

EARTHQUAKE EXTRA

\$1 Billion Damage Estimate

Major Retailers Forced to Close

By John Ketchum and Kenneth Stone

Yesterday's earthquake immediately shut down the San Francisco business community, and the impact on the local economy will continue to be felt for months.

Damage could top \$1 billion in property losses. With major arteries into San Francisco closed for an indefinite period, economic losses could climb even higher.

By way of comparison, the San Fernando earthquake of 1971 resulted in \$500 million worth of property damage, according to the Western Insurance Information Service. That quake registered 6.7 on the Richter scale.

Flying glass and lack of power forced major retailers such as Macy's and the Emporium to shut and lock their doors after evacuating shoppers and employees. One salesclerk at Macy's said a whole wall of telephones fell to the floor and broke in the fifth floor electronics department.

Bars remained open, but most restaurants closed with no way to cook food.

L. Magnin's was one of the hardest hit stores downtown, as 15 of the windows at its Union Square store shattered, littering Madison and Geary streets with glass.

Business tenants in major downtown office buildings reported major damage to the outside facades. The left face of the Mills Tower building on Bush Street collapsed.

The quake could have a negative impact on the real estate market in the Bay Area. John

perhaps \$30,000 on a \$300,000 house.

Those who don't have earthquake insurance may be covered under other policies such as fire insurance, according to David Crocker, area manager for the Western Insurance Information Service. He noted that most of the homeowners who suffered during the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in Washington state were covered under their fire insurance policies. He advised those who suffered damage from yesterday's quake, but who don't have earthquake insurance, to call their insurance agent or broker.

At the world headquarters of Allstate Insurance in Northbrook, Illinois, night supervisor Randy Ambrosini said the company was unable to reach its field representatives in the Bay Area because of downed phone lines.

The phone lines at Charles Schwab & Co.'s 24-hour customer service operation were closed shortly after the earthquake. A recording assured customers the discount stock brokerage firm's assets and its customer files are safe.

The company was attempting to restore systems last night and hoped to re-open today.

Safeway Stores said that its Bay Area supermarkets suffered little structural damage, but significant product damage. Some stores had virtually all of their food and merchandise damped on the floor.

One unconfirmed report said that the ceiling of a store in Novato collapsed, but a Safeway spokesman could not confirm that.

Safeway brought in



Wreckage of house on Scott Street at the intersection of Beach Street

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