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U.S. COAST GUARD

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Juneau, Alaska 10 March 1964 - - - WORD WAS RECEIVED AT 3:15 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON FROM THE COAST GUARD LORAN TRANSMITTING STATION CAPE SARICHEF ON UNIMAK ISLAND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A VOLCANIC ERUPTION ON THE EAST SIDE OF POGROMNI VOLCANO JUST 8 MILES EAST OF THIS REMOTE STATION.

AERIAL OBSERVATIONS MADE BY A REEVES AIRWAYS DC-6 INDICATED NUMEROUS SMALL CRATERS WERE ERUPTING, THROWING ASH 8,000 FEET INTO THE AIR AND THAT FALLOUT FROM THE ERUPTIONS WAS LANDING WITHIN 1 TO 2 MILES FROM THE COAST GUARD LIGHT STATION AT SCOTCH CAP ON UNIMAK ISLAND. THE REEVES AIRCRAFT ALSO NOTED THAT SNOW WAS MELTING FROM MT. POGROMNI DUE WEST TO UNIMAK PASS AND THAT SEA WATER WAS DISCOLORED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE OUT FROM THE ISLAND.

AN ORDER WENT OUT FROM THE COAST GUARD'S HEADQUARTERS HERE IN JUNEAU TO THE CUTTER STORIS IN KODIAK TO LOAD A HELICOPTER ABOARD AND PROCEED TO THE VICINITY OF SCOTCH CAP LIGHT STATION AND STAND BY TO EFFECT EVACUATION IN THE EVENT CONDITIONS WORSEN AND SUCH ACTION BECOMES NECESSARY.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA -- 12 March 1964 -- Aerial surveillance by Coast Guard aircraft of the volcanic activity on Unimak Island revealed that there was no apparent danger to the military ~~and civilian personnel~~ ^{PERSONNEL} on the island.

Reports were received Tuesday afternoon from the Coast Guard's Cape Sarichef LORAN station that volcanic eruptions on the east side of Pogromni Volcano were throwing ash and debris thousands of feet into the air.

The Coast Guard Cutter STOKIS, which had been dispatched from Kodiak with a helicopter on board, ~~was~~ ^{HAS BEEN} recalled, and ^{HAS} resumed normal operations.

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