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ALGERIAN QUAKE: LATEST REPORT.

Rescue workers search amongst the rubble in Orleansville, the Algerian town which was devastated by an earthquake lasting twelve seconds. Making an official visit, M. Mitterand, the French Minister of the Interior, sees how French troops and planes can best give help.

While the search for victims continues, mass funerals are held of the hundreds of bodies already recovered. It is only now, as order is restored in the town, that the full story of the earthquake is told; how whole families have been wiped out, how only one person survived when a hotel collapsed, how school-children were killed in their dormitory beds.

In hastily-erected tents outside the town, the people have made their homes. They fear to return for more tremors have been felt. At least a third of the buildings were completely ruined in the earthquake, and it is feared that another third will have to be condemned. When details are known, the decision may be taken to abandon the town.

Moslems bow in prayer in their new settlement on the town's outskirts. In some of these camps, emergency hospitals have been set up to care for the injured. This baby has a broken leg and he, like many of the more seriously wounded, will be flown out by an American, British or French Aircraft. Tenderly he is carried to the helicopter which will take him away from the stricken area where, it is now believed, more than 1600 people lost their lives.