

# St. Helena <sup>26.1.71</sup> pledges to aid Stormkaap

**T**HE GOVERNOR OF ST. HELENA, Sir Dermot Art Murphy, told the *Cape Times* by telephone yesterday that the islanders would do "everything in their power" to help the Cape Town yacht Stormkaap.

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Stormkaap is making her way to St. Helena under sail and power after rudder trouble 1100 km (700 miles) from the island while on her way to Rio.

Sir Dermot said: "I can assure you that we will do everything possible to help Stormkaap when she arrives."

A difficulty was that there were no cranes on the island able to lift a yacht out of the water.

If Stormkaap were to be transhipped to the south-bound Good Hope Castle, due at the week-end, it would be necessary to work the ship's cranes.

The Governor said: "We will not put any formalities in the way of the crew if they have to stay on the island for any length of time."

Meanwhile, it appears that the Good Hope Castle may not have enough deck space to take the yacht.

An alternative scheme is to call on the Royal Navy fleet replenishment tanker *Resurgent*, as she is reported in the vicinity. However, she has only 10-ton derricks, which may be a problem.

In Cape Town the syndicate owning Stormkaap are considering building a new type of rudder, which could be taken to St. Helena and fitted to Stormkaap. If this were successful, she might be able to continue in the race.