

HUMANIAN 'QUAKE': FIRST PICTURES:

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No sooner was Rumania under the Nazi heel than Bucharest and the country round were struck by an earthquake - the worst for a hundred years. Nature showed that she can outdo air raids.

Nineteen year old King Michael, only just on the throne, gave money to some of the homeless. More than a thousand people were killed.

Some hundreds died in the Carlton apartment house. Newly built it was on American lines, like much of modern Bucharest. Relatives searched the wreckage for the bodies of people reported missing.

Nazi soldiers helped them to search and to clear up.

Oil wells were fired but not crippled. The quake is a bad blow, at a time when Rumanian fortunes are at their lowest ebb.

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Long-delayed, censored films from earthquake-ridden Bucharest: These first pictures reveal the damage, after Rumania's most destructive earthquake in over a century. 19-year-old King Michael surveys the ruins, as his people count more than a thousand dead or injured. The young ruler gives money to a few of the homeless. The Carlton, Bucharest's newest and largest apartment house, was a death trap for several hundred persons. German soldiers stationed in Rumania aid in removing bodies from the crumbled 11-story structure. Germans denied that Rumania's rich oil reserves were vitally hit. But more serious to Germany was the reported disruption of farming operations in Rumania. The Nazis had been depending on Rumanian wheat, but the peasant farm workers must aid in Rumania's rehabilitation before returning to their crops. So, in the midst of Europe's turmoil, nature has strangely struck her most awful blow, at a nation already a pawn in a bloody war.....