

Sharp Quake Hits Fairbanks Last Tuesday

At 12:16 p.m. last Tuesday, a sharp earthquake rocked Fairbanks that has been estimated at about 7 on Richter Scale. Some people thought that the tremor was sharper than the one that rocked Fairbanks in June of 1967.

Mrs. Bonnie Ericsson, Tundra Times secretary, was home on her lunch hour on the 8th floor of the Northward apartment building when the quake hit.

"My cat went into fits," she said. "My TV started to fall over but I caught it before it hit the floor. That building really swayed something terrible. And now they're telling us there'll be aftershocks for months in the future."

The Chena Building, where the Tundra Times offices are located, bucked, rocked, and creaked. It started to rock from east to west as if riding ocean waves for a few seconds and stopped rocking when the tremors apparently shifted.

The quake was said to be at the Baldry Mountains some 80 miles west of Fairbanks.

The residents of Manley Hot Springs, about 20 miles south of the apparent epicenter of the quake, reported that the upheaval was "very sharp."

The villages of Tanana, Nenana, and others reported that although the quake was sharp, there was no damage although items fell to the floor in a Nenana store.

Some stores in Fairbanks also reported that some merchandise toppled to the floor.