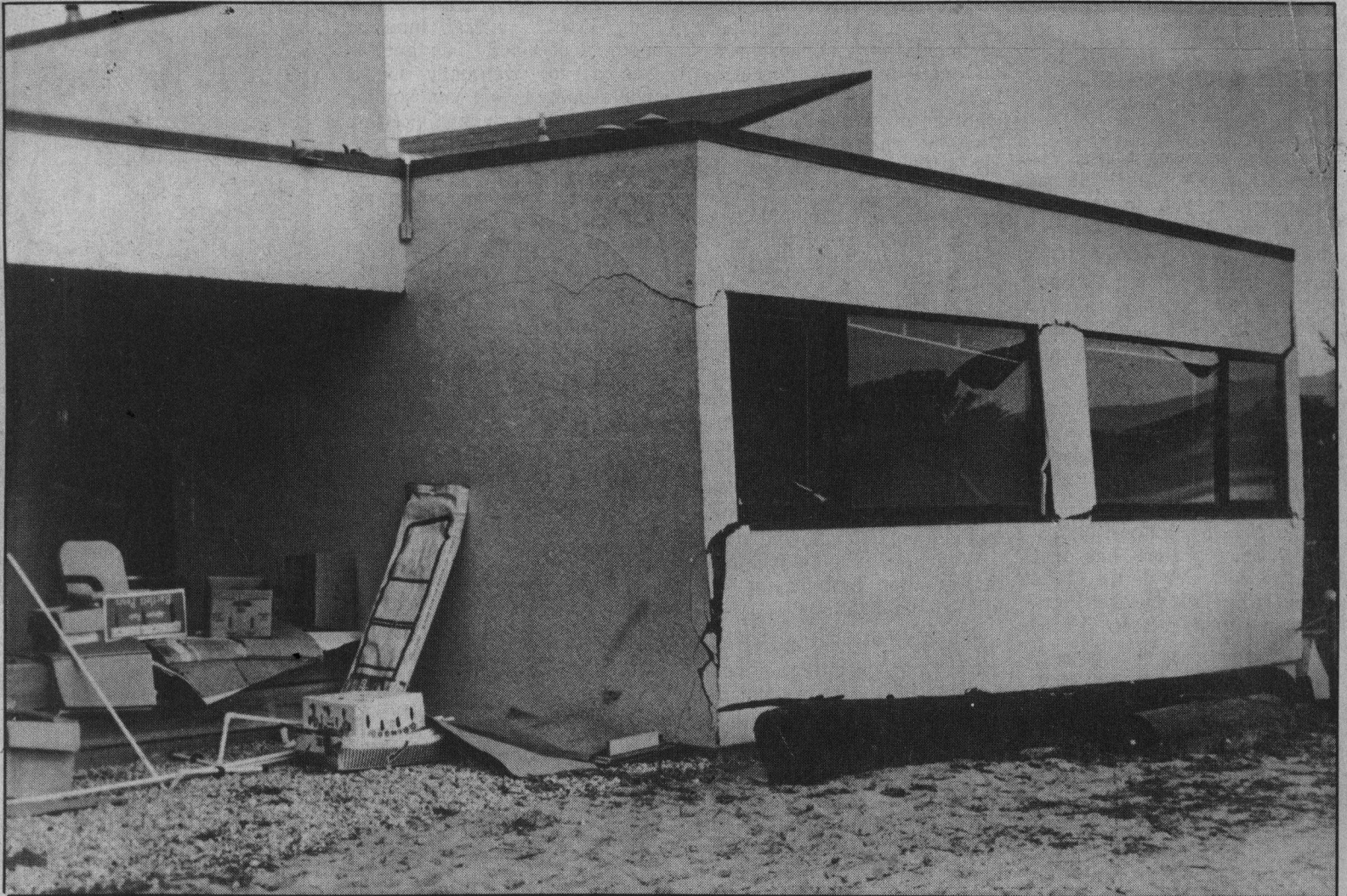


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Earthquake damage to Moss Landing Marine Lab was extensive.

Bridge to reopen, but lab to come down

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Officials are predicting that by next month businesses on Moss Landing Harbor island can once again be reached over Sandholdt Bridge.

The tenant that sustained the costliest damages in the Oct. 17 earthquake, however, won't be greeting visitors for a while. The building and grounds committee of the California State University Board of Trustees will meet Jan. 9 to name an architect to demolish and rebuild the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories.

Situated on the south side of the damaged bridge, the red-tagged research base for the CSU system has stood barricaded and deserted since the quake inflicted \$8 million in damage to its structures. At the committee meeting, which will be held in Long Beach,

board members will discuss the design of a 27,000-square-foot lab center estimated to cost \$6.4 million.

"They have to officially name an architect to redesign the facility," said Ann Ambrose, a spokeswoman from the chancellor's office at CSU headquarters.

Making sure the new site can withstand the impact of another major shaker will be a major consideration in a new design, Ambrose said.

After the disaster, part of the lab operations were relocated on the grounds of San Jose State University's satellite campus in Salinas.

As for the lab's Moss Landing neighbors, most of the approximately 50 businesses on the island, which was shut down for two weeks following the quake, have been back in business since water and

sewer services were restored several weeks ago.

"Everybody's back in business," said Sharon Taft, a Moss Landing Chamber of Commerce member. "The only problem they (merchants) have is people thinking they're not in business."

A big reason for that has been the condition of the bridge.

Shut down since the earthquake broke off three feet of its 270-foot span, the bridge is undergoing repairs to its wood pilings and abutments.

Island visitors and merchants have reached the commercial strip from a private beachside driveway at the end of Potrero Road.

Monterey County Deputy Public Works Director Don Wilson said it'll cost \$83,000 to repair the one-lane bridge. It would have cost \$3 million to

replace it, he said.

In the days following the quake, when the absence of services halted business on the island and motorists were escorted by Highway Patrol convoys, the county's priorities were to repair the damaged sewer and water systems.

"Because of the access road — the bridge really became the secondary problem as far as repairs go," Wilson said.

And besides, some merchants, like Richard Woodward who owns the harbor's only boat-fueling station, are just getting back into the swing.

Closed down for two months after the quake caused \$500,000 in damages to its tanks, fuel dock and office, Woodward Marine is relying on temporary tanks to keep business up.

"Everything is emergency or temporary until we rebuild," Woodward said.