

GREEK EARTHQUAKE: NAVY AIDS ZANTE

20 The British Cruiser Bermuda and other ships of the Royal Navy anchored off Zante, capital of the Ionian Island of the same name. Paramount Correspondent Leonard Dudley surveyed from a helicopter the scene of almost incredible ruins

20 The country people in this island of 40,000 population were in slightly better plight than those of the island of Cephalonia, 8-miles away, from which Dudley sent his first report. But the town of Zante (12,000 people) and its neighbourhood ~~are~~ are in utter ~~ruin~~ ^{Firemen and Demolition gang} from H.M.S. Bermuda cleared pathways through blocked streets and blew up tottering buildings.

Bread came ashore from the cruiser, whose bakery worked all round the clock to supply the almost starving people.

Also from the navy came much appreciated sacks of flour.

Ships of the American Mediterranean Fleet poured in ^{food} ~~supplies~~ too.

30 Medical supplies loaded at Malta into a Sunderland Flyingboat were prompt preventive action against threat of typhoid outbreak, always likely when water ^{systems} ~~supplies~~ are polluted by earthquake. Naval field-kitchens had already served 25,000 hot meals in Zante when these pictures were taken. In a few days 3,500 people were innoculated ~~against~~ against tetanus and typhoid. That was in the town of Zante, where the need was most urgent. Now into the country flew a helicopter, dropping leaflets to tell the isolated farm-workers to remain calm; help was on the way. Dudley tells us their obvious gratitude was pathetic. ^{There 7 to, as by a miracle, stood undamaged blood} Generous gifts can be counted on to the relief fund for ^{shattered} the people of the Ionian Islands.

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