

VOLCANO DISASTER

For the third time in four years Mount Hobe-Hobe on Campigan island in the Philippines is in violent eruption. Vast rivers of lava stream down the side of the volcano engulfing all in its path. In the first unexpected explosion at least 2,000 people were buried alive, in and around Mambajao at the volcano's feet. Refugees flee the island's largest town as five explosions occur in three days. Now the evacuation of the whole 65,000 population of the island has been ordered. Meanwhile, old and young leave by boat for the larger island of Mindanao.

Makeshift hospitals are opened up - with nurses and supplies flown in from 400 miles away.

This is a field of lava - molten stone still smoking and smouldering days after it came down the mountain.

Here among the coconut palms was a village. It's flimsy huts disappeared in flames, and with them the people within. And above the wreckage, Hobe-Hobe still smokes and threatens.