

## Bay Battle

# Oil Cleanup Is Progressing-- The Tide Helps

By George Murphy

The troubled waters of San Francisco Bay have less oil in them, Standard Oil Co. said yesterday.

The company reported that its "preliminary estimate" of the amount of bunker fuel spilled into the bay — and later, in part, swept back out to the Pacific north and south of the Golden Gate — was 840,000 gallons.

## BCDC Approves Last Link in Marin Bike Path

Without a dissenting vote, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission yesterday agreed to allow fill to complete the missing link in the Marin bicycle path.

The bikeway now runs from San Francisco to Mill Valley, but with a gap just north of Sausalito where the cyclist has no alternative but to ride on the U.S. 101 freeway, which is illegal.

The link will be forged by filling a six-foot-wide strip running for 450 feet along the Richardson Bay shore, the Commission was told. The pedestrian and bicycle path, partly on the fill and partly on existing shoreline, will be a mile long.

## Busy Roads To Bolinas, Stinson

By Scott Thurber

The Stinson Beach-Bolinas area was bluntly discouraging tourism yesterday.

The region was already overpopulated — by an abundance of volunteer beach-cleaners and bird-rescuers — and the narrow, winding roads into the area were clogged by heavy trucks as well as an above-normal procession of cars.

The trucks were part of a fleet of heavy equipment moved into the area by Standard Oil Co. of California on Wednesday to clean the beaches of oil from the big spill created by a collision early Monday between two of the company's tankers.

**VOLUNTEER**  
Until the equipment got there, most of these chores had been performed in traditional back-breaking manner by volunteer workers.

Tuesday and Wednesday, both areas reported that hundreds of volunteers — those involved in the beach cleanup, the so-far successful effort to keep oil out of Bolinas lagoon, and the rescue and cleanup of oil-soaked birds — had flocked to the area, worked, and slept where they could — mostly on public beaches.

Officials and citizens alike said traffic was clogged in both small communities and the roads getting there — but that seemed to be the major problem.

Stinson Beach State Park was formally closed to traffic "until further notice" — meaning its copious parking areas were off-limits. And Supervisor Robert J. Carlson said "we're discouraging walk-ins, too — to keep the beach clear for all this heavy equipment."

**CROWD**  
A sheriff's department spokesman said "we have a few extra men out there because of the crowd control problem" which he said, as of yesterday, was "not extraordinary — no worse than a summer weekend."

Bolinas Lagoon remained free from major intrusions of oil yesterday. Some oil was reported on mostly-inaccessible beaches at the lower end of the Point Reyes National Seashore, but Superintendent John S. Smith saw no threat to wildlife-rich Estero and heavily-used beaches farther north.

Persons wishing to join the volunteers in the beach areas were asked to first inquire about needs, and arrange transportation, by calling the Marin Ecology Center in Mill Valley at 383-6161, 383-4371 or 383-4228.

Of that amount, some 336,000 gallons have been recovered from the water and from beaches since the great oil spill occurred at 1:45 a.m. Monday one quarter-mile west of the Golden Gate Bridge, when the tankers Arizona Standard and Oregon Standard collided.

### REVISION

Standard Oil said its figures "may be subject to revision."

The Coast Guard said on Monday the spillage could run between 500,000 and 1.9 million gallons, and yesterday said it did not have adequate information to pin down the actual amount, or to confirm Standard Oil's figures.

But it appeared that tidal action was helping to dissipate the damage to waterfowl and beaches.

There were still oil stained beaches both in the bay and along the coast, but things were looking up.

### PACIFICA

In Pacifica, Director of Parks, Beaches and Recreation Dick Burton said the situation was "very good" — along Linda Mar Beach.

An oil slick in the Pacific moved northward toward Point Reyes, but, as of late yesterday, was not threatening Drake's Estero, a wildlife refuge there.

Bolinas Lagoon, another wildlife preserve, has apparently been spared ecological damage.

In Washington today Mayor Joseph L. Alioto will meet with California members of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

### MAILLIARD

One of these members, Congressman William S. Mailliard (Rep.-S.F.), told The Chronicle yesterday the meeting will "probably be to discuss possible legislation aimed at preventing such occurrences as Monday's."

Mailliard had introduced two bills in last year's Congressional session — neither of which passed — calling for Coast Guard control of shipping in inland waters and "bridge-to-bridge" radio communication on vessels in those waters.

"I would hope the bills will be passed this session," Mailliard said yesterday.

In Sausalito, a meeting called by the City Council was attended by oil company representatives, a Coast Guard spokesman and San Francisco Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn (the acting mayor) and State Senator Peter Behr.

### AGREEMENT

While the meeting rambled for some 90 minutes, agreement was finally reached that the agencies involved support Mailliard's port safety proposals.

The Coast Guard's formal marine board of investigation into the collision — a procedure generally reserved for marine disasters — will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate avenue.

While neither master of the vessels involved is a member of the San Francisco Bay Bar Pilots Association, a Standard Oil spokesman noted that each is federally licensed by the Coast Guard to pilot his vessel through the Golden Gate.

### INVESTIGATORS

A special investigating team from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency



By Art Frisch

Oil-soaked straw stretched along Ocean Beach to the vicinity of the Cliff House

arrived here yesterday to "assist the Coast Guard in locating and detecting areas of oil contamination," a spokesman said.

Standard Oil took newsmen on a two and one-half hour helicopter tour of most of the

affected area yesterday.

Jules E. Mayer, superintendent of the Light Oil Division of Standard's Richmond refinery, said that "in a couple of days we'll have it 85 per cent cleaned up, and 95 per cent within a week."

The remaining 5 per cent, Mayer said after the helicopter tour, will take "four to five weeks, because people are just going to have to go in there to tidal pools and literally carry it (the oil globules) out."

## Praise for the Oil Fighters

O.N. Miller, board chairman of Standard Oil of California, expressed his company's "warm appreciation" yesterday for the volunteer work of Bay Area citizens in helping to clean up the great oil spill.

"We are doing, and will continue to do, everything that is necessary to restore

the bay and the beaches to their normal condition," Miller said.

"It is going to take some days to clean up the major part of the spill, and probably several weeks before every sign of the spill is finally erased," he said.

In Sacramento, Governor Ronald Reagan praised those

who worked as volunteers. "They acted swiftly and unselfishly to help repair the damage and rescue the wildlife that were the unfortunate victims of this accident."

"As governor, I want to express my thanks and my deep pride in all those who have contributed their time, their talent and their labor to this magnificent effort."

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