

Released American Relates Tale Of Attempted Revolt

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP) — An American released from a Soviet slave labor camp at Vorkuta said Tuesday a rebellion flared there in July 1953 in which guards mowed down 119 prisoners on the spot and wounded 500 more.

John H. Noble, 31, of Detroit, who was released by the Russians on Saturday after 9 1/2 years imprisonment, told a news conference the vast network of prisons in Russia "needs only a spark" to explode in open revolt.

Noble said the revolt at Vorkuta, in Arctic Russia northeast of Moscow, was inspired and organized by followers of the executed Soviet Secret Police Chief L. P. Beria, who was then under arrest. From 50 to 60 persons were executed later, he said, as a result of the revolt.

Noble said the slave labor camp at Vorkuta contained more than a half million inmates, of whom 95 per cent were dedicated to opposing the Soviet regime.

Noble said the inmates got the impression that Beria's men were trying to foment revolution through out the Soviet Union to overthrow

Premier Georgi Malenkov's regime.

Noble described how he and his father, a camera manufacturer, were trapped in Dresden by World War II and were compelled to remain there under local internment. Both were arrested in 1945 by the Russians. The father was released seven years later. Young Noble was taken from a German prison to Vorkuta in 1950.

He said he was sentenced to 15 years, although he was never tried, and added:

"All they ever told me was that

we were guilty of having received American officers and soldiers in our home in 1945 and that we had American food in our possession."

Even when he was released, the Russians declined any explanation.

Life in the Siberian labor camp, he said, is "horrible and hopeless."

"None of us ever expected to return," he said, "the worst thing was to fall into Soviet hands, because Noble was put to coal mining, cause once there you hardly have a chance."

He said the temperature sometimes reached as low as 40 degrees below zero, and on one occasion it fell to 72 below.

In the camps where he worked, he estimated there were several thousand Germans and "quite a lot of Poles." He saw only two other Americans, one Pvt. William C. Marchuk, 30, of Norristown, Pa., who was released with him, and another soldier, Pvt. William Verdine, 26, of Starks, La.

An American request for Verdine's release has been presented to the Russians.

Roseburg Elks To Sponsor Young Oregonians' Visit

Roseburg Elks Lodge will sponsor an appearance of a Young Oregonian entertainment troupe here on March 16, according to Bob Elliott, publicity chairman for the lodge.

The 40 youngsters will be under the direction of Amby Ambers. Time and place of the group's appearance will be set later.

The lodge is to furnish evening and morning meals and a night's lodging for the youngsters and chaperones. The program will be admission-free, said Elliott.

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Dr. Russell Guiss New Assistant Superintendent

SALEM (AP) — Dr. Russell Guiss, now surgeon at Oregon State Hospital, was appointed Tuesday as assistant superintendent of the hospital.

The appointment was made by the Board of Control on recommendation of Dr. Dean Brooks, who became superintendent of the hospital Jan. 1.

Dr. Herbert L. Nelson, a staff psychiatrist, was appointed clinical director.

The board voted to name a new cottage at Fairview Home in Me-

mory of Joseph Lane, first territorial governor of Oregon. He served from March 3, 1849, to June 18, 1850.

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Local News

Moving Friday — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stein and children, Gretchen and Brenda, are leaving Friday to make their home in Medford where Mr. Stein, who is with the highway department, has been transferred.

From California — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Willis were recently visiting from California at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stroop and other relatives. Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Stroop are sisters. Willis is attending Humboldt State College.

Move To Medford — Mr. and Mrs. John O'Conner and two children moved recently to Medford, where he is associated with a lumber company. He was formerly employed by the Forest Service at Steamboat.

From San Francisco — Miss Nancy Hulings, former Roseburg resident, visited Saturday and Sunday with friends here. She is now working at Fort Miley VA Hospital in San Francisco. While in town, Miss Hulings stayed with Miss Rae Betlach and friends.

Brother Passes — Larry V. Newport has received word of the death Sunday of his brother, Judge W. A. Newport, at his home in Davenport, Iowa. He is known here, having lived at Glide a number of years ago.

Go To Eugene — Mr. and Mrs. James Prowell spent Saturday in Eugene attending to business. They were accompanied by the former's parents. Cpl. Prowell returned home last week from a year in service in Korea.

Return From Trip — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ford returned to their home in Roseburg Saturday evening from a vacation trip by plane to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston, Tex., where they visited her relatives.

Visiting Hughs — Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Siens Jr. of Portland are visiting at the home of the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hugh. The Siens are en route to southern California and Arizona for a winter vacation.

Former Pastor Visits — The Rev. and Mrs. David Doerksen and two sons of Reedley, Calif., spent the past weekend at Glide, where he held services at the Baptist Church. He was formerly pastor there. He recently returned from a stay in Africa.

From Springfield — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horn of Springfield visited Sunday in Roseburg with his brother, Harold Horn, and family, and also at Melrose with relatives and friends. Mr. Horn formerly merely resided here and is now manager of the Springfield Safeway Store.

SHIPS COLLIDE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. destroyers Power and Warrington collided Monday night during night maneuvers northeast of Puerto Rico. No injuries were reported.

The Navy announced the Power escaped unscathed and damage to the Warrington was believed slight.

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