

Police Fire on Rioting Michigan Convicts

Prisoners Unable to Break Way to Freedom, But Grab 6 More Guards as Hostages

JACKSON, Mich., April 21 (AP)—State police fired Monday on rioting inmates at Southern Michigan Prison trying to smash their way into the administration building. The prisoners retreated but took six more hostages.

The 2,600 rioters had carved a path of destruction toward the building, eastmost avenue of escape from the world's largest walled prison.

On orders from State Corrections Commissioner Ernest Brooks, state troopers fired over the heads of the rebellious convicts. They fell back.

But six more guards in the right yard of the prison, which heretofore had been free of rioting, were taken as hostages, Brooks said. The convicts themselves claimed seven additional hostages. They already hold four.

Machine Guns Ready
State troopers already on the scene and all available prison guards manned machine guns on the roofs and in the administration building. They held the convicts at bay while more troopers streaked toward the prison from all sections of the state.

One unit of the National Guard was put on a standby alert. Three guards and one trooper were injured, all either beaten or hit with flying bottles or buckets.

Cellblocks form the outer wall of the prison. Rioting, which had been confined to one half of the building, swept into the other half and prisoners moved on the administration building from two sides.

Brooks issued "shoot to kill" orders to the badly outnumbered guards and state police already on the scene.

Annual Jere Gillis Memorial Race Won by Salem Senior

Merle Baumgart, Salem high senior representing the Santiam Ski Club, was winner of the fifth annual Jere Gillis Memorial race for junior skiers yesterday at the Santiam bowl.

He won first place in the downhill and fourth in the Slalom for a total of 222.5, or 16.1 seconds better than the second class winner, Larry Kribs, Bend, president of the Junior Skyliners, whose combined total was 238.6.

David Kribs, also of the Skyliners, won third place honors with a total of 247.4 points.

In the girls' division, it was Kathy Thurston, Eugene high sophomore who raced under the colors of the Tri-Pass Sky Club, Eugene, who placed No. 1 in both the downhill and slalom for a combined total of 284.2.

Fast Time Noted
Baumgart, looking like a seasoned performer, skinned over a rugged one and a quarter mile downhill course in the fast time of 1:43. Larry Kribs crossed that same course in 2:04. Other times follow:

John Burroughs, 2:10.4; Dave Kribs, Skyliners, 2:17; Terry Skjersaa, Skyliner, 2:32.4.

Kathy Thurston glided to victory in the girls' downhill event in 2:21.8. Clara Skjersaa's time was 2:08.6.

The slalom proved to be a downfall for some of the racers, and raised the prestige of others. Terry Skjersaa, 12, Bend, took the first place medal with a time of :32.8 and :38.2 for a total of :71.0.

A strong, chilly southern wind whipped over the course through the day and delayed the start until noon. Medals and trophies were awarded in the unfinished Hoodoo lodge following the races.

Truman Warns Of Restricting Federal Funds

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—President Truman warned Congress Monday against restricting the use of federal funds for operation of the steel mills lest it paralyze government operations in an emergency.

Mr. Truman wrote Vice President Alben W. Barkley expressing fear that negative legislation might lead to a steel shutdown which, in turn, would reduce the ability of our troops in Korea to defend themselves against attack.

Mr. Truman directed his criticism against an amendment before the Senate to deny the use of appropriated funds for the operation of steel mills seized by the government April 8.

The amendment is Republican-sponsored. It is an amendment to a \$900,000,000 — plus supplemental appropriations bill to run some 20 odd federal agencies in this fiscal year ending June 30.

Approval Predicted
Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.), author of the measure, predicted senate approval.

But Mr. Truman said he thought that if Congress wanted to act on the steel case, it should indicate a positive course of action rather than telling him what not to do.

Mr. Truman, cruising on the Potomac River aboard the U.S.S. Williamsburg, sent the letter to Barkley while the National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy discussed the steel case at the White House.

The board heard from Nathan P. Feinsinger, chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board, and Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall.

GOP Eyes Turned to Voting In Pennsylvania, New York

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Pennsylvania and New York will elect 156 Republican National Convention delegates Tuesday and in a later convention New York state will choose 10 delegates-at-large.

How these 166 votes are cast at the July convention very likely will determine the party's 1952 nominee. Neither slate of delegates may be pledged under the election laws prevailing.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York leads the Republican state organization campaign there for the nomination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) is contesting for delegates under difficult circumstances. New York has 96 convention delegates.

Pennsylvania's share is 70 delegates. Taft's situation is considerably better than in New York although Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.) is the Pennsylvania Eisenhower leader.

Fine Not Aboard
Gov. John S. Fine, however, is not aboard the Eisenhower bandwagon—at least not yet. Fine will control some of the Pennsylvania delegates, too. There have been indications that Grundy likes Taft for President. So Pennsylvania's delegation may be divided two or three ways.

There is no preferential primary in New York. Pennsylvania has one and Harold E. Stassen is entered against Eisenhower. On election eve that one looks like no contest and, anyway, the vote will not bind the delegation.

As the Pennsylvania delegation goes, so often goes the Republican presidential nomination. That was true back yonder in 1920 when Warren G. Harding's name emerged from what the late Ray Capper called a "smoke filled room." That phrase will be a long time dying.

Floor Blasted
Again in 1928, the late Andrew W. Mellon blasted the floor from under stop-Hoover forces at the Kansas City convention with one of his shy little, stuttering statements that Pennsylvania was in the Hoover camp.

New Rains Add To Missouri's Flood Danger

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 21 (AP)—The surging Missouri River gathered in fresh rains Monday in a flood that already spread from bluff to bluff in many places, and new areas were threatened with inundation.

The U. S. Corps of Engineers expressed concern for agricultural levees below St. Joseph as the flood level rose above predicted crests.

"If it rains any more, we're in for it," said Col. L. J. Lincoln, Kansas City district engineer, as more men and trucks were directed to new key danger points.

The dramatic fight was at Sherman Air Force Base on the Fort Leavenworth reservation, where some 1,600 airmen and soldiers labored to protect the multi-million-dollar installation. The river stood nine feet above the level of the air base.

Youngsters Aid Fight
At the same time the Mississippi River brought men and boys, some of the latter 10 years old, to fight floodwaters at La Crosse, Wis.

Officers at Sherman Field were optimistic despite the odds. "We're ahead of the river and we expect to stay that way," they said.

St. Joseph's 78,588 persons live, mostly, high on the bluffs. The damage expected here largely has been done to low-lying South St. Joseph and the bottoms across the river on the Kansas side.

But downstream at Atchison and Fort Leavenworth on the Kansas side of the great river, the skies frowned and threatened to pour more water into the great expanse of flood ever to drive families to the hills in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

Reapportionment Plans Discussed At Local Hearing

Members of the legislative reapportionment committee authorized by the 1951 session of the Oregon legislature held the last of their scheduled hearings Saturday night, sounding the opinion of Central Oregonians at a public meeting held in the City Hall in Redmond.

Speakers in the main expressed preference for a system which would seek the allocation of one senator (or representative) to each county, with population to govern in the apportionment of the remainder.

Possibility of the appearance on the November ballot of an inflated bill which, without change in the Oregon constitution, will provide for a new distribution of legislators, was mentioned by Senator Philip S. Hitchcock, chairman of the interim committee. Apportionment under this measure would recognize the smaller counties or districts by allowing representation of the "major fraction" of the population units of 25,000 for representatives and 50,000 for senators. The committee will wait until this is decided before making recommendations or holding further meetings.

Members in attendance at Saturday night's session, in addition to Hitchcock, were: Marshall Seearinger, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation; Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange; N. B. Giustina, Eugene; H. S. Mersereau, Prineville; Mrs. Will Davis and George Brown, Portland, and Gene Conklin, Pendleton. Ralph W. Staley, Portland, was with the committee as secretary. Four of the legislative members—Senator Richard L. Neuberger and Representatives David C. Baum, H. H. Chidgren and Ivan C. Laird—were absent. So were industrial members Ward B. Spatz of Medford and Thomas F. Sandoz of Astoria and James T. Marr, Portland, representing the State Federation of Labor.

Speakers Listed
Among the speakers heard by the committee were B. L. Fleck and Folmer Bodtker, both Deschutes county Farm Bureau members; G. H. Dowers of the same organization in Jefferson county and Vernon Peck, master of the Redmond Grange. All were in favor of some degree of recognition of the county in reapportionment. A. J. Glassow, State Representative B. A. Stover and Henry N. Fowler, all of Bend, two former legislators, J. F. Short and M. A. Lynch, both of Redmond, and Victor Clark, Redmond lumberman, endorsed the principle of representation for the political subdivision as well as for population. Charles Trachsel, Deschutes county stockman, urged that population be the only basis and liked the idea of a one-house legislature. Mrs. Alyce M. Scott, Prineville, Culinary Alliance secretary, stood for population only as the basis of apportionment because "labor is labor wherever you find it."

Low Marks Noted Over Week End
The low night temperatures that chilled Central Oregon over the week end were even under the expectations of the weatherman, who from Portland Saturday predicted a low of 28 for that night.

In Bend, Saturday night, the mercury dropped to 15, for the coldest mark of the spring season. Last night, a low of 18 was recorded here.

Stafford Cripps' Condition Grave

ZURICH, Switzerland, April 21 (AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, gravely ill former British chancellor of the exchequer, lapsed into unconsciousness Monday.

"Sir Stafford is slowly sinking," Dr. Dagmar Liechti, his physician, said in a mid-morning bulletin. "He has drifted into a state of deep and painless unconsciousness."

Lady Cripps was at her husband's bedside in the Bireher Benner Clinic. Their daughter Peggy is expected to arrive here Tuesday and their son John on Wednesday.

Cripps, who will be 63 Thursday, has been under treatment here intermittently since November, 1950, for spinal tuberculosis and another "rare and dangerous disease" which never has been identified publicly.

Ridgway Admits Future Uncertain

TOKYO, April 21 (AP)—General Matthew B. Ridgway said Monday that the outlook for a Korean armistice is still "uncertain."

The supreme United Nations commander took a dim view of the prospects for an early peace as Allied and Communist truce negotiators went through another "no progress" sessions in Panmunjom.

Ridgway surveyed the Korean war situation from Tokyo, in a two-way conversation with Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman on a National Broadcasting Company television program.

Taft Supporters Behind Petition Aimed at General

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft's supporters Monday circulated a petition demanding that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower take a public stand on 21 "vital questions"—most of them bitterly controversial.

Taft strategists figure that Eisenhower is bound to alienate some large blocs of voters if he commits himself, pro or con, on the questions, Taft himself has said that Eisenhower's popularity would diminish if he had to choose sides in various disputed issues.

The political dynamite in the petition is demonstrated by a few sample questions: "Do you approve of the firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur?" "Are you for or against the Taft-Hartley law?" "Do you favor any kind of world government?"

"If nominated and elected, will you clean house in the State Department, beginning with Dean Acheson . . . and in the Defense Department, beginning with Mrs. Anna Rosenberg?"

Taft headquarters here announced that the petition was initiated by Tennessee Republican Chairman Guy L. Smith, who hopes that "millions" of signatures can be obtained throughout the nation.

BULLETINS

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—State troopers and guards pushed rioting prisoners back into their cellblocks at Southern Michigan Prison Monday, wounding three of the convicts who fought back.

But 104 rioters holed up in the disciplinary barracks continued their siege, holding 11 guards as hostages.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—The atomic bomb to be used Tuesday in "Operation Big Shot" will be more powerful than the bombs which ruined Hiroshima and Nagasaki and ended the Pacific war, Chairman Gordon dean of the Atomic Energy commission said today.

Nielsen Predicts Big Tourist Crop

"I honestly believe Bend and Deschutes county can expect a bigger tourist crop this year than ever before in our history."

This was the prediction of E. L. Nielsen, who, with A. A. Symons, maintained the Deschutes county tourist booth at the big outdoor sportsmen's show at Los Angeles for the past 10 days, Nielsen and his wife and son, Craig, returned to Bend late Saturday night. Symons and his wife are expected home tomorrow.

This year the Deschutes County Advertising committee had its own separate booth at the Los Angeles show, instead of joining with other northwest communities in a single booth.

McGrath Story Seen in Conflict

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Rep. Kenneth B. Keating demanded Monday that House investigators get to the bottom of the "peculiar maneuvers" which led to Newbold Morris' short-lived appointment as the administration's corruption hunter.

The New York Republican said former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath should be recalled "at once" by the House Judiciary subcommittee investigating the Justice Department. He said McGrath should be asked to "clear up" his testimony that he knew nothing about Morris' connection with profitable supplier tanker deals when he appointed the New Yorker as his special assistant to ferret out wrongdoers in government.

Keating's demand was sparked by Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer's casual disclosure over a television program Sunday that he asked McGrath last June to investigate surplus tanker transactions handled by Morris' law firm to see if any laws were violated.

Morris was named clean-up chief on Feb. 1. McGrath told the subcommittee on March 31 that he knew nothing about Morris' connection with tanker deals until it was brought out by a Senate investigation which followed Morris' appointment.

Motorcyclists Die In Sunday Crash

Ten persons lost their lives as the result of weekend traffic accidents in the Pacific Northwest. Six of the deaths were reported in Washington, two in Oregon and two in British Columbia.

Two young motorcyclists were killed near Troutdale, Ore., Sunday when their machine struck the rear of a pickup truck, glanced onto an oncoming car and then crashed into a third vehicle. The victims were Grover Ronald Currier, 18, and George David Lund, 17, both of Gresham, Ore.

Fire Call Answered

Bend Fire Department members yesterday at 4:45 answered a still alarm from the Western Auto store on Wall street, where an awning was on fire. Little damage to the awning resulted from the blaze.

BACK FROM WAR
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Nine Oregonians were among 3246 Army rotation combat personnel board the navy transport Gen. M. C. Meigs arriving here Monday at the Port of Embarkation. They included Cpl. Robert E. Kyle, Box 914, Redmond.

Rome Celebrates

ROME, April 21 (AP)—Rome observed its 2,705th birthday Monday. Flags of the Italian republic flew from buildings throughout the city. The Colosseum, the Roman Forum and all the main monuments will be flooded throughout the night. Some 1,000 singers from elementary schools sang the glories of the city in a special concert at the Opera House.

Council to Pick Ike's Successor

PARIS, April 21 (AP)—The permanent council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will meet Monday to discuss the appointment of a successor to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, it was announced Monday.

The council will designate a member nation—undoubtedly the United States—to provide the officer who is to be the new Allied commander in chief when Eisenhower steps down June 1 to be a Republican presidential candidate.

Prices Reduced

DETROIT, April 21 (AP)—Prices of Kaiser-Frazer's Henry J. automobiles were cut \$100 to \$168 Monday, effective immediately, in the first motor industry price slash since the Korean war. Edgar J. Kaiser, president, announced that advertised delivered prices of Henry J. "Corsair" models were slashed \$160 to \$168 and prices of Henry J. "Vagabond" models lowered \$100.

First Day Missed

PARIS, April 21 (AP)—A severe cold and sore throat kept Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower from his North Atlantic Supreme headquarters Monday for the first working day since he took over the post a year ago. He was taken ill Saturday. A headquarters spokesman said the five-star general was improving, but would remain at his home for the "next day or two."

Suicide Tried By Mrs. Kader

PORTLAND, April 21 (AP)—Mrs. Zada Z. Kader, accused of killing her three-year-old daughter, Sherrie, and throwing her body into a sump pit last January, failed in a suicide attempt Sunday night, the sheriff's office reported.

Officers said Mrs. Kader was found in the bathroom of the county jail with a cord from her bathrobe around her neck and scratches on her wrist. Sheriff Terry Schunk said Mrs. Kader had used a broken razor blade to slash her wrist but that the wound bled only slightly.

Mrs. Kader, 21, had written a long note maintaining her innocence and accusing law enforcement officials and newspapers of persecuting her.

She is awaiting trial for first degree murder.

Blood Collection Under Way Here

The Red Cross bloodmobile was in Bend this afternoon, on its second visit of the year to the community. Following the arrival of the unit from Portland, headquarters were set up in the Oregon National Guard armory.

B. A. Stover, Deschutes county bloodmobile chairman for the Red Cross, said the quota for today's visit would be the same as in earlier visits, 150 pints.

No Trace Found Of Missing Man

A search Sunday in the Tumalo Creek country failed to shed light on the fate of Lorenzo Dow Hamar, who was last seen in the area December 1, 1951.

At the request of Sheriff C. L. McCauley and the state police, volunteers on foot and on horseback took part in an organized search Sunday, starting from Shevlin park.

It is believed that Hamar, an elderly resident at Sunset Home, perished in an early December snow storm.

Game Slated

Bend's Lava Bear baseball team will play the Cowboys from Prineville in an afternoon game tomorrow starting at 4 o'clock. Coach Roger Wiley said he probably would start Jim Duff, his south-paw mainstay, on the mound, with Chuck Christensen ready for a relief role. The Bruins defeated the Cowboys at Prineville earlier in the season.