

Mr. McCARTHY. But in each of those cases you cite, it is a team approach. Which of the various agencies that you have mentioned is the coordinator?

Admiral TRIMBLE. Well, at the moment, because of the particular facilities that we have spread geographically around the country, and many of our possessions, normally the Coast Guard happens to be on the scene. We have the presence. We have rescue facilities at different places. We have boats, we have helicopters, so it is somewhat logical that it devolves upon the Coast Guard; but in each case we do notify our counterpart in FWPCA, so we can start working together on it.

Mr. McCARTHY. You also have the communications network that some of the agencies do not have.

Admiral TRIMBLE. We do have a very complete, modern communications network, yes, sir.

HAWAII OIL SPILL

Mr. McCARTHY. Have you found out what caused the oil problem in Hawaii?

Admiral TRIMBLE. At the moment, the exact cause is not known, sir. There is an indication that the State attempted to remove an oil source near the entrance to the harbor. There is some indication of this happening.

Now, we have surveyed the area by plane and by boat. We have found numerous oil slicks off Waikiki Beach and off the harbor. Just before we came here at noon, there was also a fairly large oil spill sighted in the harbor itself. The State representatives thought this might have come from a storm sewer discharge. That is a separate one from the one that fouled up Waikiki Beach.

Mr. McCARTHY. You do not know where the one that fouled Waikiki Beach came from?

Admiral TRIMBLE. No, apparently state authorities had tried to remove an oil source near the entrance to the harbor. It appears this probably is the source.

Mr. McCARTHY. Stationary shore source?

Admiral TRIMBLE. No, underwater. It was near the entrance to the harbor. They had just indicated they had tried to remove some source.

We have had Navy divers look at several other possible sources of leaks off the Waikiki Beach in the last day or so. There was some indication that something was coming from underwater, oil leakage that is; we have investigated that and it does not appear to be the source.

Mr. McCARTHY. This one may be coming from a sunken ship, is that what you are saying?

Admiral TRIMBLE. Well, that is what it sounded like. There was no indication of the source that the State was trying to remove.

Mr. McCARTHY. Would that be where the ships sunk at Pearl Harbor would be?

Admiral TRIMBLE. No, this was near the entrance to the harbor, sir. It is possible, but we were not aware of any removal program, so I really doubt that it was thought to be one of those ships, sir.

By tomorrow we may have some more information on this for you.