

WEATHER REPORT

Monterey Bay Area — Intermittent rain tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature. Southerly winds increasing 35-40 per hour this evening.

Temperature for 24 hour period ended at 5 p. m. Tuesday: Maximum 58, minimum 38.

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EARTHQUAKE AWAKENS CALIFORNIANS

WINDOWS BROKEN AT HOLLISTER

Santa Cruzans, along with thousands of other northern Californians, were awakened this morning by the sharp rumble of an earthquake which shook windows, rattled dishes, but caused little damage.

The temblor was recorded at 4:29.10 a.m. and lasted about 30 seconds, apparently centering at Hollister. The San Benito county seat, a town of 3500 residents, is located right on top of the quavering San Andreas fault and has a strong earthquake every couple of years. A smaller quake was reported at 4:57.

Here in Santa Cruz thousands of persons were awakened and lots of dishes moved about in cupboards, but there was no damage according to police reports.

Nearby Monterey bay cities also felt the quivers of the earth, but reported no damage although the Salinas fire department blamed the quake for a small fire when a chicken brooder was moved by the shaker.

Monterey and Watsonville reported no damage while the quake was felt as far south as San Lucas, about eight miles south of King City.

The Hollister Free-Lance reported cracks appeared in plaster walls of several buildings and that a big plate glass window in an electric appliance store collapsed. Several persons in the town of 3500 scampers from their homes when the shock hit and gathered in little groups afterward to discuss it.

One man in Hollister reported his refrigerator toppled over during the quake. Hardest hit was a grocery store where most of the shelves collapsed and tumbled canned goods on the floor.

Old timers at Hollister said the quake was the strongest since the "big one" of 1906 and some said the temblor was even sharper but did not last as long.

Fire Chief Howard O'Brien said damage would amount to several

Acheson Says No. Atlantic Pact Shows Determination Of West To Defend Against All Aggression

By John L. Steele
United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, March 9 (U.P.)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the North Atlantic pact makes absolutely clear the determination of the United States and its associates to defend themselves against aggression from any quarter.

In a 30-minute news conference, Acheson clearly placed responsibility for failure of the world to reach a permanent peace on the Soviet Union and its satellites.

This, he said, prompted consideration of the historic alliance now in its final stages of negotiation by eight nations.

Acheson expressed hope that the treaty could be signed during the first week in April.

He said he had expressed agreement to a suggestion that the treaty be signed in Washington. And he said that a harmonious agreement had been reached on a list of other nations to be invited to join the treaty signatories.

Acheson did not identify these other nations. But the pact negotiators have been considering inviting Italy, Denmark, Portugal and Iceland to join the pact.

The eight nations nearing agreement now are the United States, Canada, Britain, the Netherlands, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Norway.

In his review of the factors which prompted the drafting of the treaty, Acheson said five objectives and purposes had been achieved in the pact as it now stands.

He listed them as:

1. Absolute and clear determination of the United States and its associates to exercise their rights to individual and collective defense against aggression from any quarter.
2. Emphasis that all points of the treaty are harmonious with the United Nations charter.
3. A contribution to economic recovery in western Europe in that a sense of insecurity was hampering this project.
4. Establishes machinery needed to make the treaty effective.
5. Spells out the common ideas and institutions of freedom shared by the United States and western Europe.

McGranahan Gets School Contract

Kermit J. McGranahan, Santa Cruz contractor, was awarded a contract to erect a new switchboard building at the Santa Cruz high school with a low bid of \$14,994.74, at the meeting last night of the school board in the Plaza administration building, according to Homer H. Cornick, superintendent of city schools.

Second low bidder was Leonard English of Opal Cliffs at \$15,490, and third was Orlo C. Hackbarth, Santa Cruz contractor, with \$17,133.

Cornick said the new switchboard structure was necessary because electrical facilities were overloaded at the high school. The board allocated 25 per cent of the cost to new shops and the remainder to the high school.

Architect Lynn R. Duckering had estimated the work could be done for \$14,200, the superintendent said.

The school board accepted the

Knight To Speak Here Friday Night

Republicans — representing California's traditional almost century-old stronghold of Santa Cruz county—will hold a "consolation clambake" victory dinner at Deer Park tavern Friday evening, county G.

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Fire Chief Howard O'Brien said damage would amount to several thousand dollars, mostly to downtown store buildings.

Mrs. Abundio Herrera, 46, of Hollister died of a heart attack which her physician said possibly was brought on by the quake.

A total of six store windows collapsed in downtown Hollister; two chimneys tumbled and the elevator in the county court house refused to work after the quake. Police Chief McPhail refused to place an estimate on damage but said there was a "good amount of loss," mostly through breakage and damage to store merchandise.

Some buildings in town have "appreciable cracks," the police chief said, but none was considered unsafe.

The quake knocked a needle off the seismograph at the University of Santa Clara. The Rev. John A. Webber, Santa Clara seismologist, said it lasted 11 minutes on the record and apparently was centered in the Hollister region.

Santa Clara valley and peninsular communities south of San Francisco likewise felt the temblors.

Light fixtures at the RCA office and the telephone building in the center of San Francisco swayed back and forth six inches. A long distance operator, asking shakily if "there will be any more," reported switch boards "wiggled and shook like they were coming over."

Hundreds of householders living along the beach area of San Francisco were shaken awake and hastened to telephone newspaper offices, police and fire departments.

Mill Valley, in Marin county north of the Golden Gate, felt the shocks strongly, as did the east bay communities of Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland and Alameda.