

# DOWN THE HUDSON ON RUBBER RAFTS



Much dryer than when they reached their destination at North River some five hours later, these are three of the participants in the Hudson River Conservation Trip organized May 3 by Walter T. Blank of the Kayak and Canoe Club of New York. Standing on the porch of the Gooley Club, where the rubber rafts were launched are, left to right, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., State Senator Ron Stafford, an unidentified lady who is club custodian; and Assemblyman Emile Betros of Dutchess County.



The voyage began at 10:30 with about 100 participants, after breakfast at the Gore Mt. Ski Bowl, served by the Sierra Club. In this cheerful group are Mrs. Walter Blank, Mr. Blank and Congressman Fish.



The Hudson was swollen by spring freshets to the six-foot marker at points where the level is measured. Here a raft with its occupants is almost obscured by the white water.



A lonely if not forlorn figure, State Sen. Ron Stafford stands upon a rock awaiting rescue after his raft capsized in the rough water.



At left: At the beginning of the trip, Gil Tauber, public relations officer for the Hudson River Valley Commission, takes a coffee break with Mrs. and Mr. Sam Hamill. Mr. Hamill succeeded Sam Aldrich as director of the Commission. Above: Inspecting a damaged raft. The group includes Mrs. Blank and Congressman Fish.



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