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BIRTH OF AN ISLAND

Pinpoint in the Pacific Ocean is the World's newest island, born of an underwater volcano. The little patch of grey rock is wrapped in great blasts of smoke, with the surrounding ocean boiling, and throwing out columns of sulphurous steam. Checking on the erupting sideshow, cameramen record another stage in the re-awakening of Japan's volcanic chain which began in 1940 after a thirty-year sleep. The new island is now 80 feet high and is still growing. But scientists expect the eruption to spend itself and the new island to slip back underneath the sea.