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The wrecking of the oil tanker Torrey Canyon off the coast of England has proved disastrous for the sea birds that surround the Cornish coast. Thick crude streams from the tanker trapped the birds, making it impossible for them to fly. The small, local branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was swamped with oil-covered birds. Volunteers have pitched in to try to save as many birds as possible.

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It is said to be in the rainy weather that life may grow. To the oil-soaked sea birds that surround the Cornish coast, life may have taken on a whole new meaning. For many of them, the oil ordeal has been an opportunity to learn new skills and adapt to their surroundings.

Oil washed ashore

Over the weekend of March 25, some of the 80,000 gallons of crude oil washed ashore. The gallons dripping off the cliffs and onto the rocky shore have been a source of concern for many. For many of them, the oil ordeal has become more than a nuisance. The oil has washed away much of the natural beauty of the coast, and the smell of the oil has made it an unpleasant place to be.

Relief progress has been made in cleaning the beaches, but oil from the oil-stained parts of the shore is still visible. The oil ordeal has been a challenge for the community, but they are working together to make the best of the situation.

From the book reviewer's shelf:


When Theodore Speiser died in January 1988, he was 70 years old—a middle-aged poet, literary critic, and Professor of Italian and German at Harvard, who seemed to have left many ways the happy and beneficial of his youth. A world-renowned teacher and scholar with wide-ranging interests, he is remembered by his students as an intellectual giant and a gentle and gracious person.

Theodore Speiser, the author of more than 20 books, is known for his work in Italian and German literature. He was a teacher of medieval and modern literature, and his work in literature has been influential for many years.

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