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People dotted San Francisco's Ocean Beach yesterday, casting hay into the oily surf, then forking it on to the beach where it was gathered for disposal

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Demos Drop Kennedy as Senate Whip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats deposed Edward M. Kennedy as party whip today, as the 92nd Congress convened to face old problems and an ambitious agenda of new proposals promised by President Nixon.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, a conservative from West Virginia, was elected whip, or assistant Senate Democratic leader, in a major opening-day surprise.

He defeated Kennedy, who had held the job for two years, 31 to 24, in a secret ballot at the Democratic caucus.

Senate Republicans re-elected Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania as minority leader, 24 to 20, over the challenge of Sen. Howard Baker Jr. of Tennessee. It was Baker's second attempt to take over the top GOP Senate job.

In the House, meanwhile, Rep. Carl Albert, D-Okla., was elected speaker, succeeding John W. McCormack, D-Mass., who retired last year.

Albert's election was by the customary party vote, with Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., the Republican leader, running second. The vote was 250 for Albert and 176 for Ford.

Kennedy's defeat in the race for whip dealt a major blow to whatever prospects remained that he might eventually emerge as a candidate for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination.

The senator himself had said he would not run for president next year, renouncing any White House race after the fatal 1968 Chappaquiddick Island automobile accident that killed a young secretary.

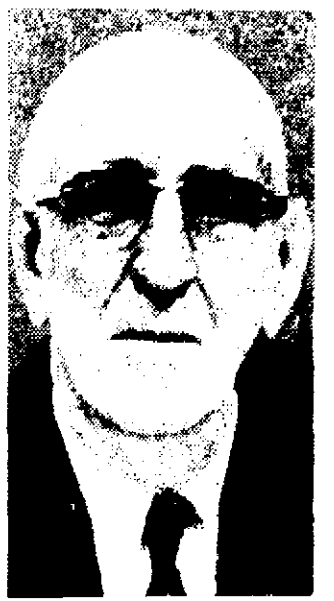
Byrd never announced his candidacy for whip. Instead, he simply went to the Democratic caucus with a vestful of votes, and scored his startling upset.

"I learned a long time ago that as long as you don't know how to lose—you don't deserve to win," said Kennedy, congratulating Byrd.

"You can add the wins and losses over-all. I still think I'm ahead," Kennedy said. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, re-elected without opposition, said he believed Byrd's diligence on the Senate floor during the last Congress was an important factor in the outcome.

Byrd spent hours in the floor in his role as No. 3 Democrat.

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SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL In Senate since 1933

Russell, Senate Dean, Dies

Compiled from AP and UPI

WASHINGTON—Richard B. Russell, a commanding figure in the Senate through five decades, died today after a prolonged illness. He was 73.

The Georgia Democrat was dean of the Senate, chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee and senior member of the equally influential Armed Services Committee, which he once headed. He died on the opening day of the 92nd Congress—the first opening day he had missed since coming to the Senate in 1933.

Russell was the acknowledged elder statesman of the Senate's senior bloc and because of his seniority of service was president pro tem of the Senate—a post which placed him third in line for succession to the presidency of the United States.

Russell's office said he died from "respiratory insufficiency" due to pulmonary difficulty.

He died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he had been hospitalized since Dec. 8 with a lower respiratory infection complicated by chronic emphysema. His condition took a turn for the worse early yesterday.

In 1969, doctors discovered that Russell had a malignant lung tumor, but the condition was arrested by a series of cobalt radioactive treatments.

Quietly and modestly, Russell was acknowledged as one of the Senate's most forceful debaters and a master of parliamentary strategy. For years, he led the Senate's efforts to bring the Vietnam war to a halt.

He was born in Plains, Ga., and served in the U.S. Army during World War I.

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SEN. ROBERT C. BYRD A vestful of votes

Truman, 86, Stricken, Rushed to Hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Dwight D. Truman, 86, was stricken with a heart ailment and rushed to a hospital today, a spokesman said. The president was taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., after suffering a sudden attack of chest pain while in the White House. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance and is expected to remain there for several days. The attack occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. today. Truman has a long history of heart problems and has been hospitalized several times in the past. He is currently recovering from a heart attack that occurred in 1969. The president's condition is being closely monitored by medical staff at the hospital. He is expected to be discharged within a few days. The White House is providing no further details at this time. The president's absence from the White House is expected to last several days. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is expected to assume the duties of the president during this time. The attack occurred while Truman was in the White House. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance. The president's condition is being closely monitored by medical staff at the hospital. He is expected to be discharged within a few days. The White House is providing no further details at this time. The president's absence from the White House is expected to last several days. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is expected to assume the duties of the president during this time. The attack occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. today. Truman has a long history of heart problems and has been hospitalized several times in the past. He is currently recovering from a heart attack that occurred in 1969. The president's condition is being closely monitored by medical staff at the hospital. He is expected to be discharged within a few days. The White House is providing no further details at this time. The president's absence from the White House is expected to last several days. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is expected to assume the duties of the president during this time.

Winning the Bay Cleanup Fight

By JIM AMES Tribune Staff Writer

Standard Oil, helped by hundreds of volunteers, appears to be getting the upper hand in its fight to wash San Francisco Bay.

An aerial survey by the Coast Guard yesterday revealed that major concentrations of oil were no longer in evidence.

James Keating, Standard's man in charge of clean-up operations, said yesterday afternoon "only a small fraction" of the oil spilled in the Bay still remains — he estimated five to 10 per cent. Still unclear, however, and Keating himself conceded he

didn't know the answer, is how much of this oil was cleaned up and how much was swept out the Golden Gate into the ocean.

Black concentrations of the thick goo were still lying offshore along a stretch of beach extending from Pacifica to Point Reyes.

The Coast Guard said the major concentrations outside the bay consisted of a two to three mile wide belt of oil extending 10 miles into the ocean, plus the oil which spread along the coast.

Inside the bay, said the Coast Guard, the major shoreline impact was in areas from the Golden Gate Bridge to Army Street in San Francisco, near Tiburon and Angel Island, on the west side of Treasure Island and from Sausalito to the Golden Gate Bridge.

A private aerial observer noted streaks of oil in the Oakland Estuary and off San Francisco Airport.

Keating said there was also some oil in the Richmond Harbor area.

A preliminary figure issued by Standard Oil shows that about 840,000 gallons of oil were lost Monday from the ruptured tanker Oregon Standard in San Francisco Bay.

The company estimated that about 336,000 gallons have been skimmed and vacuumed off the water or removed from beaches in the Bay and outside the Golden Gate.

State Sen. Peter Bonta, who visited a 10-mile stretch of the Richmond Harbor area, said the damage to Bay wildlife was less than feared because wild and feral birds moved out of the area.

A 300-foot-long oil slick was found against the coast of California in San Francisco Bay, Superior Court Judge

gene Schoenfeld, author of the syndicated column "Dr. Hipocrates," and Peter Vihon, a boat owner.

Schoenfeld, of Stinson Beach, said he represents owners of property damaged by the spill and Vihon, boat owners so affected.

The lawsuit is a class action in which others are expected to join, said attorney Vasilius B. Choules.

It claims that Standard Oil "wantonly, recklessly and maliciously" failed to make expenditures for radar equipment, lighting, warning devices, personnel and equipment that would have prevented the collision between the company's two tankers.

Another suit, filed in San Francisco Superior Court yesterday, lists total damages of \$343,425 to boats in the San Francisco Yacht Harbor.

The suit was filed by attorney Peter M. Newlin on behalf of himself, six other named boat owners and all other boat owners in the harbor. They estimate the damage to the hulls of the boats at \$15 per foot and estimate the total footage of all craft in the yacht harbor at 22,895 feet.

The men said their vessel suffered stains on the hull, fittings and moorings and they also had loss of the use of the vessel, causing the \$2,000 in damage.

A large skimmer was heading for Stinson Beach from Santa Barbara to help clean up the concentration of oil on the ocean there.

Keating said efforts to block oil from entering Bolinas Lagoon

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thus giving the total damages. Three men who own a 21-foot motor vessel moored in the Bay filed a suit in U.S. District Court in San Francisco yesterday claiming \$2,000 damage from the oil spill.

The class action was filed on behalf of 4,800 boat owners, who, if this suit established liability by Standard Oil, would not have to prove liability again but might have to go to court to establish specific damages.

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'No Legal Standing' for Sierra Club in Hearing

The Sierra Club has "no legal standing" for direct participation in the expanded Coast Guard hearing into the collision of two Standard Oil Company tankers that caused a massive oil spill in the Bay Area, the chief of the Coast Guard said today.

Adm. C. R. Bender, commandant of the Coast Guard, said the Sierra Club and other such interested parties would be invited to observe the formal marine board investigation and would have the privilege of submitting questions in writing to the hearing officer for possible use in the investigation.

The Coast Guard hearing has been expanded from a "liability hearing" to a "marine board of investigation," a more extensive, formal probe

usually reserved for major sea disasters.

A three-man board headed by Capt. Joseph E. Gould, chief of merchant marine safety of the 12th Coast Guard district, will conduct the hearing.

Aiding him will be Capt. C. T. Newman of the Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Lt. Cmdr. Roy E. Nichols Jr., senior investigator of the Coast Guard's marine inspection office in San Francisco.

Time and place of the hearing was expected to be announced today.

The decision to expand the investigation came after the Sierra Club and other conservation-minded organiza-

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Indochina Policy Vexes Mansfield

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield said today Congress must maintain even greater vigilance than before over U.S. activities in Southeast Asia. He said the Administration has been too flexible in its handling of the Vietnam war. Mansfield said he would introduce legislation to limit the president's power to commit troops to combat without the approval of Congress. He said the war in Indochina "is not a domestic matter" and that the president should not have the power to establish a permanent military presence in the region. He said the war is a "strategic matter" and that Congress should have a say in the decision. He said the war is a "strategic matter" and that Congress should have a say in the decision. He said the war is a "strategic matter" and that Congress should have a say in the decision.

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Cambodians Dance, Cheer As Key Pass Is Captured

Joyous Shouts of 'Chhayo!' After Communist Encirclement Broken

Reds Hit Nixon, Charge Delay

By RAYMOND LAWRENCE Foreign News Analyst

PHNOM PENH (UPI) — Cambodian troops broke through Communist encirclement and charged up the slopes of Chhng Nea Pass today, capturing it with 200 soldiers. They danced and cheered their victory and raised their hands in the air.

The pass, a key route to the north, was captured after a three-day battle. The Cambodians said they had killed 100 Communist soldiers.

The capture of the pass is a major victory for the Cambodians. It has broken the Communist encirclement of Phnom Penh.

scrambling to the roof of the palace where they raised the red, white and blue Cambodian flag, said Col. N. N. Chhng Nea, commander of the Cambodian forces.

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They plan to continue their advance northward, said a spokesman. The capture of the pass is a major victory for the Cambodians. It has broken the Communist encirclement of Phnom Penh.

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