

*12-15-77 Earthquake*

## ***Yes, That Really Was A Temblor***

Did you sleep through the earthquake?

Many Santa Cruz County residents did not, finding themselves awake when the "mild" earth temblor rolled through about 3:15 a.m.

The UC Berkeley Seismographic station at first reported the earthquake was of 4.2 magnitude on the Richter scale, which would have been in the "moderate" category, but this morning downgraded it to 3.9.

There were no reports of damage.

Many people reported they were inexplicably awake or awakened by the gentle, rolling motion of the earth. Jean Hamby of the Soquel School District, for example, said she asked her husband, "Did you know we're having an earthquake? 'Yeah,' he said, and went back to sleep."

The earthquake's center was about 20 miles southeast of Hollister, at or near the San Andreas fault. The Berkeley seismographic station said its intensity was much less than the underground nuclear explosion set off Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in Nevada, measured at 5.6 on the scale.

## **State Court Turns Down Petition**