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This is unusual, Jim Lander of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey said, since there has never been an earthquake that far north in the Straits. Previously there had been a gap in a chain of earthquakes occurring in the region. The April 8 one, tentatively located at 72 degrees west longitude and 51 degrees south latitude, fills in the gap which had extended from 47 to 53 degrees south

Although only 12 northern stations reported the earthquake, there are good indications, Mr. Lander said, that it is a deep one and quite strong—estimated at well over six on the seismograph scale which runs from 0, just barely detectable, to about

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