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Volcano spreads havoc in Java-

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Merapi-- the dreaded volcano of Central Java- breaks out again, showering molten lava over the surrounding countryside. 17

But this time, the local inhabitants were warned to evacuate by radio- thus preventing a repetition of the 1930 eruption, when Merapi claimed 7000 victims. 25

~~It is a tragic picture.~~ <sup>MANY</sup> To-day, hillside farms lie ~~buried~~ and buried beneath many tons of volcanic ash, ~~buried~~ <sup>12</sup> ~~the 5000 ft peak.~~

The death roll was only 25-- but thousands of refugees crowded into nearby villages. There, they were comforted by ~~food and shelter~~ shelter and food, that looks good to these youngsters. 28

Once again, the familiar volcanic clouds rise over Merapi, - for this was the 50th eruption. 15

