

# Winning the Bay Cleanup Fight



DEAD DUCK LIES IN A POOL OF OIL  
Bird washed ashore on San Mateo County beach

## Onlooker Status For Sierra Club

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tions succeeded yesterday morning in delaying a routine hearing before Commander Nichols.

Frederic Fisher, attorney for the Sierra Club, told Nichols that Monday's tanker collision caused "a major crisis and marine catastrophe, yet there is no one here to represent the public interest."

Fisher asked to be allowed to take part in the inquiry, but was refused by the hearing officer. However, Nichols then recessed the hearing to permit Fisher to appeal to the

Commandant of the Coast Guard.

A short time later, Adm. Mark A. Whalen, commander of the 12th Coast Guard District, said he was recommending the three-man board of investigation. The approval and formal order came last night from Coast Guard Commandant in Washington.

Fisher told newsmen that statutes on marine disaster hearings permit participation by "any other party of interest" while noting that there is no precedent for conservation groups appearing at such hearings.

He said that such groups as the Sierra Club and the Save San Francisco Bay Association are interested in both the cause and the result of the collision. He charged that Standard Oil Co. took a calculated risk in having tankers pass through the Golden Gate in poor weather conditions.

Witnesses ready to appear at yesterday's hearing and who probably will take part in the formal investigation were officers and crewmen of the two Standard Oil Co. tankers involved—the Oregon Standard and the Arizona Standard—including Morris E. English, master of the Oregon; Harry H. Parnell, master of the Arizona; Eugene P. Kaba, helmsman of the Arizona; and R.F. French, helmsman of the Oregon.

## Handicapped Canvassing For Supplies

The 125 students at the Charles A. Whitton School for the Physically Handicapped have launched a one-day campaign to collect supplies to help in the massive Bay Area bird cleaning campaign.

Carl Carter, principal of the school at 3031 East 18th St., said the students, whose ages range from 3 to 21, tonight will collect supplies in their neighborhoods.

The school has supplied detailed instructions as to what is needed, including rags, mineral and vegetable oil, corn meal, wash tubs, bird cages, hand soap and first aid items.

He said the students will canvass their neighborhoods for the materials, some working alone and some accompanied by their parents.

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goon still were not completely successful.

The volunteer force at Bolinas confirmed this and criticized Standard.

"We waited around all night" for help promised from the company, said Peter Warshall, 27, a Harvard-trained ecologist.

He said members of a nearby hippie commune finally strung 20 telephone poles across the mouth of the lagoon and packed them with hay and burlap bags.

But oil spilled over the barrier Tuesday night and into the lagoon, a primary source of food for many birds.

Further north at Point Reyes, Sue Small, a secretary in the U.S. Park Service office, said more than 1,000 volunteers, many of them women and children, showed up to help.

She said the oil, which first reached the southern tip of the national seashore Tuesday, was spreading north and a large slick was off the Double Point seal rookery.

The effort to save thousands of birds fouled by the oil was bringing so many volunteers that some had to be turned away.

The number of birds rescued by volunteers and turned over to the State Fish and Game Department passed the 1,000 mark yesterday.

The cleaned birds were showing a much higher rate of survival than was experienced in previous oil spill disasters. Only six deaths were reported among 364 birds which were treated at the San Francisco SPCA.

At Pacifica, City Manager Jim Swayne said the heavy oil that blackened the beaches Tuesday was coming in smaller amounts yesterday.

Pillar Point Breakway, below Pacifica, was apparently the farthest south the oil spread.

He said Standard Oil had 70 men working Tuesday night and they cleaned up the beach along Pacifica. "This morning they deposited a check for \$7,500 with the city to cover some of its expenses," said Swayne.

Standard Oil Board Chairman O. N. Miller gave assurances that the oil spilled into the bay will be cleaned up.

"It is our promise to the people of the Bay Area that this will be done," he said, "and we ask their continued

cooperation while this work is being carried out."

"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. "We are doing, and will continue to do, everything that is necessary to restore the Bay and the beaches to their normal condition."

Keating said that of the oil that stays in the Bay, "we will get a high proportion, three-fourths to 90 per cent."

"Of the fraction that has gone to sea, a smaller percent-

## Numbers for Volunteer Phone Calls

In response to hundreds of phone calls, the Coast Guard has set up three telephone numbers for persons wishing to help wash birds, clean beaches or report oil concentrations.

Volunteers interested in washing oil from water birds should call 557-0411 for information on the nearest bird collection station.

Those interested in cleaning oil-smudged beaches should call 232-1514.

And persons with information about oil concentrations should call 765-6603.

any target in Cambodia, officials said yesterday in elaborating on remarks made by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird at a news conference.

Meanwhile, it was learned in Saigon U.S. advisers and South Vietnamese officers are traveling together on command helicopters in Cambodia, occasionally setting foot on the ground.

Sources familiar with South Vietnamese troop movements said U.S. advisers usually spend no more than 10 or 15 minutes on the ground, landing only for a briefing or for map coordination.

Defense Department spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim refused comment on the report. He said earlier in the week there were no U.S. advisers in Cambodia, in the air or on the ground.

Spilling oil into the San Francisco Bay area, Laird said yesterday. "There are certain protections and procedures that are in place, and they are being followed," he said.

Officials said pilots are ordered to hit only military targets and to avoid civilian casualties and damage to religious structures.

Foreign officials indicated that limits are applied to air operations for air attacks in open areas. They said, however, the maintenance of a command to the ground is necessary.

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## Avoid Populated Areas, Pilots Told

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Volunteer, waist-deep in water at San Francisco Marina, spreads hay with a pitchfork to soak up oil

Tribune photo by Howard Erker

hoses, booms and other equipment.

Keating said however, that Standard will do everything it can, including scrubbing the oil off individual rocks if necessary.

Keating helped put together a company contingency plan, at a cost of over \$100,000, he said, that was part of the reason the company was able to respond quickly to the emergency.

The plan delegated employee responsibilities, located contractors and other companies which could lend assistance and stockpiled parts, pumps,

Phillip Berry, president of the Sierra Club, urged yesterday that Standard Oil be fined \$1 million a day for gross negligence.

The company's two tankers which collided Monday in the Bay "had no business being where they were," he said.

He said the accident was caused by "corner cutting" policies of the oil industry.

Rear Adm. Mark A. Whalen, commander of the 12th Coast Guard District, yesterday praised Standard's cooperation. "The company is doing everything humanly possible in the cleanup effort," he said.

Standard Oil apparently will not have to bear the entire cost of the cleanup effort. The company is covered for up to \$1.5 million by an industry insurance program to help pay for removing the oil.

The Tanker Owners Voluntary Agreement Concerning Liability for Oil Pollution does not cover liability for damage to boats and other property.

## Key Pass Captured in Cambodia

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said the Communists still held 5 1/2 miles of road in the pass itself.

South Vietnamese forces were driving up from the south, spreading out over a wide area to secure their flanks as they tried to close the gap. They had tanks, American logistics support and their own air force. When they link up, Highway 4 will be open to the sea.

The Communists closed it in mid-November when they seized the pass. A 13,000-man allied operation began closing in on the pass from north and south nine days ago, the ARVN's moving from the south, the Cambodians from the north.

Correspondents on highway 4 said heavy American air support was called in from South Vietnam and the 7th fleet in the Gulf of Thailand, in one of the heaviest U.S. close air support roles seen in the Cambodian war to date.

The last advance up the slopes began slowly and quietly today, but when the troops scented victory they broke into a lull and the shouting started. Maj. Som Kim Dok, who had carried the Cambodian flag since the start of the operation, ran forward with it in his arms.

## Truman, 86, Rushed to Hospital

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telephone from her home at Grandview, Mo., to Truman's wife at the hospital.

"He's doing fine. He has these little setbacks every once in a while. He's going to be all right," Miss Truman said.

Truman's attending physician said he was hospitalized because of a "rather sudden onset of moderately severe abdominal pain."

The former president was last hospitalized on Feb. 21, 1969, with acute gastritis and intestinal obstruction of the stomach and intestines. He was discharged four days later.

The president's hospital stay was the sixth in Truman's life since he left the White House in 1965.

John P. Driscoll, a hospital spokesman, released the medical statement, said doctors were not gaining at this time of the nature of Truman's illness.

Doctors said Truman was "fairly weak."

His long-ago and life-long companion, Mamie Eisenhower, stayed with Truman's room at the hospital.

6 Dead in Copter Crash  
BAKANG, Vietnam (AP) — A U.S. Marine CH-46 helicopter crashed today 22 miles southwest of Da Nang, killing six Marines and marring 16 others, a military spokesman reported.

## Gulf Fined For Faulty Oil Well

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Gulf Oil Corp. was fined \$250,000 in federal court today after pleading "no contest" to charges of failing to have safety valves on oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Kerr-McGee Corp. was fined \$20,000. It too pleaded no contest.

The Tenneco Oil Co. pleaded no contest yesterday to similar charges and was fined \$2,000.

Gulf Oil entered its no contest plea yesterday, but was ordered back today after Judge Edward J. Boyle said he was unable to learn whether the firm had violations other than those named in a bill of information filed Dec. 23.

Tenneco was charged with 16 violations on four wells, Gulf with 125 violations on 12 wells and Kerr-McGee with 10 violations on two wells.

Offshore oil wells are required to have safety devices known as storm chokes to halt the flow of oil in emergencies.

The government began an investigation of offshore oil operations after a fire and oil spill from a Chevron Oil Co. platform off the Louisiana coast last February. As a result of the probe, Chevron was fined \$1 million.

A spokesman for Kerr-McGee, Austin W. Lewis, said in court that there was no environmental damage and no accidents in connection with the alleged violations.

An oil fire broke out off the Louisiana coast Dec. 1 on a Shell Oil Co. platform—and is still burning—but has no bearing on these cases.

## Complaints Filed For Spills in Bay

MARTINEZ — The state attorney general yesterday filed complaints against the state's oil companies for alleged oil spills in the San Francisco Bay area.

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## Russell, 73, Dean Of Senate, Dies

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could never support Johnson's views on civil rights and declined to back his longtime friend when he ran for the presidency in 1964.

Despite his strong sectional loyalties, however, the Georgian was deeply respected by his colleagues and six presidents, from FDR to Nixon, who held office during his 37-year Senate career.

A former Georgia governor, he was elected to the Senate when Franklin D. Roosevelt won the presidency in 1932.

Russell was boomed by Southerners as a Democratic presidential candidate in 1952, but never became a serious contender at the convention which nominated Adlai E. Stevenson.

Former President Harry S. Truman—himself now hospitalized in Kansas City—publicly declared once that Russell might well have become the nation's chief executive had he come from any area except the South.

Russell shunned the Washington social whirl and was

rarely seen at parties. During the Johnson years, he was a frequent guest at quiet family dinners at the White House.

President Johnson reportedly consulted with Russell frequently by telephone.

Russell originally opposed U.S. involvement in Vietnam, but he denounced desertions, draft-card burnings and anti-war sit-ins as "bordering on sedition."

In more recent years, he became more hawkish. "I have come to the conclusion that we should close the port of Haiphong and that we should push this war until the North Vietnamese are willing to negotiate," he said in March, 1966.

A master of the filibuster, the senator memorized the rules of the Senate before taking his seat in 1933 and was an authority on precedents.

President Johnson named Russell to the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Russell called this a "sad and morbid experience" in the "most strenuous year of my life."

## Demos Drop Kennedy, Name Byrd as Whip

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ocratic leader, looking out for the interests of colleagues and tending to procedural matters.

"That must have been a tremendous factor," Mansfield said.

Kennedy acknowledged this might be speculation but some potential Democratic presidential candidates had voted against him to reduce his chances of emerging as a candidate in 1972.

But I prefer to think that those who felt Sen. Byrd could do the best job voted for him, and those who thought I could do it voted for me," Kennedy said.

Sen. Frank E. Moss of Utah was elected secretary of the Democratic conference, succeeded by Byrd in the No. 2 position.

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The new speaker, Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, was elected to the post.

Democrats have already had chosen Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana to become majority leader, succeeding Albert. Nixon has said he will send the 92nd Congress "the most

comprehensive, the most far-reaching, the most domestic program ever presented."

He said the State of the Union message he will deliver to Congress, and by television and radio to the nation, tomorrow night will be the beginning.

Nixon's speech will be broadcast live at 6 p.m. PST on channels 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13. It will be repeated at 9 p.m. by channel 9 and channels 10 and 12 will broadcast highlight at 10:30 p.m.

His proposals will go to a Congress still firmly under Democratic command. The new Senate is a shade more Republican than the old, while the new House is nine seats more Democratic.

The program in the Senate will be 10:30 to 4:30 p.m. House will be 10:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## Great Expectations

LONDON (UPI) — The Times newspaper in the Daily Mail yesterday — the day a postal strike halted all letter deliveries in Britain — said, "You can expect a letter of considerable importance."