

Unzen Volcano : the 1900-1992 eruption

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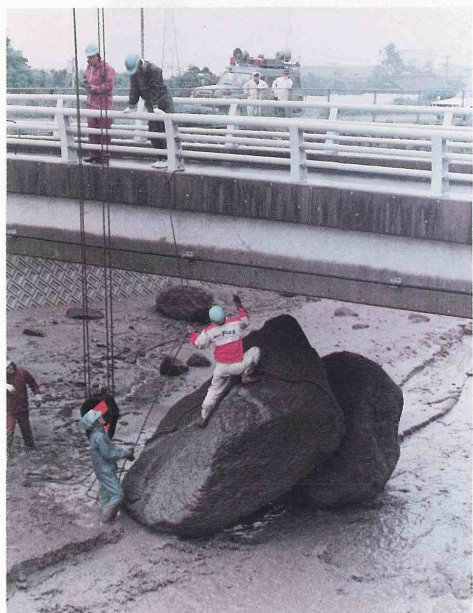


4. Photographic Records of People's Life during the Eruption

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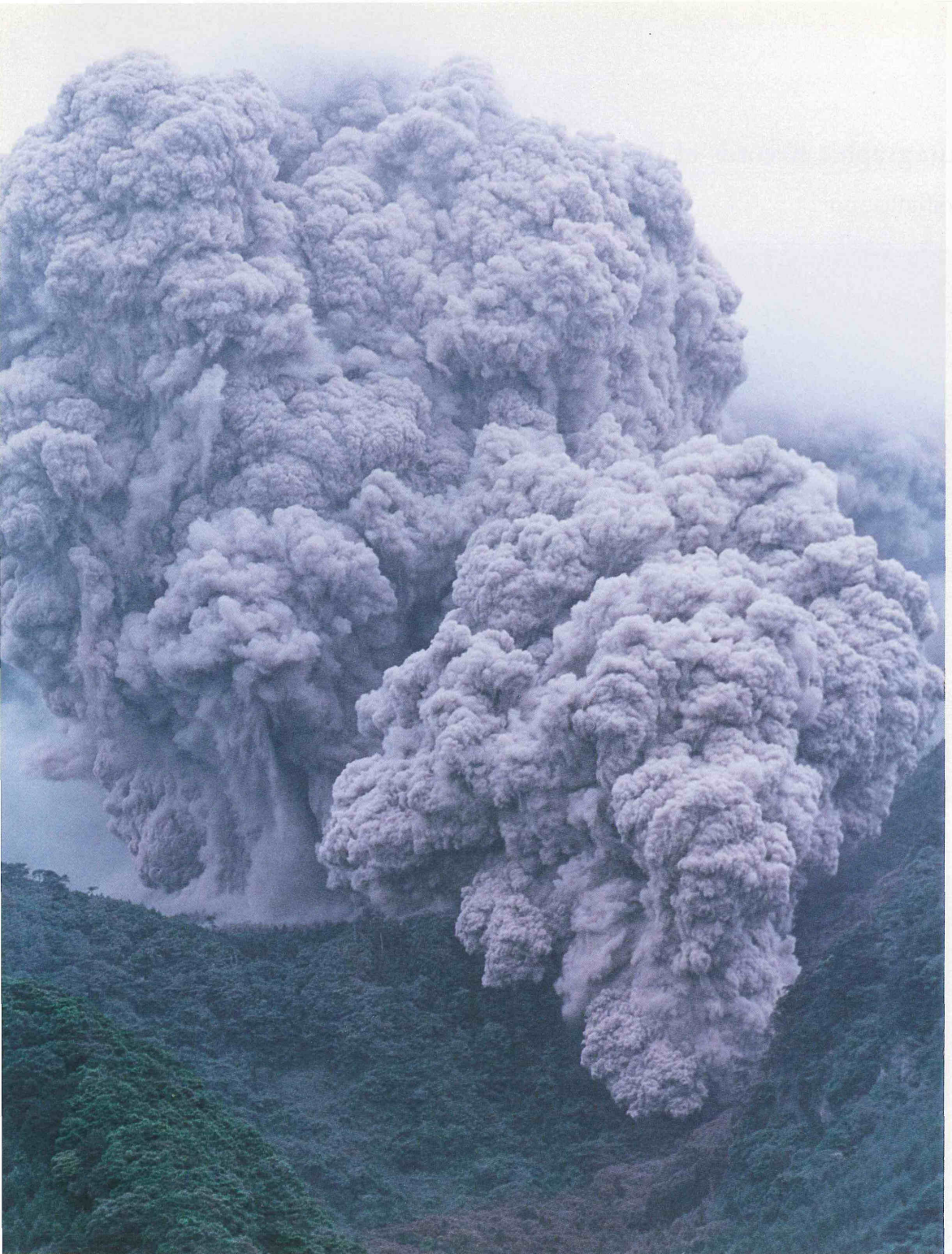
△ Dark sky spread over Shimabara City.



△ Removing a boulder which was flushed down to the bridge. (The Fudanomoto Bridge, Shimabara City, 8:30 a.m., 20 May)



△ Volcanic ash showering down on the township.



△ The large-scale pyroclastic flow running down the east slope of Mt. Fugen (3:33 p.m., 29 May).



△ Burning houses engulfed in the large pyroclastic flow (near Megane-Bashi in Minami-Kamikoba, Shimabara City, 5:50 p.m., 3 June).



△ A pole and a traffic mirror blown down on a road (Kita-Kamikoba, Shimabara City, 6 p.m., 3 June).



△ Cars blown off and trees flattened by the 3 June pyroclastic flow.

△ Shimabara City under the coal-black smoke of the large pyroclastic flow. Shimabara Castle in the foreground (4 p.m., 3 June).



△ Tobacco fields completely destroyed (Kita-Kamikoba, Shimabara City).



△ Houses and forests incinerated by the largest pyroclastic flow (Shimabara City in the background. 9:45p.m., 8 June).



△ Garrison officers gazing at a column of smoke rising up from the volcano.



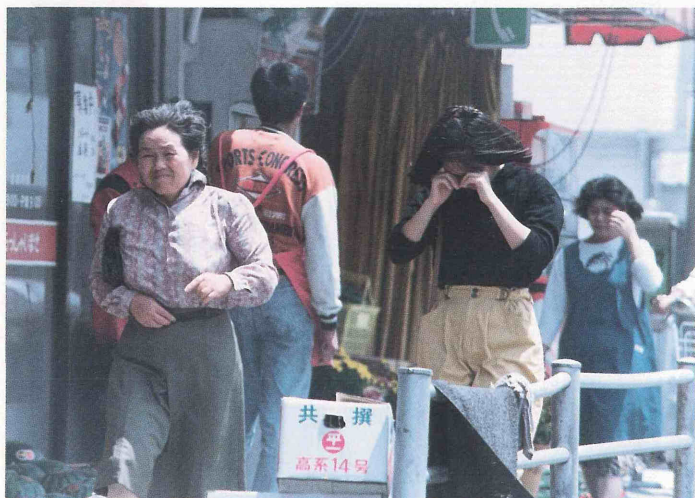
△ Schoolchildren with masks to avoid inhaling volcanic ash.



△ Fierce steam discharge as the pyroclastic flow buried the river (near the Fudanomoto Bridge across the Mizunashi River, Shimabara City, 4:20 p.m., 10 June).



△ The rage of the pyroclastic flow reached to the vicinity of Route 57 (foreground) and buried the Mizunashi River (Fudanomoto-machi, Shimabara City, 6:30 a.m., 9 June).



△ Pedestrians protecting their eyes from the volcanic ash.



△ Residents carrying their furniture out of their homes as a new lava dome was growing (Kita-Kamikoba, Shimabara City, 23 May).



△ Exhausted residents sleeping on the floor (3 June).



△ One of younger residents spending an uneasy night in a refuge (The gymnasium in the Shimabara 5th Elementary School).



△ An injured carried into a hospital (3 June).



▷ Helicopters and tanks were used to search for bodies and to rescue any survivors.