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NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE

Severe earth tremors once again shake New Zealand. The most remarkable fact to emerge was that though damage was estimated at over one million pounds, there was not a single casualty. New Zealand people are used to earth shocks. Most residents rushed into the open at the first warning rumble, mainly to that fact the report "casualties nil" be attributed.

Subsidence made a dent in the decking of a concrete bridge shocks continued for a considerable time and were constantly re-occurring as the work of demolishing proceeded. Many residences were badly smashed. Churches also suffered and the foundations of this one were so badly strained that the building looks like being written off as a total loss. Army engineers took over the job of demolition. That tower is unsafe and would come crashing down with another light shock. Traffic is diverted as the Army men set about completing the job of destruction nature began. And there it goes.