

Pennsy Prisoners Protest Guards Inhuman Treatment

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Pennsylvania's top prison official was expected to arrive at Western Correctional Institution today where 13 convicts were perched on the catwalk of an 80-foot water tower to protest "inhuman treatment" by guards.

Convict Robert Payne, 28, started the demonstration Monday after the noon meal when he broke away from guards, scaled a 10-foot high cyclone fence topped with barbed wire and scrambled up the tower ladder.

The tower, located at one end of the prison recreation yard, overlooks the Ohio River and homes in the Woods Run area, described by police as a "tough section."

Payne attracted the attention of nearby residents by waving a white night shirt and told them he wanted to talk to newsmen. He shouted down that he was protesting the "cruel and inhuman treatment" inmates suffered in "the hole," the name prisoners have given the prison's maximum detention area.

Payne, formerly of Washington, D.C., spent a lonely night on the

tower. Guards made no effort to get him down.

Then, after the evening meal Tuesday 12 other prisoners defied prison guards and joined Payne on the tower. They carried food and water in their pockets for Payne. Once atop the tower they displayed bedsheets with messages saying "help us, we are protesting against brutality."

When word reached state Corrections Commissioner Arthur T. Prasse in Harrisburg that the demonstration had gained nationwide publicity he announced that he would go to Pittsburgh.

"I'll talk to Payne—if he comes down," Prasse said.

Warden James F. Maroney said he had no plans to try to get the convicts down from their perch. He ordered guards to ignore them.

Maroney denied Payne's claims that prisoners sent to the confinement section, which replaced the old solitary confinement cells, were subjected to inhuman treatment. He said the prisoners sent there for disciplinary action were kept separated from other prisoners and lost their privileges but received the regular prison fare.

"The hole," where the protesters were likely to be sent when they do come down, is a shabby, grey brick building with the barred windows painted over.

When Payne, who was committed to the prison in 1960 for a parole violation after serving time for robbery, first climbed the tower newsmen were refused admission to the prison.

In an effort to get his story, they went to the upper floors of nearby homes and shouted questions up to him.

He told them that he had been "put in the hole for 19 days... for no reason at all."

"I'm not coming down until there is an investigation of conditions here," he shouted.

But Maroney described Payne as "incorrigible and a disciplinary problem." He said newsmen will be able to check the conditions Payne complained about.

but only after he comes down from the tower.

The 12 other inmates managed to join Payne shortly after the dinner hour Tuesday night. Fifteen prisoners rushed the water tower, but guards turned back all but six. A short time later, six more managed to scale the fence at the bottom of the tower and made their way to the top.

Innocent Plea Given In Court

James Earl Roberson, 23, Roseburg, pleaded innocent in the District Court of Gerald R. Hayes Tuesday to assault and battery. His trial was set for July 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Roberson is accused in the complaint of assaulting and beating Dale L. Boyman on June 23.

Man Pleads Guilty

Vernon A. Langenberg, 44, of 2978 W. Jay St., pleaded guilty to assault and battery charged in a complaint brought by his wife, Mary. He was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail and assessed costs of \$5. Execution of sentence was suspended on payment of the costs.

Arraigned in District Court, Gary Dean Center, 19, 1511 SE Thompson St., waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the Grand Jury. He is accused of burglary not in a dwelling in connection with the break and entry of the George Denton Grocery, 947 SE Rice Ave. on June 24. Bail was set at \$3,000.

The case of Harry O. Gill, 36, Myrtle Creek, charged with burglarizing John's Country Store, was further continued and William Jayne was appointed by the court to represent him.

In Circuit Court actions, Donald Lee Ireland, 33, Springfield, was sentenced to 15 days in the Douglas County jail, dating from June 21 when first booked, for contempt of court. He was cited for not appearing on a show cause order on June 12 in connection with failure to make child support payments. He is also required to make support payments and pay attorney fees. Sentence was imposed by Judge Don H. Sanders.

Leland Grady Rhodes, 23, of MeCool, Miss. faces probation revocation. He has been cited by Judge Charles S. Woodrich to appear and show cause why he should not serve out the 79 days remaining on a six-month jail sentence. Rhodes was sentenced on Monday to 10 days in jail and fined \$250 by Dr. LaVerne of the Peace Warren DeLaVerne for furnishing liquor to a minor.

Shakespeare Festival Tickets Are On Sale

In preparation for the 1962 season of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, 26 branch box offices in Oregon and northern California are now offering patrons instant reservation service.

In Douglas County the branch box office is located at Ricketts Music Store, Roseburg.

The network of branch offices maintains a direct wire contact with the theater's central box office in Ashland. Consequently, the local agent, by using the direct circuit, can immediately determine the best seating availability for all performances.

The 22nd season of the festival begins July 1 with performances nightly through Sept. 2.

Rotating on the main bill are "Comedy of Errors," "Henry IV, Part II," "As You Like It," and "Coriolanus."

A special dance-music production, "A Thieves' Ballad," joins the schedule on Aug. 6 following each subsequent performance of "Comedy of Errors."

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Local Fire Department Answers Pair Of Calls

The Roseburg Fire Department Tuesday night answered two calls.

A skillet which flared up while on the stove at 474 N. Cummings St. at 9:34 p.m. brought firemen. Donald Hamilton, renting at that address, summoned firemen who put out all traces of the fire.

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Ned C. Brown

Ned C. Brown, 67, a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg, died Monday.

He was born in Edina, Minn., Jan. 1, 1895. He served in the U.S. Army in World War I.

He is survived by a brother, Harry, of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. Daylight time at the cemetery, with Chaplain N. Charles Wallin officiating. Ganz Mortuary of Myrtle Creek is in charge of arrangements.



PRISONERS of the Western Pennsylvania Correctional Institute hold banner telling of 'brutalities' at the prison. Prison officials adopted a 'wait and see' policy towards the 12 inmates who climbed the water tower on the grounds of the prison. The prison is under maximum security. (UPI Telephoto)

Solons Involved In Dispute As Estes Probe Is Opened; Freeman To Testify Today

By JOHN A. GOLDSMITH
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate investigators opened their long awaited investigation of the Billie Sol Estes case today by hearing a statement that was "inconceivable" that government inefficiency alone enabled the Texan to amass thousands of acres of improper cotton allotments.

This assessment was given to the Senate investigations subcommittee by Paul E. Kammerick, the group's assistant counsel and coordinator for the Washington phase of the committee's staff study of Estes' operations.

Kammerick was the first witness. Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman was scheduled to testify later in the day.

Even as the politically explosive hearings got underway, Sens. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., and Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, became involved in a dispute over the possible outcome.

Muskie said he could not resist noting Mundt's opening comment that "We enter these hearings... with no prejudices," and the senator's following statement that "It appears that we will find glaring examples of indecision, conflicting decisions, and duplications."

Something Is Amiss

Mundt said he was sorry Muskie saw fit to "challenge" the remarks, and said he stood on both of them. He added that no one could follow the staff inquiry without learning that something was amiss in the Agriculture Department.

"I did not challenge the statement, I simply read it," Muskie replied.

Kammerick said inefficiency probably did play a part in the case. He said the subcommittee might want to consider proposing "a major reorganization" of the Agriculture Department and farm program which he said had been developed "piecemeal" fashion over the century of its existence.

But Kammerick said that "a system which permits inefficiency encourages dishonesty and some of the facts we have developed are hard to explain merely on the basis of inefficiency."

Kammerick also made these points:

—Undersecretary of Agriculture Charles S. Murphy overrode an adverse personnel recommendation and directed the appointment of Estes to the newly official Agriculture Department Cotton Advisory Committee Dec. 22, 1961.

That was the same day Murphy participated in a later-rescinded decision that Estes' 1961 cotton allotments should be cancelled.

Two of 11 internal audit groups operating in the department began independent investigations of Estes operations in 1961. Neither learned until early this year of the other's inquiry. The two investigations were never coordinated.

Will Probe Favoritism

Kammerick testified after Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., opened the inquiry with a pledge to try to nail down whether the government showed favoritism toward Estes. He said the subcommittee also would look into the "efficiency and integrity" of agriculture employees who dealt with Estes.

McClellan said the importance of making sure that the department is operating efficiently and honestly was underscored by the fact that "through it during the current fiscal year approximately \$7.1 billion were expended."

The chairman noted that in 1961, 8,717 acres of cotton allotments were transferred from one location to another throughout the United States.

"Of this number 60 per cent were transferred to two counties in Texas, Reeves and Pecos. Of the total transferred to these two counties, 60 per cent accrued to the benefit of Billie Sol Estes. The inequity is apparent. It is rather clear that something is wrong, that a breakdown of some type has occurred."

A fourth person, William Russell Barton, 19, of 1043 NE Post St., charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$25 bail by failure to appear.

Dr. Smith Appointed

Dr. B. A. Smith of Roseburg has been appointed to the Naturopathic Examiners Board for another term by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield.

Hatfield also appointed Clay Myers of Portland and L. W. Ayworth, Gresham, to the state Welfare Commission. This makes all seven commissioners Hatfield appointees.

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Rickover Says Navy Is 'All Wet' Over Opposition To Nuclear Ships

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover thinks the Navy is all wet in its opposition to building more nuclear-powered ships because of their high cost, congressional testimony showed today.

The outspoken father of the atomic submarine told a House appropriations subcommittee recently why he feels that way.

"The Navy claims that nuclear surface ships are too expensive," Rickover said. "For this reason, they are not interested in building additional ones. The cost of a nuclear ship over a 20-year life,

taking building and operating costs into account, comes out to be about one and a half times as much as for a conventional ship."

Fifty Per Cent Increase

"While an increase of 50 per cent is considered a reason for not going to such naval ships, I have not heard any naval aviators advocating that we should not use naval aircraft even though their cost has gone up about 2,500 per cent."

"Actually, almost everything has gone up in cost. Even the cost of having babies has gone up. I believe it is now about 1.7 times what it was in 1950. On that basis, we should stop having babies, but I see no visible evidence of this."

Rickover, who is manager of naval reactor development for the Atomic Energy Commission, also had some barbed comments on the type of graduates the service academies are turning out these days.

Achievements Compared

"If you want to compare their scholastic achievements with those of European students," he said, "I can give some basis for such a comparison."

"I don't believe that the average graduate of our service academies has been much better equipped intellectually than the graduates of the higher secondary

schools of continental Europe.

"If you look at the examination questions that must be passed by the 18 to 19-year-old boys and girls on completing the course at the better secondary schools in Europe you will see that many of the graduates of our service academies would have a hard time passing them."

Airline Strike Efforts Resume

NEW YORK (UPI) — Federal Judge George Rosling called renewed hearings today in Pan American World Airways' efforts to stave off a renewed flight engineers strike by means of an injunction.

Rosling put off making an expected ruling on a preliminary injunction Tuesday and instead extended a restraining order against the Flight Engineers International Association (FEIA) until 4 p.m. EDT July 6.

The FEIA's attorney, Daniel Kornblum, angrily charged the court was abridging a congressionally granted right to strike. Rosling countered that he wanted time to conduct an "orderly" hearing to bring out all the facts and to study the law.

Rosling scheduled additional testimony and arguments for this afternoon in federal court at Brooklyn. There was no immediate indication how many days the hearings might consume.

Kornblum at first said he would appeal immediately to the Circuit Court of Appeals. But he later modified that by saying he probably would not appeal right away, awaiting instead the outcome of today's hearing.

Rosling's delaying a walkout by Pan American's 500 flight engineers had no effect on an FEIA strike which has grounded Eastern Air Lines since last Saturday at an estimated loss of \$1 million-a-day in revenue. Pan American conceded Tuesday that uncertainty in the minds of passengers over continued operations had hurt its business during this heavy vacation period.

The flight engineers also went on strike against Pan American last Saturday, but returned to work a few hours later when the airline secured the temporary restraining order from Rosling.

The restraining order was extended by Rosling less than 15 minutes before the 4 p.m. EDT deadline.

Glendale-Azalea Groups Petition County Court

Petitions urging the development of the Windy Creek Dam and Reservoir up Windy Creek Rd. near Glendale have been presented to the Douglas County Court by a committee representing two Glendale and Azalea organizations, the Cow Creek Valley Development Association and the South Umpqua Rod and Gun Club. The petitions bore 485 signatures, reports Mrs. Gerald Fox, correspondent.

Members of the committee include Martin Brock, Harold Coolidge, Al Mohr, J. D. Sanders, W. R. Stevenson, and Fred Beerli.

Court reaction to the project was reported as being favorable, and members of the Court promised to visit Glendale in a few days to look over the proposed site which is on state-owned land. It is understood that the state is also in favor of the project, according to Mrs. Fox.

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Local Chapter Of Foresters Picks C. Lewis

Charles S. Lewis, a forester for Roseburg Lumber Co., has been elected vice chairman for Umpqua chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Under the organization's bylaws, Lewis will become chairman a year from this fall. Previously he held offices in the Coos Bay chapter while employed with a timber company in that area.

Don Smith, assistant district ranger at Steamboat, will continue as chairman for a second year.

Smith said the new officers were elected by a mail ballot. Lyle Baker, superintendent for the State Forest Nursery at Elkton, was named treasurer, and Sam Heaney, BLM unit forester, was elected delegate at large.

An approximate 1,200 professional foresters hold membership in 14 chapters scattered throughout the state, Smith reported.

"These highly trained scientists are dedicating their careers and lives to the protection, management and improvement of our forest lands and resources," he stated.

"If the general public is to continue to have lumber, plastics, water, recreation, hunting and fishing in the decades ahead, they must come to recognize need for proper care, protection and use of these resources and benefits."

"Foresters are trained specialists, qualified to participate in achieving these conservation goals," he said.

Forest Crews Suppress Old Cow Creek Blaze

Forest Service fire suppression crews are getting an old fire in good shape today.

Umpqua National Forest Fire Control Officer Larry Thorpe said crews are trying to get the fire completely out. The fire is a hold-over from last year.

It occurred in an old sawdust pile on the Vern Killian property in the Cow Creek Ranger District. The pile was burned last fall under a permit by Killian. It apparently smoldered all winter long until dry weather caused it to rekindle.

Thorpe said there is no danger.

Lebanon Firm Awarded Garden Valley Project

Contract for the widening and realignment of 2.23 miles of Garden Valley Blvd. has been awarded to Morse Brothers, Lebanon, by the County Court.

The order awarding the contract was signed by the Court Monday. The firm submitted the only bid on the job which was within the 10 per cent limitation of the engineer's estimate of the work.

Bid price was \$376,103.

Work is to begin within 10 days of the awarding of the contract.

DFPA Firemen Battle Grass Fire At Oakland

The Douglas Forest Protective Association was called to a grass fire northeast of Oakland Tuesday.

The DFPA said the quarter-acre fire apparently started from a tractor used in cutting hay.

Persons working in the haying operation had the fire almost extinguished when DFPA firemen arrived.

BLM Increases Allowable Cut

An increase announced Wednesday in the annual allowable timber cut for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Western Oregon will raise the Roseburg District timber cut by 6.6 million board feet.

The district office said today the revision will hike this district's allowable cut to 163 million board feet. This is an increase from a declaration of 156.4 million board feet announced April 1, 1959.

A BLM official said the increase is the result of additional inventory work, along with subsequent recalculation of allowable timber cuts.

The BLM runs a continuous forest inventory. It was pointed out, recognizing that these inventories cannot be static, that their derivation is a continuous operational activity.

As new, more accurate inventory techniques are perfected or as industry's utilization levels change, these factors will be incorporated into the allowable cuts.

Cool Temperatures Seen

The five-day weather forecast, according to the Weather Bureau station at the Roseburg Airport, calls for temperatures near or slightly below normal, with highs in the low 60s along the coast and 72 to 82 in the interior. Lows will be 48 to 54. Near normal amounts of rain are expected to fall in the interior and two to three inches on the coast, occurring as light showers late Friday or Saturday.

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