

Center To Save Wild Birds Is 197

BERKELEY (UPI) —The fog on San Francisco Bay the night of Jan. 18, 1971, was the heaviest in a long time.

Two oil tankers slowly making their way through the gray waters and occasionally sounding their mournful fog horns collided, spilling 840,000 gallons of thick, black sludge into the bay.

Hundreds of volunteers pitched in to clean up the

Court Vacates Philly Police Hiring Quotas

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—A federal appeals court vacated Thursday a lower court order setting hiring quotas for the Philadelphia police force, but emphasized it was not ruling on constitutionality in the case.

The U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals remanded to the U.S. District Court an order directing the police department to hire one black for every two whites.

District Judge John P. Fullam had issued the order calling for the department to fill vacancies and promotion openings on that basis.

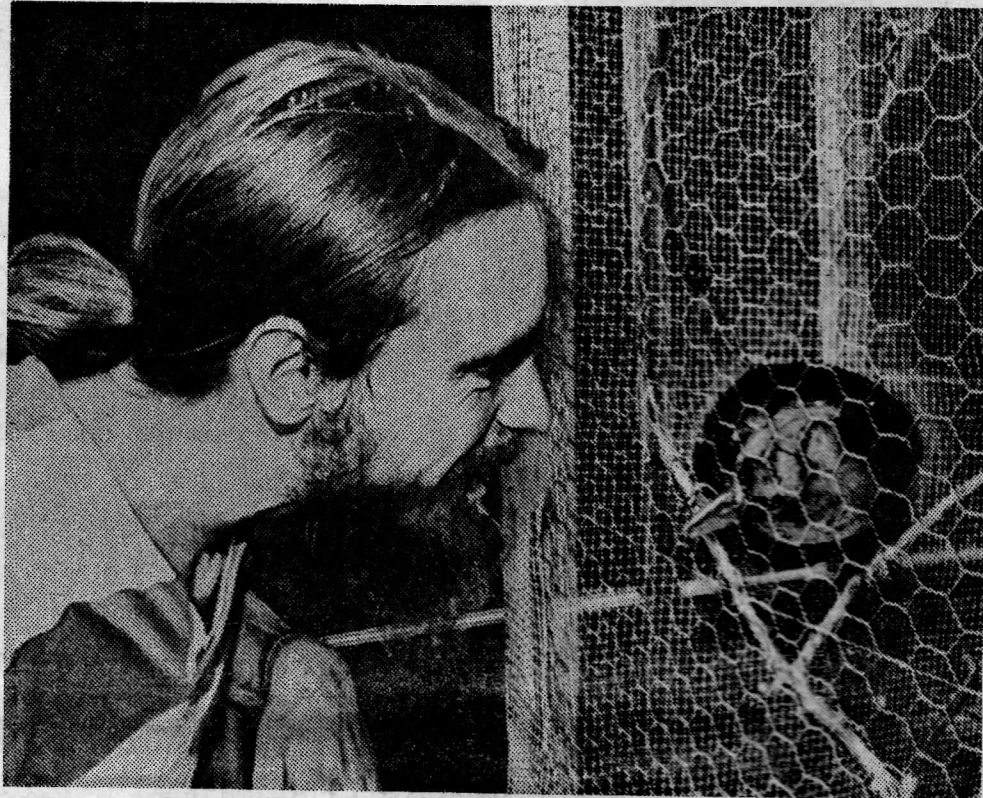
His order followed a suit filed in 1970 by a group of blacks who claimed they were denied police jobs because of their races. Later, Pennsylvania joined in the suit.

The appeals court ruling said since Fullam's order "was not limited to requiring the police department to hire from pool applicants of demonstrated qualifications," it must "vacate that portion of the order dealing with quota systems in hiring."

The court said its action "in no way suggests that imposing a quota system is unconstitutional as a judicial remedy for discrimination."

The city of Philadelphia was given until next Jan. 1 to demonstrate that its present tests and procedures for police hiring and promotion are valid and job-related.

If the city cannot comply with the court's ruling,



DAVE SMITH EXAMINES CROW NURSED BACK TO HEALTH
Humane Society Set Up To Save 'Casualties' Of Man's Efforts

(UPI Telephoto)

shoreline to save a few hundred of the almost 1,500 birds that were affected by the crude oil covering the water and coastal habitats.

Now the spill is just a horrible memory to most people. For a tiny handful it was a turning point in their lives.

The disaster was the start of a unique organization called the International Bird Rescue Research Center.

The center is set up to help save wild birds who become casualties of man's efforts, while building a storehouse of knowledge that the center's staff is making available to anyone who wants it in the hope of preventing a disaster the magnitude of San Francisco Bay's.

Dave Smith is the 27-year-old unpaid fulltime research director of the center, housed on the first floor of an old warehouse in Berkeley's industrial area.

His savings and European sports car have long since disappeared and he now gets by on food stamps, living in one of the rooms that isn't used to quarter sick and in-

ganization's meager resources.

"We aren't even holding our heads above water," said the bearded, long-haired Smith. "We're sinking. What we need is a frontal lobotomy—so we can't see the future."

The East Bay Humane Society gave the center its rent-free accommodation, and members supplement the income from fees from its 150 members and occasional small grants and by scavenging the neighborhood for building material.

Smith has spent much of his time scouring libraries and books lent by friends and in correspondence with ornithologists and other bird experts around the world amassing information on the creatures.

But he's found ignorance of his feathered friends appalling. He tells a tale of one veteri-

narian he asked to perform an operation on a sick bird. The vet asked: "Do birds have veins?"

Rows of green, white and orange-colored folders neatly labeled and containing what the center has learned from the bay oil spill and its treatment of birds since then line the walls of one large room. Smith believes that a lot of the information is new, and will be invaluable in helping others preserve America's dwindling birdlife. And for emergency cases, data gathered from the oil spill experience has been put on computer cards.

"We hope we can become the data center for the entire country on this issue," said April Fletcher, a petite 27-year-old blonde who spends all her free time at the center. That's just about every



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If the city cannot comply with the appeals court's ruling, it must submit new procedures for hiring and promotion which are valid.

Finishes Course

EL TORO — Marine Air Reserve Capt. Edward M. Hall of 12622 S.W. Elizabeth Way, Tustin, has completed the basic landing force planning course at the Landing Forces Training Command, Coronado.

Hall, a vocational instructor in civilian life, is a pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 764 headquartered at Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana.

disappeared and he now gets by on food stamps, living in one of the rooms that isn't used to quarter sick and injured birds.

Smith, a biology graduate from the nearby University of California, was able to relax and talk one evening recently for the first time in two months. The center had finished its work of keeping 25 ducks and geese in strictly regimented quarantine.

The wildfowl were all that were saved from almost 300 that were in the San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts lagoon during an outbreak of a killer disease. The rest were destroyed by the state.

The life-saving effort cost the center \$800, all but a small percentage from the or-



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1971 SF Bay Oil Disaster's Legacy

minute when she isn't working for the environmentalist Sierra Club's legal fund.

"It's amazing but there just isn't material available in case there's another spill, and one day there will be," she said. "What we want is to be able to give information to any one who needs it so that they don't have to start from scratch like we did."

As part of its efforts to spread the message, the organization begins a course on wildlife through the University of California Extension Service later this year.

Much of the nursing of birds suffering anything from "upset tummies to broken wings" isn't done at the center, but in a small flat a couple of miles away.

There, Marilyn and Mal Raff look after as many as 100 birds at a time.

One-legged or one-eyed birds hop about in cages in the kitchen, dining room and a back storage room. Outside is an aviary where more are kept.

When Raff gets home from his studies to be an astronomer at UC, he's likely to find the pot on the kitchen stove is temporary home for a bird, or maybe pelican reigns supreme in the bathtub.

The Humane Society pays a large share of the approximately \$200 a month the Raffs have spent in the past year nursing to good health birds that come to them from many parts of Northern California. The survival rate, he said, is about 35 per cent.

"We've loved them and we've learned from them," the bearded Raff said as his wife dressed a wound on the leg of a robin.

"We try not to make pets of them, but make them strong enough so they can make their own way in the world again."

The burden has been heavy on the Raffs, who treat their charges like children, tending to their needs late into the night and listening in sleep for a cry of alarm. They haven't been able to spend a night away from the birds together since they got into the work a year ago.

Miss Fletcher said the rescue center already has tax free status with the state government and has applied for similar standing with the federal government.

When the center is "legitimized," she said, applications will be made for funding from major foundations and the Environmental Protective Agency "even if it's just enough to pay one person something to live on."

Feud Split Chagall, Picasso; Now Artists 2 Blocks Apart

CHICAGO (UPI) — Artists Marc Chagall and Pablo Picasso, who can't even get along at a distance, will find themselves only two blocks apart in spirit.

Chagall is working on a massive architectural mosaic, 70 feet long, 14 feet high and 10 feet wide with more than 3,000 square feet of colorful ceramic murals to be displayed in the open, landscaped terrace of the First National Bank of Chicago Plaza.

The plaza is only two blocks away from Civic Center Plaza, where Picasso's colossal steel sculpture peers down upon the city.

Chagall and Picasso have not been on speaking terms since the end of World War II. At that time, Picasso took umbrage at what he considered Chagall's intrusion into his field of ceramics. Barbs have since widened the rift and the two men are bitter enemies.

Chagall donated the design of his work to the city and will personally supervise each step of making his vision reality. It should be in the plaza one year from now.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wood Prince will underwrite the cost of the huge mosaic and it will be dedicated to Frederick Henry Prince, a turn of the century railroad financier and business tycoon whose empire included Chicago's Union Stockyard properties.

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