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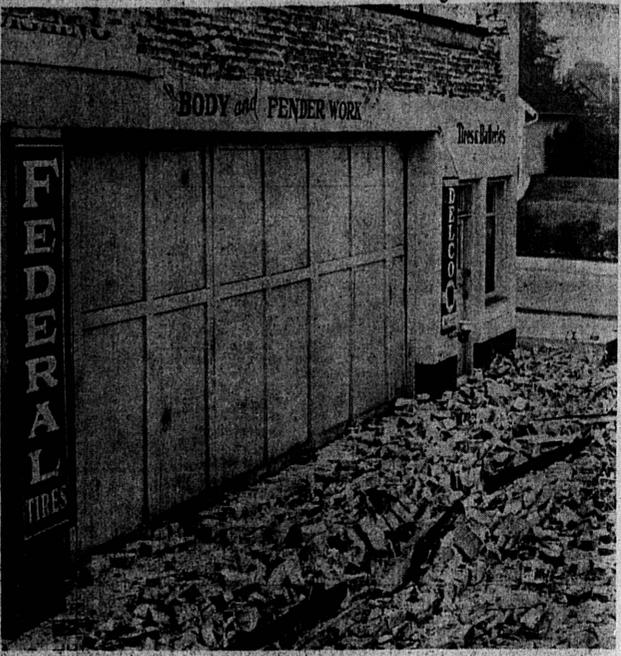
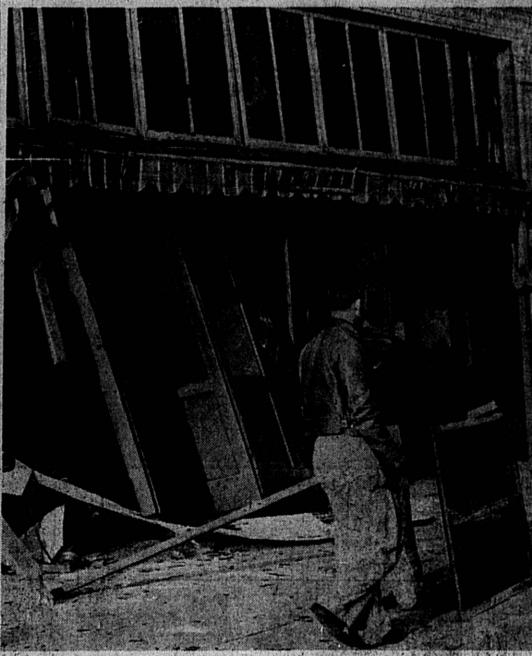
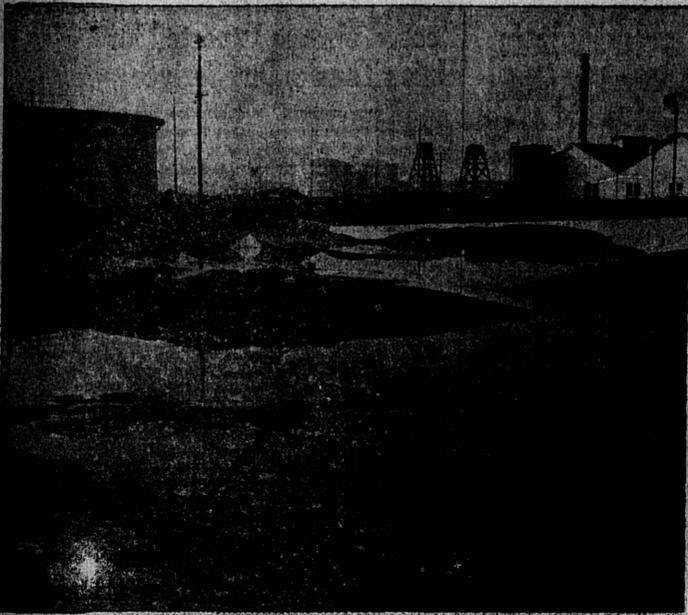
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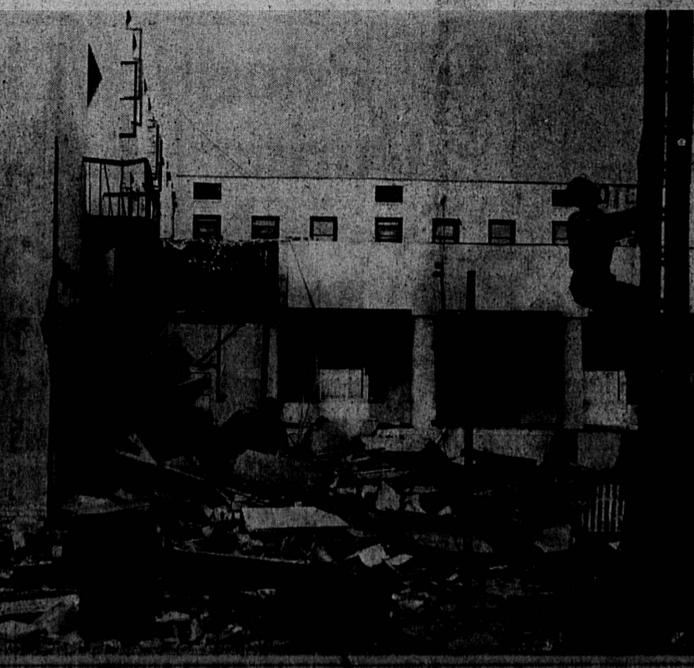
—Photo Courtesy L. B. Press-Telegram.  
**AT THE UPPER LEFT:**  
● Not all the damage was confined to buildings in Friday's quake. This 55,000-barrel oil tank of the General Petroleum Corp. at Ocean and Main sts., north of Wilmington, was destroyed by the tremor. Its black contents surged on the street, damaging a house and several passenger cars. This photo

—Photo Courtesy L. B. Press-Telegram.  
● At the left is the store front of the former A & P store on Sartori ave., bulging out from the debris-jammed interior. At the right the rubble that messed up what was left of the broken face brick and cornices at the Mullin's Auto Service at Border ave. and Torrance Blvd.  
shows the top of the tank, all cracked up.  
● Two gasoline tanks were broken in the same area and two more G. F. tanks split and cracked in Torrance, forcing the



—Photo courtesy L. A. Herald-Express.  
● A close-up view of the collapsed roof of the former A & P store building at 1331 Sartori ave shows the destruction wrought by the fire wall of the adjoining Masonic Temple when it fell in Friday morning. While the second and especially third floors of the Temple were badly damaged, the ground floor shops escaped with little loss.

● This three-story Rol-Tan Hotel was one of the hardest hit structures in Friday morning's tremors. Guests fled the 30-room building when the shocks showered bricks and cornice work to the ground. The falling rubble crashed in on the small frame barber shop at the right center of the picture and leveled it to the ground. A photo similar to this showing the barber shop ruins in detail was published by the Denver (Colo.) Post with the story of "thousands injured, dead unknown and city virtually leveled to the ground."  
—Photo courtesy L. A. Times.



### Pair of Sleepers Can't Be Bothered by Quakes

Paul Johnson, 918 Acacia ave., and John Ferguson, 2355 Sonoma ave., can claim the honors for being the best sleepers in Torrance last Friday morning, according to their friends who told The Herald that both men's wives assert they were sleeping soundly again within 10 minutes after the first quake and never even woke up when the second tremor rolled.

### Five Machines Are Quake-Casualties

If autos may be termed "quake casualties" there were five. Four, including a light truck, were damaged at the D & M Machine Shop plant at 2304 Abalone ave. when a portion of the front wall fell out over them. A car whose fenders were being repaired was also damaged when the front of the Mullin's garage at El Prado and Border ave. went out and falling brick pelted down on the hood of the machine.

### Hydril Worker Knocked Down; Lathe Moves

"It felt just like I was standing on a rubber mat that some giant was giving a good shaking," Bob Trezise, Hydril worker, said in describing the quake

at that plant. "I was thrown to the floor and I saw some of our heaviest lathes moved several feet. After the power went off we stayed, hoping the lights would come on but when they didn't all of us made a dash for home to see how our families took it."

—Photo Courtesy L. B. Press-Telegram.  
● Gardena suffered far less damage than Torrance. At the left is the wreckage of a Japanese market in the Judge Carrell building, corner of Western ave. and 166th st., Meneta. In the same picture, at the right, is another view of the razed barber shop adjoining the Rol-Tan hotel on El Prado with the Torrance Four-square Gospel church in the background. The man climbing the pole at the right is going up to inspect loose power lines.