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Ships Collide in Bay — Massive Oil Spill

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Hundreds of men in crews along the shoreline and in ships fought to contain a massive oil spill spreading over San Francisco Bay after two

Standard Oil tankers collided in dense fog early today

The record leakage for a Bay spill, was variously estimated at a half-million to 1.9 million gallons, possibly larger than the Santa Barbara spill of 1969

The Coast Guard said the total spillage might approach two million gallons from two ruptured cargo tanks on one of the ships. The total spillage at Santa Barbara was estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey at 420,000 gallons, with

some other official sources estimating it at 800,000 gallons. Each ship had 110,000 barrels of oil aboard

Before sunrise, small craft loaded with equipment were rushed to the scene to begin mopping up the oil slick. This included boom-like floating devices that act like dams and prevent the oil from spreading

The inbound Arizona Standard knifed 40 feet of its bow into the outbound Oregon Standard, according to the Coast Guard

They "fused" together and drifted, finally coming to anchor a half mile west of Angel Island

There were no injuries and neither ship was in danger of sinking

The Coast Guard closed Raccoon Straits between Angel Island and Tiburon

The ships were separated at about 9 a.m. and the Arizona Standard proceeded under her own steam to Point Orient, in Richmond. The Oregon Standard remained near Angel Island

The ships, sisters built at Portland, Ore., in 1944, are rated at 17,000 gross tons, and are 523 feet long

The Coast Guard's only explanation for the collision was a terse "fog." Ships routinely use radar while moving in and out of the Bay, and the Coast Guard maintains a 24-hour radar surveillance of the harbor entrance

The Coast Guard reported it saw the two ships on its radar screen just before the collision at 1:45 a.m. "The Arizona Standard was advised there was another ship in the immediate area," a spokesman said. "The Oregon Standard was not advised for reasons that have not been determined."

At least four oil compartments aboard the Oregon were ruptured by the bow of the Arizona impaled its side

Six Coast Guard vessels and
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Gaping hole in tanker Oregon Standard; floating boom pens in oil

RECORD QUANTITY OF BUNKER FUEL SPILLED BY VESSELS
Oil slick spreads over Bay toward Sausalito

Fog Halts 2 Eastbay Crashes Bay Area Air Travel

Thick, soupy fog shut down airports from San Jose to Sacramento for nearly eight hours and slowed ground traffic to a crawl

As the fog lifted, skies cleared for a time, but the forecast called for a chance of rain tonight and tomorrow

At San Francisco and Metropolitan Oakland International Airports alone an estimated 150 flights were stalled on the ground as the airports were socked in. Incoming planes were diverted to Reno

Clearing was spotty and slow. Departures were allowed from San Francisco International by mid-morning, but no incoming flights were allowed. Oakland International remained below minimum visibility for both arrivals and departures even longer

The ground-hugging fog, which developed during the night as moist warm air flowed over wet ground, was not expected to be repeated although a different type of fog might accompany the anticipated rain the weather service said

The entire state enjoyed temperatures ranging from mild in the north to downright torrid in the south where Los Angeles had a record breaking 90 degrees yesterday

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2 Eastbay Crashes Kill 4, Injure 4

Four persons, including an off-duty Hayward policeman and his wife, were killed and four others are in critical condition from separate automobile accidents yesterday in Richmond and Pleasanton

The Hayward policeman and his wife were fatally injured in an automobile accident on Bernal Avenue near Pleasanton Avenue in Pleasanton

Killed were James T. Hussey, 37, of 218 Goodwin St., Hayward, an off-duty policeman on the Hayward police

force, and his wife, Barbara, 28

Another off-duty Hayward policeman, Edward T. Hill Jr., 31, a passenger in the car driven by Hussey, received multiple injuries and is in critical condition at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore

Hill, of 4632 Corday Court, Pleasanton, has been on the police force for five years

The California Highway Patrol said the accident oc-

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HAYWARD POLICEMAN JAMES HUSSEY KILLED
Wife Barbara, also died in Pleasanton auto crash

Grim Fight To Overcome A Gunman

Two San Francisco plainclothesmen, locked in a deadly wrestling match with a gunman today, got no response to a call for assistance from other officers and their plea was ignored by two passersby who told them: "That's your problem, baby."

The officers said the only thing that kept the revolver from discharging was that one of the officers kept his hand locked around the cylinder during the struggle

The incident began at 9:50 a.m. when officers Robert Peterson, 35, and Carl C. Klotz, 31, of the Portrero Hill District undercover burglary detail were touring the 100 block of Dakota Street in an unmarked car

They saw two men in a Cadillac and stopped it to question one of them who they said resembled a burglary suspect

While they were talking to the driver of the car, Peterson said, the passenger, Isaiah Mobley, 25, of 1527 LaSalle St., got out of the car and started to edge away

Peterson said Mobley appeared to have something in the pocket of his jacket and that when he approached Mobley the man whipped out a gun and stuck it in Peterson's stomach

He was trying to pull the trigger Peterson said Klotz jumped in and grabbed the cylinder of the revolver to keep it from turning and therefore from firing

Sometime during the wrestling match which the officers said lasted seven minutes, one of them managed to

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Soviets Vow Full Support of Egypt

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The Soviet Union, in the strongest stand yet taken in the Middle East crisis, pledged full and complete material aid to Egypt in the event of another war with Israel

Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny, who is on an official visit, declared his country will replace Egypt's "material losses" if a new conflict breaks out and also will improve living conditions in the Arab nation

A cheering crowd of 5,000 shipyard workers in Alexandria heard his pledge that Russia would "bear any material losses to help Egypt in its fight"

Podgorny, speaking at the steel sheet rolling mill in the industrial complex in Helwan, which is the second largest

NEW YORK AP — Three big New York banks trimmed their prime lending rate today by another one-fourth of one per cent to 6 per cent and several smaller banks elsewhere quickly followed their lead

Major banks had cut the rate charged on loans to their biggest corporate borrowers to 6 1/2 per cent from 6 3/4 per cent only last Friday

If today's reduction in the rates general it will be the third cut this month

The latest move was made by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., Chase Manhattan Bank and Chemical Bank, both of New York, went along with another

In San Francisco, Crocker-Citizens Bank reduced its rate to 6 per cent effective immediately and in Los Angeles Union Bank and Manufacturers Bank took similar action

The sliding prime rate is expected by financial observers

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PRESSURE Bethlehem Reduces Its Price Boost

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Bethlehem Steel Corp., bowing to White House pressure and competition from U.S. Steel Corp. today announced a "substantial cutback" in its proposed price increases in the price of steel

Bethlehem, in rolling back announced last Saturday by U.S. Steel and duplicated in most instances by Kaiser Steel yesterday

Both U.S. Steel and Kaiser said rising costs and unsatisfactory earnings made the best necessary

The White House applauded the decrease in U.S. Steel

The original Bethlehem price increase of \$6 to \$12 a ton met steel industry criticism. President Nixon, who had threatened to voluntarily restrain steel imports to the United States, said the industry had to be "flexible"

Bethlehem said today the price increase would be cut to \$8 to \$12 a ton

Minutes after Bethlehem announced the rollback Lukens Steel said it also was cutting prices to meet the Bethlehem cut

U.S. Steel says it will cut prices to meet the Bethlehem cut

The price cut is expected to be announced by Bethlehem Steel to

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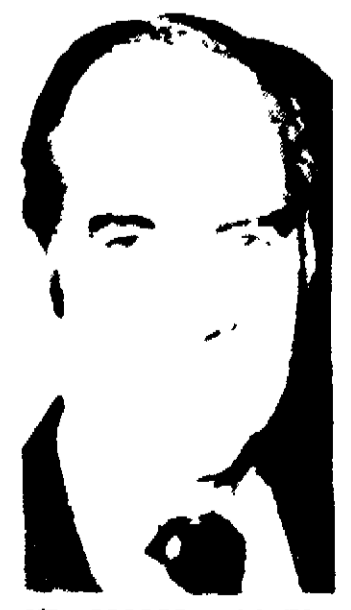
McGovern Bids for Presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Sen. George S. McGovern, son of a prairie preacher, made his early-bird presidential bid official today, promising to appeal to America's "better angels"

The kind of campaign I intend to run will rest on candor and reason," said the South Dakota senator, a strong liberal and early critic of the Vietnam war. "That kind of campaign takes time. And that is why I am making this announcement far ahead of the traditional date"

McGovern, the first office holder of the 1972 presidential year, is currently in the state of South Dakota, where he has hundreds of thousands of votes and 27,000 votes in campaign contributions. He is scheduled an afternoon

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