

Spill Inside Bay Mostly Contained

Formal Hearing On Oil Spill

By Jack Viets

The Commandant of the Coast Guard last night ordered a formal hearing into the causes of the collision of two Standard Oil tankers Monday which caused the massive oil spill into San Francisco Bay.

Admiral Chester R. Bender issued the convening order from Washington after a one-man hearing here became indefinitely recessed because of a collision between government and conservation forces.

Bender's order named Captain Joseph E.

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Big Patch Outside The Gate

By George Murphy

The Great Oil Spill was reported yesterday to have been contained and cut down within San Francisco Bay.

Off the ocean shore, about eight miles west of the Golden Gate, a finger-like patch of oil, about three miles wide, floated serenely, held there by tides running southward from Point Reyes and northward from the Gate.

Inside the Bay, the Coast Guard said, "major concentrations" of oil have been removed. But, it added, there were numerous shoreline concentrations on Angel Island, part of Treasure Island, Tiburon, and the San Francisco Marina.

The oil spill, however, by last night had caused the deaths of countless waterfowl — the number could not be determined, but was sure to run into the thousands.

REACTION

The spill, caused by the collision just outside the Gate early Monday morning of two Standard Oil Co. of California tankers, brought reaction on governmental fronts.

San Francisco Mayor Joseph P. Alioto, in Washington, received a promise that a team of experts from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would be dispatched here for a first-hand review of the spill.

The team was due to arrive here last night, John De Luca, the Mayor's executive secretary, said.

The spill situation along the San Mateo Coastside was reported as being "somewhat better" yesterday than it was on Tuesday, but there were warnings that oil on the Bay side of San Mateo county might reach down to beaches at Coyote Point early today.

The beach at Linda Mar was expected to be cleared of oil and oil-soaked straw by

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Interns to Strike At S. F. General

By David Perlman
Science Correspondent

The young doctors at San Francisco General Hospital announced yesterday they will walk out on strike this morning to demand better care for their patients.

The doctors, all of them interns at the sprawling and antiquated city institution, contend that facilities and personnel are inadequate; that ward conditions are bad, and that mismanagement is rife.

Huge Muni Deficit Predicted

By Jerry Burns

San Francisco's Municipal Railway — already deeply mired in red ink — is going to suffer its largest deficit in history in the next fiscal year, the general manager reported yesterday.

John M. Woods told the Public Utilities Commission that the Muni deficit, which will be \$18.6 million in this fiscal year, will jump to a record \$21 million in 1971-72.

The enormous deficit — which is the amount that Muni costs exceed its revenues — must be made up out of property taxes.

Woods' not surprising report came shortly before the Commission unanimously approved a budget of nearly \$96.2 million for operation of the Muni, the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, the Water Department, the Bureau of Light, Heat and Power and the operation of its general office.

If approved by the mayor
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As they announced their strike, hospital administrators, senior physicians and city officials gathered for an emergency meeting to cope with the walkout.

The six and one-half hour meeting ended shortly before midnight, and discussions will continue today, according to Dr. Francis Curry, city health director.

"It's our understanding that some of the interns will not show up for work — how many, we don't know," Dr. Curry said after the meeting.

The hospital now houses about 565 patients, most of them indigent, and both the striking interns and the administration pledged that care would continue without endangering the safety of the patients.

TRAINING

There are 63 interns at the hospital. These are doctors who were graduated from medical school last June and are now serving their first year as physicians in training.

They are paid \$8300 a year and they perform many basic medical staff functions in wards, operating rooms and emergency services. According to members of their newly-created "Interns Association" they work from 63 to 100 or more hours a week.

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tomorrow; authorities there said. "Several hundred" dead waterfowl have been found along the Coastside.

A spokesman for the Sixth Army said soldiers from the Presidio of San Francisco have been joining in the anti-spill effort.

Members of "D" Company of the 339th Engineer Battalion have been working on the beaches since Monday, the spokesman said.

MEETING

The Sausalito City Council will hold an emergency meeting at noon today at Campbell Hall, San Carlos and Santa Rosa streets, to which Standard of California officials have been invited.

The ecological status of the Bolinas Lagoon, home of the blue heron and the egret, was tentatively listed as "saved" late yesterday, but another tide early today could change its delicate balance.

Pacific Telephone installed emergency phone units in

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Marin County, in Richmond and in San Francisco, as well as aiding the company's Pioneers' ham radio club set up radio units at Bolinas, Tiburon and other areas where telephone communications are limited.

BOOM

The Berkeley Yacht Harbor was closed to boat traffic when a boom was strung across its entrance.

Brooks Island, off Point Richmond, reported its beaches had been slightly stained by oil, and the Red Rock Yacht Harbor at Point Richmond said a "heavy" oil slick has stained some 100 boats.

At the Sausalito Yacht Harbor oil was seen on the hulls of 200 of the about 600 boats moored there.

Acting Mayor of San Francisco Robert Mendelsohn said that vessels with "hazardous cargo" should not be allowed to leave port under conditions of low visibility. (The Standard tankers collided in a zero-visibility fog.)

ATTORNEY

City Attorney Thomas O'Connor, flanking Mendelsohn at a press conference, said the city does not contemplate a lawsuit against Standard as long as the oil company pays for any damage done to city property.

From Washington, Mayor Alioto said, "I have urged the Administration and the Congress to act immediately on legislation which would help prevent a re-occurrence of this ecological tragedy.

"I am hopeful from our conversations today that the Congress and the Administration recognize now how vitally important these proposed laws would be to the safety of our ships and the protection of our Bay and harbor environment."

ACTION

The Mayor said he has been pledged "renewed and intense action on an immediate basis" from the Coast Guard and the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee's California members.

He will meet today with the Committee's California members.

Alioto urged passage of pending legislation which would give the Coast Guard control — much as have Federal Air Traffic Controllers over aircraft — of ships entering inland waters, and "bridge-to-bridge" communications between ships in such water.

Congressman William S. Mailliard (Rep-S.F.) co-authored two bills last year calling for these measures.

"I have every intention of reintroducing both bills in the 92nd (1971) Congress and hope for favorable action in view of the now clearly demonstrated need for greater safety measures in this field," Mailliard said yesterday.