

NAPLES, August 22 (A.A.P.).—At least 10 people died and 200 were injured in a series of earthquakes which left a trail of desolation through southern Italy last night and today.

As buildings shook and toppled, a million terror-stricken Italians fled into the streets. They spent the night in town squares, parks and fields.

Wreckage extended over thousands of square miles, from Naples on the west coast to the east-coast town of Bari.

About 3,000 homes were damaged in Naples. A railway bridge, church and post office were destroyed in other centres.

More than 200 hospital

patients fled into the streets at Monte Forte, south of Naples.

Two of the worst-hit centres, Ariano Irpino and Montecalvo, have been rocked by 20 tremors since last night.



Sir Winston Churchill waves to cheering staff from Middlesex Hospital on Tuesday. Sir Winston was taken from the hospital to his home in London's special apartment for him has been built on top of a broken thigh bone in a fall in June, when he was 81.

Later, but unconfirmed, reports estimated the death toll at 15.

A railway bridge collapsed on the Avellino-Foggia line.

More than 200 hospital patients ran into the street when tremors rocked Monte Forte, south of Naples.

The second storey of a clinic at Passo Eclano collapsed soon after patients and staff fled.

Twenty tremors had been counted at Ariano Irpino and Montecalvo, east of Naples, by early today.

The eleventh-century cathedral at Ariano Irpino was badly damaged, and a church was destroyed.

### Falling Tile Kills Woman

Terni, in northern Italy, had its thirty-first tremor in three days. All have been light and caused no serious damage.

A young woman in Naples was killed by a falling tile.

Two other women died of heart attacks as they ran from their homes in panic.

At Salerno and near Avellino two women died from heart attacks, and another was knocked down by a car as she ran for safety.

Naples hospitals admitted at least 60 people with broken bones and bruises.

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Fanfani, flew into Naples today to see the extent of the damage.

The Government has sent thousands of blankets and large supplies of food for the homeless.

The Mount Vesuvius

Observatory, near Naples, said there had been six tremors last night and early today.

The earthquake registered five on the 12-grade Mercalli intensity scale.

At the Faenza Government Observatory, 340 miles away in northern Italy, the impact knocked seismograph needles off their paper drums.

### Tourists' Night In Open

Most of the destruction was caused by the two biggest tremors last night.

Many tourists were among motorists who stopped their cars by the roadside and stayed there all night.

The first strong shock in Naples came soon after 7 o'clock last night.

It set lamps swinging, furniture vibrating and pictures crashing from walls.

People said it lasted about 15 seconds, and was followed by a strong tremor of



about 20 seconds a few minutes later.

Thousands of panic-stricken citizens rushed towards the sea, parks, or countryside.

Three hours later there were shocks in the Ariano Irpino area.

At 7 a.m. today a tremor wrecked the post-office at the village of Montecalvo.

Alarm caused by the tremors increased as some areas were thrown into darkness.

### Message From The Pope

Pope John last night sent a message of sympathy and promises of help to the area.

Reports that Mrs Jacqueline Kennedy would drop plans for prolonging her Italian holiday because of the tremors were denied early today.

A spokesman from the eleventh-century villa at Ravello, where President Kennedy's wife is staying, said Washington had been told there was no danger, and that only three slight tremors had been felt.

## 'Regret' At Events In West N.G.

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—The settlement of the West New Guinea dispute showed a "fall in standards of international morality," Mr P. E. Lucock (C.P., N.S.W.) told the House of Representatives tonight.

Mr Lucock, who is in the United Nations against Indonesian aggression in Dutch New Guinea.

The Federal Opposition could take no comfort from this, because it had contributed in no small way to this attitude in the United Nations.

"The time has come when we must stand firm on the conviction that aggression, no matter who uses it, cannot pay," said Mr Lucock.

"I believe the United States has a great deal to learn in regard to the international situation."

"It has played a tremendous part in world affairs and has assisted greatly in rehabilitating Europe."

"I believe that, in certain circumstances, it has not yet come to appreciate and realise the danger that lies in what we might call a constant policy of appeasement."

Australia must stress with all its power that international morality was something in which Australia still held firm beliefs.

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### Lowering Of Standards

The agreement between Holland and Indonesia was signed while there were still Indonesian troops in West New Guinea.

"I feel that is, unfortunately, evidence of the lowering of standards of international morality."

"In the 1930s we saw a parallel and we know what happened in 1939."

"I don't want to see this pattern followed again."

No voice had been raised

### Third Gaol Term For Aboriginal

DARWIN, Wednesday.—Aboriginal citizen Peter Australia is back in gaol for the third time in 12 months.

In Darwin Police Court today he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr H. Leader, S.M., after his conviction for supplying liquor to another aboriginal, Tommy Majalgait, at Darwin on August 7.

Australia, who pleaded guilty, has now had three convictions for supplying liquor.

## Ban Hits Off-peak Trains

Off-peak Sydney electric train services today will run at only half the normal frequency, because of a black ban by railway guards, on "freeze-box" guards' compartments.

The Commissioner for Railways, Mr N. McCusker, announced this yesterday.

However, he said the off-peak trains would be twice the normal length—eight-car trains instead of four-car trains.

This would minimise inconvenience to the public.

Officials of the Australian Railways Union said last night that if any guard was suspended today for carrying out the ban, all train crews in Sydney would strike in sympathy.

Mr McCusker said that only off-peak services would be affected.

### Friday's Services May Be Normal

Railway officials said yesterday the generally recognised peak hours were 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., although this could vary slightly on different lines.

Tomorrow's services are expected to run normally in both peak and off-peak hours.

This is because eight-car trains, which are not involved in the ban, are used on all services on Fridays to cope with shopping crowds.

The guards' compartments to which the men object are old types, with four doors, which are used only on four-car trains.

## COUP FOILED IN HUNGARY

VIENNA, August 22 (A.A.P.-Reuter).—Hungary is reported to have thwarted a conspiracy to overthrow the Prime Minister and Communist Party leader, Mr J. Kadar.

Reliable diplomatic sources say several leading officials have been removed from their posts or arrested.

Between 30 and 50 officials, including a former Minister, the Chief of the Army General Staff and several generals, were reported involved.

It was reported headed by a deputy in the Ministry of the Interior, Mr A. Bartos.

Another leading member of the group was identified as Imre Doegei, a former Minister of Agriculture. Doegei "gave up" his parliamentary seat earlier this

## Eye Infection Drops Cause Blindness, Say

Contaminated eyedrops were leading to blindness, a leading Adelaide night.

He said that not long ago in an Australian teaching hospital—not in Adelaide—a number of eyes were lost over a few months from infection caused by unsterile eyedrops.

The surgeon, Dr D. O. Crompton, honorary eye surgeon at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, was giving a paper, "Ophthalmic prescribing," at the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science Congress.

Dr Crompton is also honorary research assistant at the Adelaide Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science. He said cases of eye infection caused by contaminated eyedrops should be given publicity in medical journals: "unfettered by the fear of any possible legal consequences following specific disclosures."

### "Dangerous To Be Frank"

When he recorded the facts about an eye infected by eyedrop contamination several years ago, a senior colleague had commented that it was "dangerous to be so frank."

"The real incidence of eye infections from contaminated solutions in America was unknown because of doctors and hospitals' fear of admitting legal liability."

"Not long ago in an Australian teaching hospital, not in Adelaide, over a few months a number of eyes were lost from infection following lens extraction," he said.

"The cause was found to be unsterile eyedrops."

"When the ophthalmologists wished to make public their findings, permission was refused by the hospital Administration."

"Thus a State regime, for reasons of prestige, prevented the publication of evidence which I would have found useful last year when trying to convince the Federal Government of the necessity for the sterility of ophthalmic solutions."

### "Profusely Contaminated"

In his paper Dr Crompton said there is a proven frequency of contamination in eyedrop solutions by

## MAN, 43, FIRES SHOTS IN HOME

A man fired three shots in his home in Kokoda Street, North Ryde, early today while his wife and two sons tried desperately to calm him.

The man, a 43-year-old ex-Serviceman, was armed with two fully loaded rifles—a .303 and a .22 calibre.

The man finally submitted to police who had surrounded the house.

Police were told the man had been receiving treatment for war neuroses and was examined by a doctor last night.

On the doctor's advice, arrangements were made for him to be taken to hospital by Central District Ambulance.

However, when an ambulance arrived early today, the man threatened to shoot Central District Ambulance officer Mr P. Appleby.

### Armed Police Surround House

Police were called. Five

## TO ALL PARTS



Victorian Liberal in Canberra last night in plaster—but re

## Move M.P.

CANBERRA.—The House ga numbers followi

The Labour Whip, Mr G. W. Duthie, tonight asked Speaker, Sir John Leay, for a special in-quest for members needing

## "Bloodthirsty" Psalms