terrific din, and a tremendous shock, like the earth exploding." He adds:- "In five seconds the town was ruined. The whole of Argostolion a mass of debris; with a thick cloud of dust over all."

The Greek reporter adds that the town then vanished, -- mountains splitting, huge landslides hurling thousands of tons of earth into the sea. With survivors rushing down to the shore, crying to be taken aboard any craft afloat. One Captain was heard to shout:- "cut the ropes! or we sink"! But the ship stayed afloat and some

500 were taken aboard.

The Red Cross estimates that more than a thousand have been killed, and four thousand injured! Twenty thousand houses destroyed - almost every house on the islands of Cephalonia, Zante, and Ithaca.

American, British, Israeli, and Greek ships are now standing off shore. Helicopters are flying in supplies and medicine. With the Greek fishing fleet - an oddly pathetic spectacle in the midst of the destruction.

Throughout history, the Greeks have been great fishermen in the Mediterranean. Now their fishing fleet is bobbing up and down off shore, abandoned, derelict, the owners dead or missing.

King Paul of Greece is visiting the devastated areas. And the Greek government announces that the islands will not be evacuated. The uninjured, to remain

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where they are, until some kind of order can be restored.

According to late reports, the panic is subsiding. More than one hundred thousand homeless, in the romantic Ionian Isles.

## PRISONERS

The second troopship leaves Inchon. This one, carrying four hundred and forty ex-prisoners. They went aboard yesterday, singing: "California here I come!"

One G.I was afraid to talk to reporters. Said he was still afraid of the Communists! He said Russians tried to turn him into a spy, while he was in the prison camp. He refused; but he doesn't know but what the Reds may try to do him in - even now.

Another G I was frightened because he had played ball with the Reds. His fellow prisoners calling him a squealer, an informer. He went to an Army Chaplain: said he was sick, and the Army agreed to return him through medical channels.

That's how two Americans reacted to their liberation from the Reds. One afraid of the Reds. The other afraid of his own comrades.

ADD PRISONERS

At Pan Mun Jom, only fifty Americans were exchanged today - the smallest number yet. With them were fifty Britains and three hundred South Koreans. This, on the eleventh day of operation "big switch".

UPTON

The Governor of New Hampshire appoints a Republican to the Senate. Governor Gregg naming Robert Upton to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Senator Tobey.

One striking <sup>side light on this</sup> ~~point about the~~ nomination - the new Senator is almost twice as old as the Governor who appointed him. <sup>5 en</sup> Upton ~~being~~ sixty-nine; and Governor Gregg, thirty-five. <sup>The new</sup> ~~He~~ <sup>^</sup> Senator Upton has been a lawyer <sup>for nearly 40 yrs.</sup> ~~since Nineteen Seven.~~ He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention three times - in Nineteen-Forty, Nineteen Forty-Four, and Nineteen Forty-Eight. ~~Twice he served on the resolutions committee.~~

~~Speaking of the appointment, Governor Gregg remarked: "I have selected one of our most able citizens to serve as Senator."~~

<sup>2</sup> ~~The Upton~~ appointment brings G O P strength in the Senate up to Forty-Seven. One less than when Congress convened last January. ~~This, of course,~~

because Senator Taft's place has not yet been filled.

Governor Lausche of Ohio presumably will name a Democrat.

Making forty-eight Democrats, and forty-seven

Republicans; and the one independent, Senator Morse of

Oregon - the 1 man party.

## BRADLEY

America's top active military leader goes into retirement. General Omar Bradley, preparing to take a civilian job, after more than forty years in the Army. What will he do? Well, the ex-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff, after tomorrow, will be Chairman of the Bulova Research and Development Laboratories.



## GERMAN FOOD

The East German Reds are still trying to stop that flow of American food packages. Again today a hundred agitators/ came over to West Berlin and tried to break up distribution. But the West Berlin police were ready for them. As they crossed the border, they rushed them and drove them back to the Soviet zone.

Even the Reds themselves are now admitting resistance to their regime. Their official paper today told of East German farmers refusing to cooperate; farmers, demanding reduction of the quotas they are required to hand over - in fact abolition of the quota system! The Red paper blames all this on western agents.

Other Communist papers report strikes and slow-downs in the coal fields, and in machine tool plants..

As a result, two government officials have been demoted. One, the director of the Marx-Lenin Stalin Institute." The Reds, still looking for scapegoats to take the blame.

## FRANCE

The Reds move in on the French strike. A dispatch from Paris that the Reds are planning to keep it going. One Paris paper reports that Communist shock troops have been issued knives and clubs; in preparation for street fighting.

Premier Laniel will have to ask the Chamber of Deputies for a vote of confidence. This means that the Deputies will have to be called home from their holidays. The Communists and Socialists are supporting this move because they want to overthrow the Laniel government. Premier Laniel facing one of the worst French crises since the end of World War Two. With the Reds hoping to turn it into Civil war.

## DEPTH BOAT

That French "depth boat" has broken the diving record again. Only two days ago, the two French naval officers went deeper into the sea than anyone ever had before. Today they did it again; setting another record - almost a mile and a third below the surface of the Mediterranean. They got down so far, that they were only two hundred yards from the sea bed in that vast deep. Afterward, one of them remarked: "It was bitter cold, but our air supply held out fine." Then he went on: "we may try even greater depths, if we can find a spot for it."

Meanwhile Professor Auguste Piccard, the Belgian scientist and balloonist is in Italy, preparing to dive in a similar "depth boat". In fact it was Professor Piccard who designed the original model. At the moment Professor Piccard is stalled by mechanical trouble, and now the two French naval officers have given him quite

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a record to shoot at, when he is ready - 1 1/3 miles  
below the surface of the sea.

## CAVE

From the Pierre St. Martin caverns in France - the story of a rescue far down inside one of the caves, the deepest in Europe, a cave plagued with a jinx. It has been the scene of many accidents, and a number of deaths, those who have tried to explore it.

Jose Garcia, a Spaniard ventured down some three hundred feet. Then his ladder broke, and he fell some fifty feet. Unable to move, he lay for four hours in the dark.

A companion went for help, and returned with men who are specialists in climbing, also in under-water exploration. They managed to get to the bottom of the cavern where they found Garcia still alive - but in agony. They rescued him and that's the latest story from the Pierre St. Martin caverns - where there have been a whole series of daring rescues.

## STORM

A tropical hurricane raging today from the Carolinas to New Jersey. Damage so far around a million dollars in North Carolina alone. At Ocean City, Maryland, waves were crashing over the beach. In Maryland, fifteen hundred families moved from places along the sea front. And in New Jersey, the board-walk at Atlantic City - and some stores along it - damaged by enormous waves.

In New York harbor, ships are warned to be all ready for a gale. Effects of the storm are expected as far north as Cape Cod.

## CEYLON

In Colombo, Ceylon, on the Equator - riots. Mobs overturning cars, wrecking railway trains, setting gasoline trucks on fire, and stoning traffic. All this, following a decree banning demonstrations.

In a tropical paradise Communists stirring up trouble -- violence against the government. Early reports indicate some twenty been killed, and two hundred injured; the police arresting four hundred rioters!

The Sengelese Prime Minister has declared a state of emergency. But mobs are roaming the streets, creating havoc; and communications have been paralyzed --

Trains are running on limited schedules. And armed police guards are riding with the drivers. In



many places the tracks have been torn up, with rioters fighting repair crews.

The Prime Minister proclaims that the State of Emergency will not be withdrawn until all disturbances have ceased. In the meantime, the rioting goes on, ~~in defiance of the government, which is just what the~~

~~Reds want.~~ in Ceylon, one of the loveliest places on earth.



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business as a European glue tycoon.

The exiled monarch is now living near Rome. A spokesman for him says the King may visit the United States.

Well, Farouk has been a number of things in his time. First a king. Then a play-boy. And now going into the glue business? I doubt it. I can think of better things to do - than sell glue - can't you - Mike?