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Rebellious Convicts Hold Two Hostages In Nebraska Prison

Rules Improvement Demanded in Trade

Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—Nine rebellious convicts held two guards hostage in the Nebraska penitentiary today, and said they would release them only in trade for "improvement" in some prison rules.

But Gov. Victor Anderson, personally directing dealings with the rebels who seized two guards more than 24 hours ago, said there would be "no compromise until the guards are released unharmed."

The rebels were armed with knives. The governor termed the conditions, lowered by a rope to the ground from the small prison maximum detention building, as "reasonable." He promised a "personal fair and impartial investigation of all charges and complaints."

Demand Improvements
The prisoners' note demanded nine "improvements" in their treatment in the segregation area of the prison. They are in the special building because of violation of prison rules.

Their requests included a "definite segregation sentence," instead of unlimited terms in the ward; three hot meals daily, acknowledgement of interviews, and "proper medical attention."

The note also asked Anderson for "no reprisals." Lack of electric power cut off the radio which the men had used to listen to news reports. Anderson had placed a rigid censorship on all news about the situation on grounds the convicts might become aroused by hearing news stories of the rebellion.

Earlier today, the prisoners expelled three fellow convicts as "dead weight."

Oregon Accidents Claim 11 Lives

A variety of accidents claimed at least 11 lives in Oregon during the week end. Six died in plane crashes, four drowned and one was killed in an automobile accident.

The biggest single tragedy was the crash of a Pan-American Stratocruiser in the Pacific off Cape Arago Saturday. Four of the 23 passengers and crew were killed.

Two Prineville youths, Ralph Loveland and Ronald Rounds, were killed when their light plane crashed near Prineville Saturday.

Frances Richards, 11, and Geneva Ogden, 12, both of Loon Lake, Ore., drowned Saturday when they fell from a log into a pond. Henry O. Kihns, 57, construction company superintendent, drowned Saturday when his car plunged off the Smith river road and into the water. Ten-year-old Joyce Ann Clark of Portland drowned Saturday when she slipped and fell into a muddy excavation containing about six feet of water.

Mrs. Estelle Sherman died in a Eugene hospital Monday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Blue River on the McKenzie highway Sunday night.

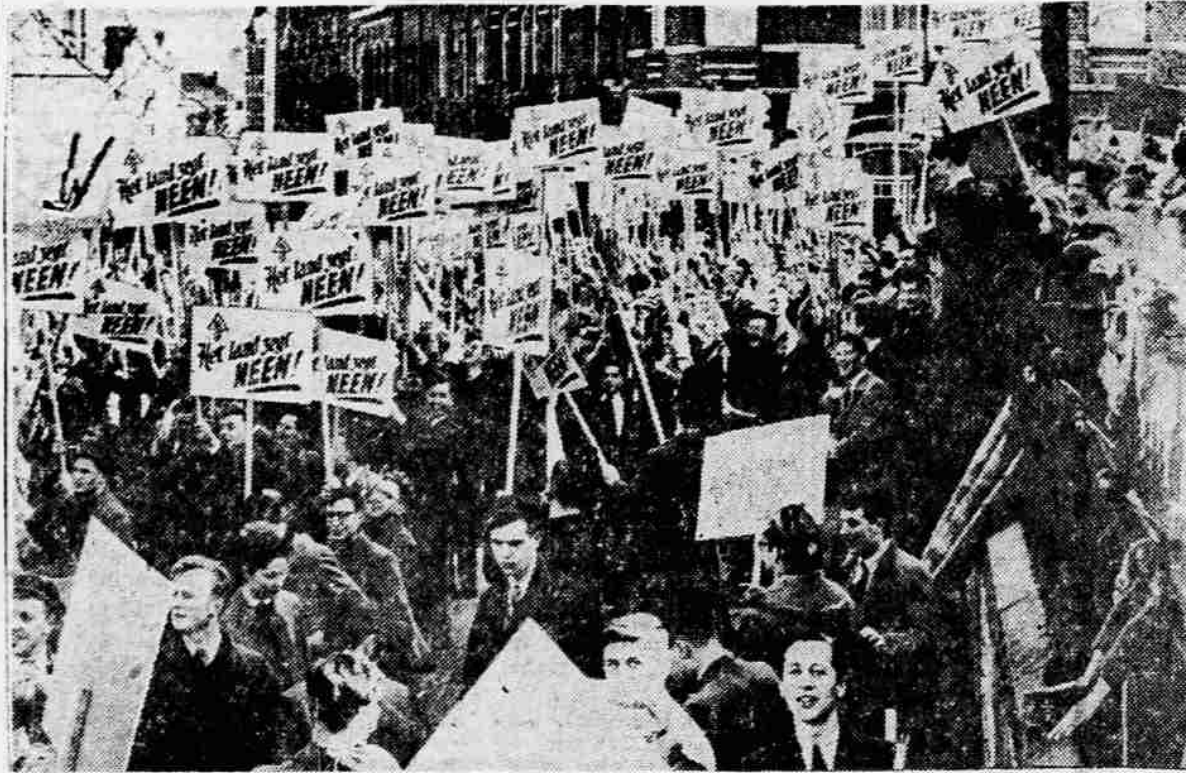
Spring Here—Too Little, Too Late

Spring finally came up with some warm weather today, but it was too little and too late. The season's first disastrous week had claimed more than 70 lives and more than \$50,000,000 in crop losses.

The savage young season still held parts of New England in a wintry grip following a mammoth snow which piled drifts 12 feet high in upper New York state, blocked roads, and stranded scores of motorists and skiers.

In the southland, warming weather came too late to save multi-million dollar fruit crops.

Temperatures rose five to 22 degrees in the East and jumped even higher in the storm battered Great Plains. But it was still below freezing as far south as the northern portion of the gulf states.



PRELUDE TO RIOT—Students carry signs reading, "The Country Says Not," as they parade in Louvain, Belgium, in demonstration against proposed government cuts of \$10,000,000 in aid to parochial schools. Thirty thousand marching Catholics defied anti-demonstration decree and locked in running street battle with the police who mounted a cavalry charge and opened up with fire hoses to put down the mass disorder.

Final Snow Survey Of Winters Season Scheduled Shortly

Preparations were being made today for the final wintertime snow survey in this area. Results of the survey will give Jackson county farmers and orchardists a good indication of how much irrigation water will be available to them during the coming summer.

The results of the survey, and forecasts of the amount of water to be available, will be announced April 4 at a regional meeting in Grants Pass.

Six agencies in Jackson county are taking part in the snow surveys. They are the Forest Service, the National Park Service, California Oregon Power company, and the Medford, Rogue River, and Talent Irrigation districts.

Rogue River National forest checks two stations in the Applegate area; Crater Lake National park checks a course near Park Headquarters and one near Annie Spring; Talent district checks two stations east of Ashland; Medford district takes surveys at Fish Lake and at snow courses at Four Mile and Billy Creek.

The Copco reports cover the largest area, with 10 in the Klamath region, two at stations on the North Umpqua river, and two at stations on the Rogue river above Prospect. Copco submits two reports a month to the Soil Conservation service in Portland, while most other agencies report only once a month.

Carbon Monoxide Said Death Cause

Mrs. Ruth Smart Pope, 45, was found dead this morning at her home at 2651 Table Rock rd., according to state police and coroner Carlos Morris.

Her body was found by her husband, Lloyd S. Pope, in a car with the motor running in a closed garage. Carbon monoxide poisoning was believed to be the cause of death, and Mrs. Pope evidently took her own life, according to the coroner.

Morris said Mrs. Pope reportedly had been despondent and in ill health for some time. Funeral services for Mrs. Pope are pending at Conger-Morris funeral home. Mr. and Mrs. Pope had no children.

Italian Premier Here For High-Level Talks

Washington — (U.P.) — Italian Premier Mario Scelba today opened an official three-day visit with conferences with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Atlantic alliance and proposed big power talks with Russia.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and other high officials greeted Scelba when he arrived late at National Airport Sunday from Ottawa after his plane buffered winds up to 75-miles-an-hour enroute.

Scelba was to call on Dulles for an hour's conference with the Secretary of State prior to a lunch in his and Signora Scelba's honor by President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

Congressional Action Covers Many Subjects

Here is a roundup of news made today in Congress:

Trade: Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) regarded as sympathetic to President Eisenhower's foreign trade bill, has warned the White House and other administration officials that the bill needs help. As chairman of the Senate Finance committee, Byrd must manage whatever version of the reciprocal trade measure that emerges from his committee.

Aid: Foreign Operations Administration Chief Harold E. Stassen asked the Senate Appropriations committee today to vote \$8,000,000 to pay for this country's share of the U.N. technical aid program. He said that because of the program in the past, the free world is now "better fed than at any time in this century."

Agriculture: Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson was the chief target today as House Republicans and Democrats opened debate on the \$878,625,391 asked to run the Agriculture department next year.

Roads: Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) who co-sponsored President Eisenhower's \$101,000,000 road building program, said today he would introduce a substitute for the bill. His action appeared to have killed the slim chance that Congress would approve the administration measure.

Gasoline: Congress started an investigation into complaints that service station operators are being coerced by big oil companies into carrying only certain lines of auto accessories.

Smith: Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) back from a round-the-world trip to 13 capitals, said she was convinced the free world is slowly gaining strength in its struggle against the Communist threat.

Morcen, France — (U.P.) — A French-built electric locomotive set a new world's record when it reached a speed of 198.8 miles an hour on a stretch of track south of Bordeaux today.

Conservative GOP Starting Drive Against Renomination of President Eisenhower

Chicago — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower faces a personal challenge as a drive got underway to dump him at the 1956 presidential convention in favor of GOP "conservatives."

The drive, in the form of a series of state seminars, was announced yesterday by Edgar C. Bundy, president of the Abraham Lincoln National Republican club.

The club has mailed 2,000,000 blanks for membership throughout the country, Bundy said. He said the club now has about 1,200 members in 25 states.

Bundy, a former Air Force intelligence captain and supporter of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), said "this is not a third party movement at all."

"It is a fighting force," he said, "a spearhead to return control of the Republican party to conservatives. And we hope to

Weather

FORECAST: Generally cloudy with occasional rain through Tuesday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 40. High Tuesday 58.

Highest yesterday Temp. 63
Lowest this morning Prec. 43
To 10 a.m. today Prec. 56

Far Eastern Policy Debate Engages Leaders' Attention

'Irresponsible Talk' Cited by Demo Chief

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson today accused Senate Republican leaders of putting pressure on President Eisenhower and indulging in "irresponsible talk" in the Far East crisis. Johnson also told reporters he is optimistic about the prospects

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) declared here last night that the United States should defend Formosa "to the hilt," but he warned against trying to defend Quemoy and the Matsus.

He said the United States should "defend Formosa to the hilt until the United Nations exercises jurisdiction over the sovereignty of Formosa." He said this country has the "duty" to fight for the island because the Japanese peace treaty did not settle the Formosan question.

Morse warned that a defense of Quemoy and the Matsus would cause all Asians to look upon the United States as an aggressor. And he asserted that the use of atomic weapons would destroy our reputation in Asia for "5,000 years."

of developing a "positive" foreign policy program when Mr. Eisenhower and congressional leaders confer at the White House this week.

Meanwhile, administration officials said that Mr. Eisenhower is being urged to consider stiff U.S. retaliation if the Chinese Reds make an all out assault on Quemoy and the Matsus.

These officials indicated clearly that some top defense and diplomatic leaders believe a major Red strike at the offshore islands undoubtedly would be a step towards a later stab at Formosa.

The dangers of an early Chinese Communist attack on the Quemoy and Matsus islands are scheduled for top consideration at President Eisenhower's White House meetings with congressional leaders Wednesday and Thursday.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Adm. Robert B. Carney, chief of naval operations, were reported in the forefront of those who favor a stiffer American attitude toward Red China. These three men have visited recently in the Far East and Southeast Asia.

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy demanded today that President Eisenhower say publicly and immediately whether the United States will defend the Quemoy and Matsus islands. The Wisconsin Republican charged that the President "is deliberately inviting what may be an unnecessary war" by not making known the administration's intentions on the islands off the Red China coast.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 412.91 off 1.86; 20 railroads 150.79 up 0.53; 15 utilities 63.94 off 0.27, and 65 stocks 154.09 off 0.34. Sales today held unchanged from Friday at 2,540,000 shares.

John Marshall Harlan Becomes 89th Justice Of U.S. High Court

Washington — (U.P.) — John Marshall Harlan, distinguished New York attorney and former judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, took his oath of office today as an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

The solemn swearing-in ceremony in the Court Chamber gave the high tribunal a full complement of nine justices for the first time since last October.

The judicial oath, in which Harlan promised to administer justice "faithfully and impartially," was administered by Court Clerk Harold B. Willey. Earlier, in a private ceremony in the Justices' Conference room, Chief Justice Earl Warren had administered the constitutional oath which is common to all federal office holders.

Harlan, whose grandfather nearly 60 years ago was the only Supreme Court justice to dissent from a Supreme Court decision upholding the separate but equal doctrine of racial segregation, took his place on the bench in time to take part in the forthcoming hearings on enforcing the court's historic decision last year outlawing segregation in public schools.

Harlan, the 89th man to serve on the nation's highest tribunal, succeeded Justice Robert H. Jackson, who died last October. "Separate But Equal" Doctrine Struck Down

He arrived on the court before it had put into effect its order banning segregation in the public schools. That decision, announced last May, struck down the time-honored "separate but equal" doctrine for segregating the white and Negro races.

In 1896, Harlan's grandfather — also named John Marshall — was the only justice to oppose a decision that "separate but equal" facilities on railroad cars for Negroes are constitutional. The elder Justice Harlan said "our Constitution is color blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens."

In two weeks, the full, nine-man bench will hear arguments on how and when the states should carry out the decision. It may issue a decree as early as this spring. The arguments had been postponed until Jackson's successor could take his seat.

Harlan is the third Republican on the Supreme Court. He is the next to youngest justice. Mr. Warren and Harold H. Burton, appointed by former President Truman in 1945, are the other Republicans. Justice Tom C. Clark is a few months younger than Harlan.

The new justice's background gives little clue as to what course he will take on the court. Jackson's death cut the so-called liberal bloc to two justices, William O. Douglas and Hugo L. Black. It appeared likely that Harlan, a life-long Republican, will take a more conservative position.

Check on O&C Roads Dispute Scheduled

Washington — The Senate Interior committee is sending a staff investigator to Oregon within the next week or two to look into the mounting debate between large and small timber operators over O&C right-of-way road regulations.

This is the latest move in a series of developments touched off earlier this year when the O&C Advisory Board, composed of Oregon citizens and headed by ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague of Salem, adopted a new set of regulations and submitted them to the Bureau of Land Management.

The regulations pertain to the conditions under which loggers can obtain access to federal O&C timber when it is necessary to cross intermingling private and federal timberlands to reach it.

Delay Granted
Although the regulations have since been revised by BLM officials here, Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has acceded to the request of the Interior Committee to defer their adoption until a review of them can be made by the committee and its staff.

William Coburn of the staff has been interviewing BLM officials here and is scheduled to go to Oregon to gather further information from officials in the field, as well as local timber operators and others involved in the dispute. The Senate committee looked into the question at the request of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), who said he is against revising the existing road regulations, which he said had been beneficial and had improved competition among operators buying O&C timber.

Neuberger Objects
Neuberger said he objected to the new regulations about them from many small loggers. Opposition to the proposal has been led by Western Forest Industries association.

Meanwhile, as the Senate committee is studying the issue, the BLM regional office at Portland is currently making a further study of the experience BLM has had over the last five years in making access road contracts with Oregon operators.

This review was asked by R. T. Titus, executive secretary of the WFAIA and a member of the O&C Advisory Board, and also by request of Sprague, chairman of the O&C board.

Meeting Cancelled
Sprague, here in Washington, D. C., on other business, said he expected no further action would be taken on the regulation question until the Portland study has been completed and made public. He said the board cancelled a scheduled March 16 meeting in order to allow for the continued study of the problem before it was taken up again.

The board adopted the regulations Jan. 6 by an 8-4 vote. After being reworked by BLM officials here, they were returned to the board for review Feb. 4.

BPA Announces Cut In Interruptible Power
Portland — (U.P.) — Bonneville Power Administration announced today that the cut in interruptible power service to 14 Pacific Northwest industrial plants would be stepped up immediately from 50 to 75 per cent.

Bonneville said the interruptible power would be cut off entirely from 6 a.m. to midnight daily. The 25 per cent available will be delivered to the plants from midnight to 6 a.m. The Bonneville announcement said there has been no improvement in water runoff and all resources are needed to meet firm power commitments.

French Ratification Of German Arming Assists Position

Officials 'Startled' By Soviet's Switch

London — (U.P.) — The Western powers moved closer to a Big Four conference with the Soviet today, convinced that Russia must show now whether it is ready to ease world tension or intensify the biggest arms buildup in history.

French ratification of the Paris accords to rearm West Germany strengthened the Western position immeasurably, despite Soviet plans to build a satellite "NATO" and Communist East Germany's plans to build an army of its own.

Officials Startled
Western officials were startled by the Soviet's abrupt change in policy favoring a Big Four meeting but were leary of Russian attempts to stall German rearmament with another "soft" policy toward Europe.

Before French ratification, Moscow said approval of the arms pacts would make another Big Four conference impossible. Then, with ratification assured, Moscow pulled a switch and Premier Nikolai Bulganin announced he took a "positive attitude" toward President Eisenhower's idea of an exploratory Big Four conference.

Silent on Threats
Moscow Radio blasted ratification again today but remained silent on its pre-ratification threats to denounce its treaties of friendship with France and Britain.

The broadcast, quoting the official Communist organ Pravda, followed the same comparatively mild tone Moscow has followed since Bulganin's Saturday statement.

It blamed French Senate action on "Anglo-American threats and blackmail," and said "ruling circles of France prefer to bow to the dollar instead of defending their true national interests."

But it steered clear of Moscow's previous "unswerving" opinion that ratification made Big Four talks impossible.

A United Press Moscow dispatch said diplomatic observers believed the quick about face in Soviet policy showed Russia's real concern at relaxing international tension, particularly the explosive Formosa situation which could touch off a major war.

But some Western officials considered that French ratification had called a Soviet bluff, that Russia now might forget its threats.

London — (U.P.) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today that the United States, Britain and France have opened consultations on "methods by which we can now go ahead" with a four-power conference with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that in view of France's ratification of German rearmament "we shall now be able to follow" the promised procedure of setting up talks with the Soviet Union.

"We are already in consultation with our Allies as to the methods by which we can now go ahead," Eden said.

He said the procedure perhaps would be to start out with low level meetings of officials to chart plans, and then move on to a meeting "at foreign ministers' level" and "other levels if all goes well."

GAO Says Highway Plan Is 'Unsound'

Washington — (U.P.) — The General Accounting office said today that the administration's proposed manner of financing its multi-billion dollar road building program is unsound.

Comptroller General Joseph Campbell reported to a Senate Public Works subcommittee that the administration's proposal also is of questionable legality.

Campbell, who was only recently confirmed as comptroller general, centered his objections on the administration's proposal to create a federal highway corporation. The corporation would be authorized to issue \$21,000,000,000 in bonds to pay for construction of interstate highways.

"We feel that the proposed method of financing is objectionable because the result would be that the borrowings would not be included in the public debt obligations of the United States," Campbell said.

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission today rescheduled its "grand daddy" atomic shot for before dawn tomorrow at 4:55 a.m. PST and planned an alternate air drop if weather conditions prevent the big one.