

Norwegian shoreline threatened by spill

STAVENGER, Norway (UPI)—Five oil experts, including two Americans, landed on an offshore oil rig Sunday to try to plug a leak that is spewing 120 feet into the air and pouring 20,000 barrels of oil daily into the North Sea.

The oil, gushing since Friday night from a valve connected on the lower floor of the rig, has created a 75-square mile slick that threatens the coasts of Denmark and Norway.

"We are pretty optimistic we can plug the hole, but the real trick is to get the well back to zero pressure," said a spokesman for Phillips Petroleum Co.

He said the 15-mile-long slick of light grade oil was evaporating and did not appear to be getting much larger. But a naval spokesman said no matter how the winds changed the Danish west coast will be hit.

Danish officials said five ships were standing by with all the chemicals available in Denmark to try to break up the oil, and emergency chemical orders also were placed in Britain.

Ansgar Hansen and Richard Hastteberg, members of the famed Texas oil firefighting team headed by "Red" Adair, and three Norwegians landed on the rig by helicopter to try to plug the leak.

The men were awaiting the arrival of a special barge with heavy equipment, but weather forecasters warned that nine-foot waves were expected in the area within three days making operations difficult.

They were able to use a helicopter to reach the platform because of a change in winds that diminished earlier threats of a fire.



Alex Haley

Author of Civil War novel files suit against Alex Haley on basis that he plagiarized

By LESLIE SCISM
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The author of a novel that is required reading in several UNC history courses filed suit Friday against Alex Haley, charging that his Pulitzer-prize winning *Roots* is a plagiarized work.

Margaret Walker Alexander, author of *Jubilee*, maintained that Haley copied her novel, published in 1966, about Negro life before, during and after the Civil War. *Roots* is about Haley's 12-year search for his ancestors, who came from Africa to live in the South.

Jubilee is used as a textbook in History 160, "Women in American History," Afro-American Studies 41, "The Black Experience," and some sections of History 21, "American History to 1865."

Several history professors contacted Sunday said they did not see cause for the suit.

"I don't see what she's referring to myself," said Jacquelyn Hall, director of UNC's Southern oral history program and teacher of History 160.

"Like Haley's book, it's (*Jubilee*) a fictional account of black heritage," she said. "I don't know which part, passages or structure, she's referring to."

Alexander, who published *Jubilee* under the name Margaret Walker, filed suit in New York to halt further sales of

Roots and to receive an unspecified percentage of profits from its sales. She did not comment further on the case.

Sonja H. Stone, director of UNC's Afro-American studies, said both authors used the same historical sources, but she saw no clear-cut similarities in plot. "If anybody were to speak authoritatively on it (the lawsuit), they'd have to retrace the steps for preparation of each book."

Stone said *Roots* may become required reading in Afro-American Studies 41.

Another history professor, Joel R. Williamson, said he was unfamiliar with Alexander's lawsuit, but was critical of *Roots* because of historical inaccuracies. He said *Jubilee* was better historically.

"I'd say *Jubilee* is fair history," he said. Williamson teaches History 167, "Race Relations in America." Neither *Jubilee* nor *Roots* is used in his classes.

Haley, who was in Durham Friday delivering a speech on the campus of N.C. Central University, was quoted in the *News and Observer* Saturday as saying that he holds Alexander in high esteem, but that he had never read *Jubilee*.

"I'm simply astonished," he said. "I am really very curious to see on what basis the allegations she makes are founded."

Alexander is director of black studies at Jackson State College in Jackson, Miss.

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An American official said operations at the embassy were not affected, despite the armed guards surround the five targeted agencies.

The left-leaning government also has expelled the agencies of five other countries.

The ruling military council gave no

reason for the expulsion order Saturday, but a government announcement accused one of the agencies—the United States Information Service—of "promoting the cheap culture of imperialism" counter to Addis Ababa's "socialist ideology."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman called the order "unwarranted" and said the United States was protesting the short deadline.

Diplomatic sources in the capital said the consular offices of Italy and neighboring Sudan in the northwestern city of Asmara, plus the honorary

consular offices there of Britain, France and Belgium had been ordered to leave "within four days."

A U.S. Embassy official confirmed Ethiopia had expelled USIS, the American Military Assistance Advisory Group, the U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit, the American communications unit near Asmara known as Kagnaw and the U.S. consulate there.

He said the expelled Americans were expected to start leaving Monday.

Embassy personnel huddled in emergency session and were "trying to comply with the request," the American

official said. About 46 military employees and some 35 civilians, plus 200 dependents, would be affected by the order.

The expulsion order also charged that the Kagnaw installation had been used to "further the interests" of the United States throughout Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Western observers said the move apparently was linked to the Carter Administration's recent halt in U.S. arms shipment to Ethiopia citing human rights violations and the government's tilt toward the Soviet camp.

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CGC hurts some groups in 77-78 budget

By NANCY HARTIS
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While the Campus Governing Council (CGC) doled out increases of more than \$8,000 to the 1977-78 budget Tuesday, there were some organizations that lost the battle for more funds, and some that barely managed to keep what the Finance Committee gave them. One organization lost all its funds.

Of these groups, there are at least two that intend to fight back.

The Student Consumer Action Union (SCAU) asked for an additional \$1,500 for printing costs and was defeated. SCAU President Bill Parmelee said the action would severely hamper his group.

"We were told that night that the cost of paper had gone up 7 per cent since the beginning of April," he said. "We needed that money... All those other groups who needed printing money got it."

Parmelee said he thinks the CGC could have done a better job with its budget. "I think they should have set a line and gone by it... they weren't considering the unappropriated balance until the very end, when we finally got a chance to speak."

The Association for Women Students had planned to ask for increases Tuesday, but the CGC member who was to introduce the amendment backed down at the last minute, according to vice chairperson Julie Chanter.

Chanter said the group had wanted an increase for its Women's Festival.

"I don't think we can do what we want to do with what we have," Chanter said.

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) did not receive any increases either, but instead had to fight for the money it already had. An amendment to cut the group's funds by \$5,000 failed—but only after lengthy discussion.

"We felt the amendment to cut GPSF was an insult," David Hackleman, GPSF chairperson said.

While GPSF retained its appropriation of \$19,000, Hackleman complained that the amount wasn't enough. GPSF originally asked for \$31,000.

The Undergraduate Political Science Association, which originally asked for \$200, was entirely eliminated from the budget. Its president could not be reached for comment.

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