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Deadlock

Negotiations between the military junta and Greek King Constantine have reached a deadlock. The junta wants the king to return as a puppet figure, but the young monarch has apparently refused the offer with a demand that elections be held. See Page 5.

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Big 'Quake, No Damage

A moderate earthquake jolted Santa Cruz and Northern California this morning, swaying buildings in San Francisco, tipping over Christmas trees, sloshing water out of aquariums, and providing residents with a conversation topic that overloaded telephone circuits.

Seismologists at the University of California, Berkeley, placed the epicenter of the quake near Corralitos near Watsonville. The UC seismograph recorded the 'quake at 5 on the Richter scale, while a seismologist at the University of Nevada in Reno registered a 5.75. A 5.2 rating was reported by Cal Tech in Pasadena.

This means, the Associated Press reported, that it was not a major 'quake, but was the strongest in the area since the 5.3 shock of November 15, 1964.

There were no reports of major damage in the Santa Cruz and Watsonville areas.

Vernon Berlin of Radio Station KSCO said it knocked the needle off records being played, smoke stacks at the Pacific Cement and Aggregates plant at Davenport swayed, the radio station's antennae "jiggled around like snakes," and one local resident said water splashed out of her tropical fish aquarium.

In Watsonville, a police officer said the 'quake "shook the hell out of the police station." He said there were no reports of damage received by the police department.

Joanne Bartlett, 518 - Third Street, Watsonville, said a chandelier at her home was broken. A concrete slab at Mello's frozen food plant rolled and appeared ready to buckle.

In San Francisco, the 30-story Fox Plaza building, which houses the offices of the Associated Press, swayed perceptibly for several moments. Employees on the ninth floor of the American Savings and Loan Company office in the San Francisco financial district said their building swayed, too.

Two 'quakes were felt, the AP said, the second one more strongly.

Christmas trees rocked on their standards in Palo Alto, a woman in Gilroy said her bed on casters rolled across the room, and Undersheriff Julian Medina in Hollister said the San Benito County jail was shaken heavily. He rated it as one of the strongest shocks in several years.

In San Jose, KNTV, Channel 11, went off the air twice for a few seconds as the 'quake apparently shook the transmitter on a nearby mountain top.

Communications suffered as telephones were jammed throughout the area by callers, but no damage was reported to lines or equipment.

A. G. Athearn, manager of Pacific Telephone's local office, said the delays were the result of "abnormal volume of calls," the heaviest since the dial system was installed in 1954.