

NEW ZEALAND - Floods

Date: Late January 1984

Location: The city of Invercargill, South Island

No. Dead: None reported

No. Affected: 2,600 homeless

Damage: Estimated at \$20 million

The Disaster

During the last week of January 1984, the southern New Zealand city of Invercargill and surrounding areas were inundated by flood waters. Approximately 3,000 sq. km. were affected, with 1,000 houses severely damaged.

Action Taken by the Government of New Zealand (GONZ)

The regional coordinator for civil defense declared a state of emergency and directed all local relief efforts. A relief fund was established by the government and appeals for contributions were issued nationwide.

Assistance Provided by the United States Government

As a gesture of goodwill between New Zealand and the United States, the U.S. Ambassador contributed \$5,000 from the International Disaster Assistance account to the GONZ relief fund.

TOTAL \$5,000

Assistance Provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported.

Assistance Provided by the International Community

None reported.