

# Oil is 28 miles from Texas wildlife estuary

**PORT MANSFIELD, Texas (UPI)** — The black masses of crude oil that loomed off the Texas Gulf coast for weeks washed ashore in thick drifts today, sending officials scrambling to protect the largest entrance to the vulnerable Laguna Madre wildlife estuary.

Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Roger Meacham said a 5 by 5-foot patch of crude 6 inches deep washed ashore at Padre Island 28 miles south of Aransas Pass. The oil, part of the world's largest oil slick being fed from a crippled Mexican oil well, is the first to hit Texas beaches.

**THE CRUDE** is located 42 miles

north of the location of the last reported sightings of sheen and Meacham said it is continuing to move northerly at 10 to 15 miles a day.

Coast Guard officials said many patches of sheen and mousse were scattered from Brownsville to as far north as Corpus Christi, including a patch 37 miles long and 2 miles wide southwest of Corpus Christi.

Winds also were reported building off the coast and were expected to aggravate the situation.

**NATIONAL OCEANIC** and Atmospheric Administration computers predicted that within 36 hours

some oil may reach the shore of Padre Island just north of Baffin Bay, the entrance to Port Mansfield that, in turn, leads to Port Aransas and the Laguna Madre, located 113 miles between Padre Island and the mainland.

Port Aransas is the largest and northernmost entrance to the vulnerable shrimp and fish spawning ground, which federal officials for the first time admitted is being infiltrated with tar balls.

Residents in the area had reported seeing the tar balls for several days.

**"EXTREMELY LIGHT** negligi-

ble concentrations of tar balls have been detected by NOAA scientists in Laguna Madre," Meacham said.

"The open-water containment boom and Lockheed skimmer are staged at Port Aransas and Coast Guard helicopters will constantly monitor the waters of Port Aransas to detect immediately the approach of any oil," he said, adding cleanup operations at Padre Island would begin today.

Federal scientists and local fishermen agree that any large quantities of oil seeping into the lagoon would be disastrous to the multimillion-dollar fishing industry and the sensitive

ecological balance affecting the food chain.

**NOAA SCIENTISTS** said patches of sheen and small pancakes were as close as 1 mile from shore from the Port Mansfield area today and that the Coast Guard moved in to "closely monitor the situation."

The boom and 6-foot curtain suspended under it 50 far have not been totally effective in keeping tar balls as deep as 35 feet from staining coastal beaches.

But Meacham said, "The coast guard still believes that it has adequate personnel and equipment to

handle any situation."

**ON MONDAY** the surf outside Port Mansfield, the area where a \$3 million federal task force fighting the spill says the beaches have already received the heaviest concentration of tar balls, was peppered with thousands of new petroleum deposits waiting to come ashore.

Veteran charter boat captain Marvin Eggs, who has accused the government of covering up the seriousness of the oil spill, has found about eight dead rockfish in Port Mansfield and birds grounded with oily deposits on their feet.

## India dam flood toll soars over 10,000 mark

**NEW DELHI, India (UPI)** — The death toll of last Saturday's flood disaster in western India would exceed 10,000 — 10 times higher than previous official estimates — officials who toured the scene said today.

Rescue officials said they have recovered 1,000 bodies from the muddy ruins of Morvi, a city 300 miles north of Bombay, and expected to recover thousands more before their grisly work was done.

Reports from the scene said corpses were rotting on streets and rooftops, in houses and temples with vultures everywhere.

**"THE DEATH TOLL** will be between 10,000 and 15,000," Vice President Vallabhai Patel of Western Gujarat state's ruling Janata Party told reporters in Morvi.

Other party leaders who toured the disaster area told equally grim stories. "The toll will run into five figures," said Congress Party leader Jashwanth Mehta.

Earlier, officials had maintained that about 1,000 persons were killed by the wall of water that smashed into the city of 60,000 Saturday when the Monchi Dam broke.

But the same officials admitted today that the 1,000 figure is "ridiculous as already 1,000 bodies have been dug out from the debris."

They said the dimensions of the disaster only began to unfold three days after the flood because large areas had been inaccessible to rescuers.

**"NO ONE IN Gujarat** recalls seeing so many dead in such a short time," one social worker said.

"Morvi is dead," said Sanat Jhaveri, a goldsmith from Rajkot, a nearby city. Jhaveri's ancestral home was in Morvi, 300 miles north of Bombay.

## Rain aids firefighters in Idaho's two blazes

**BOISE, Idaho (UPI)** — Firefighters are taking advantage of an inch of welcome rain in their battle against two big blazes in Idaho's rugged but scenic Primitive Area.

One fire was reported to be temporarily contained Monday while the other had stopped spreading.

The rain and cooler temperatures halted the spread of the 65,000-acre Mortar Creek fire and the lesser 10,000-acre Ship Island blaze, both burning along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River 60 miles apart.

**"WE KNOW THE** rain is only temporary so we are taking advantage of the change," said Norm Hesseldehl, an information officer at the fire command center in Boise.

Hesseldehl said the Ship Creek fire was "temporarily contained" by the first major rainfall of the summer and officials held out hope the rains would allow firefighters to complete fire lines around the Mortar Creek blaze by the weekend.

"Both fires have been holding right where they were before the rain," Hesseldehl said.

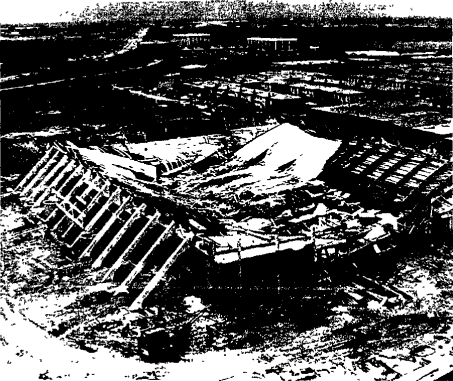
He said fire lines have not been completed around either fire and "we're not under the assumption the fires are out by any means." But he said the Ship Creek blaze was considered contained "at least temporarily because of the weather change."

**AT MORTAR CREEK,** he added, fire crews still have 28 miles of fire lines to build and they are taking full advantage of the weather, which has halted the advance of the fire.



A CONSTRUCTION WORKER at the Horizon indoor stadium in Rosemont, Ill., mourns over the body of a fellow worker who died when the stadium's roof collapsed killing five Monday morning. Chicago Sun-Time Photographer Jerry Tomaseili

caught the grieving scene shortly after the collapse. Investigators are trying to determine whether the roof (below) may have fallen due to vibrations of an aircraft heading toward the nearby Chicago O'Hare airport. (AP)



## Did vibrations from landing jet collapse stadium roof?

**ROSEMONT, Ill. (UPI)** — Investigators say it is too early to tell if vibrations from a jet landing at nearby O'Hare International Airport caused the collapse of the new \$8.5 million Horizon indoor stadium in this tiny Chicago suburb.

In a few deadly moments Monday, the wooden-beam roof of the stadium collapsed in a roar, crushing to death five construction workers and injuring 15 others.

Damage to the 20,000-seat stadium, which was to house numerous sporting and entertainment events, including the annual Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, was estimated in excess of \$3 million.

**A SPOKESMAN FROM** the Occupational Safety and Health Administration said it would launch a "catastrophe investigation" into the collapse. Rosemont officials immediately hired a consulting firm to investigate the disaster.

One police spokesman said a jet landing at O'Hare made an "extremely low" pass just before the collapse at 8:30 a.m. CDT. A 100-foot clearance beneath the wheels of the landing craft had been established for the stadium, which is located on the perimeter of O'Hare in its glidepath.

Spokesmen for the Federal Aviation Administration and the building's architect, Anthony M. Rossi Architects of Addison, Ill., said it was too early to speculate whether vibrations from passing aircraft might be linked to the collapse.

**ROSEMONT MAYOR** Donald E. Stephens said the wind might have been a factor in the collapse.

Twenty-six workers were in the structure at the time of the collapse.

### World news in brief

**Ships ransom for Turkey treaty?**

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The transfer of four U.S. Navy ships to Turkey is being delayed in an effort to speed Turkish action on a prisoner exchange treaty with the United States, Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., revealed today.

The treaty, signed this spring, is expected to be ratified by the Senate when Congress returns from its recess, but Aspin said he is concerned that the Turkish parliament will be slow in granting its approval.

Aspin, who initiated the delay of the ship transfer, also objected to the slow progress toward resolving the issue of Cyprus, which is still largely under Turkish occupation.

Among the Americans who would be affected by the exchange treaty is a resident of Aspin's home state — **Kathy Zenz of Lancaster, Wis.**

Miss Zenz, along with Jo Ann McDaniel of Coos Bay, Ore., and Robert Hubbard of Texas, were convicted of drug charges in a Turkish court in 1972, and initially were sentenced to death. Those sentences were later reduced to 24 years in prison.

**10 years later in Northern Ireland...**

**BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)** — Northern Ireland marked the 10th anniversary today of the British Army's intervention in the province's Protestant-Catholic warfare with new threats of violence from the guerrilla armies and no hopes of peace.

The Ulster Defense Association, biggest of the province's Protestant para-military organizations, warned it will take up its guns again if British troops do not eliminate the Roman Catholic guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army.

The outlawed IRA's Provisional wing, fighting to unite Ulster (Northern Ireland) with the neighboring Irish Republic, declared Sunday to the cheers of 10,000 Catholic marchers in Belfast: "We'll fight to the death... to end the 800 years of British oppression."

**Who tried to kill Iraqi envoy?**

**BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)** — Iraqi authorities are not saying who they suspect tried to assassinate their ambassador to Lebanon with machine guns and grenades, but the possibilities are as varied as Iraq's many internal and external intrigues.

Ambassador Abdel Hussein Mouslem, who was slightly injured when his car was raked by fire from machine guns and rocket-propelled grenade Monday, said, "I accuse no side... because the investigation will uncover the criminals."

**Gunmen Monday** ambushed a car carrying Mouslem, his driver and a bodyguard as it approached the Iraqi embassy on the outskirts of Beirut.

The three men were rushed to a nearby hospital, and an Iraqi embassy official later said, "Thank God his (the ambassador's) injuries are not serious."

**They're marching in Iran...**

**TEHRAN, Iran (UPI)** — Several hundred militants marched down central Tehran today on the third day of a show of force against rival groups of leftists, moderates and other critics of the Islamic regime.

"Fedayan — Parasites of the Society" the militants shouted as they walked past streets near the headquarters of the Marxist Fedayan Khalq guerrilla organization, which was taken over by the militants Monday.

A disgruntled group of Fedayan supporters earlier had demonstrated a block from their occupied headquarters and demanded the building, a former center of the shah's secret police, be returned to them.

In another simmering confrontation, guerrillas of the Mujahideen Khalq organization of Moscow revolutionaries took up positions behind sandbagged walls of their headquarters, the former library of the Pahlavi Foundation next to the Iraqi Embassy on Mossadegh avenue.

**...& they're marching in India**

**NEW DELHI, India (UPI)** — India reinforced its border with Bangladesh today to stop nearly a half-million of Bangladesh's Bihar Moslems from embarking on a planned 1,500-mile march to Pakistan, which they call their homeland.

It was unclear whether the refugees would try to break the blockade and make the long trek from a country that has refused to let them leave, to a country that may not want them, by way of a country that says it will not let allow itself to be used as a "human corridor."

Bangladesh police have dispersed the Biharis wherever they tried to assemble to prepare for the long march, which was to have begun with 10,000 people crossing into India from the northern district of Dinajpur.

**'U.S. backs Israel attacks on PLO'**

**TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI)** — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan asserts the United States supports the controversial Israeli policy of attacking Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon.

"The Americans accept the (government's) policy that we have the authority, the right and, I say, the obligation to attack the terrorist bases," Dayan told a meeting of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Likud bloc in Tel Aviv Monday.

"The Americans do not agree with one thing," Dayan said. "Attacks on civilians and, principally, when this is done with American weapons. Here we have difficulties from time to time."

A State Department spokeswoman Monday said the department would not comment on Dayan's remarks until it has seen the full text of his comments.

The foreign minister's voice sounded hoarse as he spoke to the session. He underwent minor surgery on his vocal chords over the weekend.

**China-Viet talks deadlocked**

**PEKING (UPI)** — The 10th session of talks aimed at averting a new war between China and Vietnam ended in deadlock today, but both sides agreed to hold at least one more meeting in Peking.

"The meeting this morning made no progress," said Vietnam's chief negotiator, Vice Foreign Minister Dinh Nho Liem.

At today's session China demanded Vietnam withdraw its troops from Cambodia and Laos, and Vietnam accused China of preparing to launch a new war.

Foreign diplomats in Peking said the negotiations appeared to be fruitless but that neither side wanted to beat the onus for a breakoff.