

## Volcanic Ash Falls on Kodiak Monday; Eyewitness Says Volcano Still Erupting

A small mountain near the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes has been pinpointed as the center of activity for Alaska's latest erupting volcano.

Heavy clouds hung over Kodiak Monday. Eerie in appearance, they prevented a strong sun from penetrating its rays earthward, except for brief intervals and for small areas at a time. Lava dust began to fall, and everyone then knew a volcano had once again erupted.

Gil Jarvela, pilot for the Kodiak Airways, was the first to report the eruption. On a routine flight to Larsen Bay, he ran into the clouds of lava dust. Hampered in his flying by extremely turbulent air and poor visibility, he was unable to determine which of the several mountains was erupting. He reported clouds of ash and smoke at least 30,000 feet in the air. The ash was being carried by a strong wind towards Kodiak, mainly following across the Island on the Shelikof Straits side.

Port Bailey was reported as well covered with volcanic ash. On the Naval Station, the ash was quite heavy, with a noticeable amount over cars, roads and buildings, penetrating even inside the buildings. A thin layer covered the ground here, also. It was mainly felt by people walking, as it penetrated their clothing. A smarting of the eyes was felt.

A Coast Guard plane left Kodiak about Monday noon on an observation flight over the area of the Katmai National Monument. It flew at 8,500 feet altitude, but found lava dust and smoke clouds up to 15,000 feet. The plane stayed to the north of the area, and flew down to 1,000 feet above, hoping to find an open spot. The turbulence was so great, however, the pilot had to regain altitude.

It was not learned until Wednesday which volcano of the group had actually erupted. Alf Madsen, local guide and outfitter, left here early in the morning on Wednesday, equipped with movie and other cameras, bound for the volcano area.

The mountain, identified by Madsen as Old Katmai, lies between Martin Mountain and Mt. Mageik, to the northwest of the Monument area. He reported it still erupting, with a continuous stream of lava flowing to the valley below. He described the flow of lava as a blackish-brown substance almost dark purple in appearance. As he flew 1,000 feet above it, he stated the volcano would emit huge black clouds of sulphur-filled smoke and ash. He said at intervals of about 15 minutes, he would hear a hissing noise and huge white clouds, resembling an atomic blast, would emerge. "It was quite a sight," he said.

The biggest lava flow, Madsen said, was towards Katmai Bay situated on the Shelikof Straits. The lava flow meandered down the side of the mountain, a lesser peak in the group, about 4,000 feet high, to the valley below.

The countryside in the area, Madsen said, is indescribable. "It is like being in another world," he stated, as he described the effect of the volcanic ash on vegetation, plant and tree growth.

The wind had shifted since it first began erupting, when the lava ash was carried to Kodiak. Wednesday, the wind shifted, and a northwesterly carried the ash to the Westward down the Alaska Peninsula.



Ronald Hinkson, PH2, pictured above, rubs his eye which has been irritated by the lava ash that fell on Kodiak Monday.



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PENSACOLA, Fla. — A three-week summer training cruise at the Naval Air Basic Training Command in Pensacola, Fla., was completed August 11 by Midshipman Second Class George W. Schweizer, son of Cdr. and Mrs. E. G. Schweizer of Kodiak.

## Kodiak Designated Customs Port

Kodiak has now become official to a letter to Sen. E. L. Bartlett cially a Customs Port of Entry, from D. D. Strubinger, Acting according to a wire received by Commissioner of Customs. The decision was in process of review, according to a recent letter.


A U. S. Treasury draft of the The letter from Sen. Bartlett decision designating Kodiak as a was in answer to a query from customs port of entry was acted on Rep. Pete Deveau.

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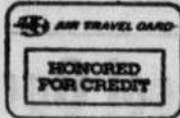
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