

Washington Prison Cellblocks Searched

'More Than One' Corpse Expected To Be Discovered

Weapons Taken From Kitchen Missing

Wallas Walla, Wash. — (U.P.)—Eight unarmed guards entered cell block 6 today to begin a block-by-block shakedown at riot-torn Washington State prison.

The eight were among 12 guards who volunteered for the job at the request of Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr. They were to "secure" each of the six cellblocks in the prison one at a time, reporting back to Delmore after each one was searched.

The plan called for herding the prisoners into the yard one block at a time. After all the inmates were in the yard, they were to be searched.

Hints Slayings
The inmate population was 1784 before the riot began Tuesday morning. Veteran guards, however, expressed doubt there would be that many alive when the final roll was taken today.

"There are too many stoopid-pigs in this place," said one guard who declined to give his name. "I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we find more than one corpse."

Before the eight volunteers entered the prison this morning there were no penitentiary employees inside the walls. However, the prisoners behaved themselves. On the walls were 38 state patrolmen and prison guards armed with rifles.

State Guard on Wall
"My orders are for the state patrol to protect the security of the walls," explained State Patrol Lt. Charles Hall. "It is up to the prison authorities to take care of the situation inside."

Only six of the 30 day shift guards volunteered to go into the prison. The other six were from other shifts. Delmore selected eight of the 12 and explained terms of the nine-point agreement which ended the 26-hour riot and resulted in the release of nine hostages.

"The main reasons we made them (the terms) so quickly was because time was running out and we weren't going to stand too much on formality," Delmore said. "Nevertheless, we didn't sell out."

Earlier, a spokesman for the guards said only a few of the knives and razors carried by rioting prisoners were turned in when they filed back to their cells.

"Not one-third of the weapons taken in the kitchen are being surrendered," he said. "We are not going back in there (the cell blocks) when we know dozens of knives may be cached in the cells."

He said the convict-written "treaty" signed by prison officials "made more concessions to the prisoners than it did for us."

Guards were willing to help the National Guard or State Patrol make a systematic search for hidden weapons, the spokesman said, "but we want all prisoners out in the yard when the inspection is made."

There was speculation that if the meeting did not produce results satisfactory to the guards, the National Guard and State Patrol would be called in by Gov. Arthur B. Langlie who would have to issue such an order, however.

Delmore said he wasn't looking for any trouble in "running this place."

"We'll take precautions (to protect the guards) naturally," he said.

The riot, touched off by a hard core of 35 maximum security prisoners, flared up at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday and spread until inmates controlled all the prison except the well-guarded walls.

Santiago, Chile — (U.P.)—Armed military troops in tanks rumbled into Santiago and other key points today to guard against violence that may be ignited by Chile's biggest labor protest in history.

Baseball

NATIONAL	
Brooklyn	4 9 1
Pittsburgh	3 10 1
Look and Howell; Klein, Friend (8) and Atwell.	
Philadelphia	5 13 2
New York	8 10 3
Dickson, Meyer (6), Miller (6), Negray (8) and Lopata; Gomez, Wilhelm (3), McCall (6), Grissom (7) and Hofman, Westrum (7).	
Milwaukee	3 6 0
Chicago	2 5 0
Buhl and Crandall; Jones and McCullough.	



RIOTER, PRISON CHIEF HUDDLE — An unidentified leader (center) of rioting Washington State prisoners at Walla Walla, Wash., presents prisoner demands to Thomas Harris, left, state prison chief. The prisoners captured seven guards, held them hostage.



RIOT VICTIM — B. W. Fain, assistant recreational director at Washington State penitentiary, Walla Walla, shows blood stained shirt as aftermath of riot.

Murder Trial Set To Begin Monday

The trial of Bernice Hampton (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., is scheduled to start Monday at 9:30 a.m., in circuit court, District Attorney Walter Nunley said this morning.

White is charged with first degree murder in the death of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix. Birk died in an Ashland hospital March 5. The indictment charges White fatally injured Birk by striking him over the head with a two-by-four piece of lumber on March 4.

The trial has been held up pending rulings on various defense motions, and by the fact that White was hospitalized following an emergency appendectomy shortly after he was jailed.

Defense Attorney Robert Duncan has indicated White will plead innocent by reason of temporary insanity.

Demos See Approval of Social Security Plan

Washington — (U.P.)—Democrats today predicted House approval of their plan to hike Social Security taxes by 25 per cent on both workers and employers to finance expanded benefits.

The proposal, which would take effect Jan. 1, won approval last night of the House Ways and Means Committee. But supporters conceded that in the rush for adjournment the Senate may delay consideration of the measure until next year, thus upsetting the proposed effective date.

Fulbright Sees Approval Of Foreign Aid Measure

Washington — (U.P.)—Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said today he expects "little or no opposition" to quick Senate approval of the compromise \$3,285,800,000 foreign aid bill.

The compromise measure, worked out yesterday by House-Senate conferees, authorizes another year of economic, military and technical assistance to bolster free nations against the spread of Communism.

Thornton Warns on Plan To Introduce New Coin Machines

Salem — (U.P.)—A new electronic "slotless slot machine" is about to be introduced by state-wide gambling interests in Oregon, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today.

Such a slot machine requires no coin to be inserted, but would be operated by an electronic impulse, actuating a relay which would permit the tavern owner, upon payment of a certain sum, to control the number of plays by remote control.

Violation of Laws
Thornton said such machines are just as illegal as the coin-in-the-slot machines, and operation of them would be in violation of both the state's gambling laws and the constitutional prohibition against lotteries.

Thornton said word had come to him that the gamblers hoped to circumvent the law by use of the new machines. However, he has forwarded a memorandum to all district attorneys in Oregon. He said:

"The slot machines proposed for use in this state do not vary in principal but only in their method of operation from the conventional coin-in-the-slot machines."

Medford Wins Award For Pedestrian Safety

The city of Medford has won an annual Oregon State Motor association award for pedestrian safety in 1954, it was announced today by Sidney King, Oregon director of safety for the AAA-affiliated organization.

The plaque will be presented to Mayor Earl Miller by Herb Gray, a member of the board of directors for the OSMA, at a council meeting to be held July 19. There were no pedestrian fatalities in Medford in 1954.

Police Chief Charles Champlin said the department is "quite proud" of the award, but expressed regret over the fact that two Medford pedestrians have been killed already this year.

Domiciliary Reports Record in Enrollment

Camp White — An all time high in the enrollment of domiciliary members was reached during June, it was announced today by E. K. Ricker, manager of the Veterans Administration center here.

West Germany To Permit Mail Censor, Wire Taps

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.)—The West German government said Wednesday night it will continue to allow the three foreign occupation powers to censor mail and place wiretaps on telephones in the federal republic. Interior Minister Gerhard Schroeder said the government took this attitude "in the interests of Allied forces security and in view of the present international situation."

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 48. High Friday 82.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 73
Lowest this Morning 44

Catholics Urged To Accept Peron Plea for Harmony

Members Requested To Intensify Prayers

Buenos Aires — (U.P.)—Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Argentina, urged all Catholics today to heed President Juan D. Peron's plea for peace and harmony.

Archbishop ordered that a pastoral be read at all Masses in all Roman Catholic churches Sunday signifying support of Peron's plea. He urged members of the church to intensify their prayers and sacrifices in accordance with church tradition during times of trial.

By ordering the pastoral, the Catholic leader, in effect, called for an end to strained relations between the church and the state. This church-state friction has resulted in much violence and arrests since it flared into the open last fall.

Refers To Radio Plea

The plea to which the archbishop referred was made by Peron in a nationwide radio broadcast Tuesday. The President did not mention the church-state controversy in his address. In calling for a political truce, he confined his remarks to his "enemies."

Copello declared that "peace and harmony among our citizens is our greatest aspiration." "But these noble longings for union and peace can only be realized if the causes which have created discontent and have divided our citizens are eliminated from among us."

The archbishop reiterated instructions issued Dec. 1, 1954, which stated "the faithful should not participate in acts purporting to be of a religious nature if they have not been previously approved by church authorities."

Latest Conciliation Move

This move by the Catholics was the latest in the trend towards church-state conciliation since the bloody but short-lived revolt of the air force and navy June 16.

The government signified intentions of easing the tension when it informed the Vatican this week that two expelled prelates would be permitted to return to Buenos Aires. Their expulsion marked the high point of Peron's battle with the Roman Catholic Church and resulted in the excommunication of the president and all others connected with the incident.

U.S. Accepts Russian Plane Incident Offer

Washington — (U.P.)—The United States today accepted Russia's offer to pay half the damages for the Navy patrol plane shot down by Soviet fighters off Alaska June 23.

The offer had been made verbally at San Francisco two weeks ago by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in direct talks with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

This government accepted in a note delivered in Moscow today.

In the note, the United States again insisted that the Navy plane at no time invaded Soviet Air territory and that it acted throughout "in a correct and blameless manner."

In accepting Russia's offer, the United States said it was taking into account Soviet expressions of regret and the fact that Russia issued orders to its military authorities to refrain from any future action "of this character."

Construction Progress at Klamath Falls \$3,960,000 Air Force Base is Reported

Klamath Falls — Nearly \$3,960,000 worth of construction contracts have been let for Air Force base here, it was reported this week.

The Klamath Falls Herald and News said almost \$1,000,000 in contracts are still to be awarded before completion of the project, expected by the first of the year. Three big contracts have been let to Morrison-Knudsen company, and work is under way. They include \$944,000 to rehabilitate the airport runway and lighting; \$116,000 for the installation of jet fuel storage tanks, and \$478,741 for sirmen's dormitories.

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Number of Jobless In County in June 40% Under 1954

Employment Level Said Generally High

The number of jobless persons in Jackson county at the end of June was 40 per cent below the figure for the same date last year, according to the Medford office of the state employment service.

The decrease in the number of unemployed was partly due to lack of fruit work at that time last year, because of frost damage to fruit crops, the service's monthly bulletin said. But it added that the total is 26 per cent below that for May 31 of this year.

The figures reflect "the generally high level of employment in the county at the present time," the report said. Unemployment claims, as a result, have dropped steadily and are well below a year ago.

The number of jobless was estimated at 700, including 250 women.

Hiring in the lumber industry in the near future will probably be only normal turnover replacement because most firms are now using full crews, the report added. Peak thinning will continue for about four more weeks. The peak harvest is expected to be relatively late this year, with picking starting near the end of August, and a high demand for pickers was forecast.

The office reported a large number of job seekers coming in to the area during June. While some were seeking seasonal work many were interested in permanent employment, and most of them were from California.

Presbyterian Site Reported Approved

Location of a new Presbyterian church at the corner of Groveland ave. and Oakwood dr. has been proposed by the planning and strategy committee of the Oregon Council of Churches, it was learned here today.

A group of Medford Presbyterians is considering establishing a second church of that denomination at the site, but it was protested by Congregational and Baptist representatives who maintained the new church would be too close to existing churches.

The committee, which met yesterday, was reportedly closely divided on the question. The report said the decision was based on the theory that a new church could be located anywhere in an area where there are already many members.

About 500 Persons Due at OFL Conclave

About 500 persons are expected to be in Medford July 24 through 28 to attend the annual state convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor, according to J. Vernon Marshall, business agent of the musicians' local union who is general chairman of convention arrangements.

Headquarters will be in the Medford hotel. Registrations will open there Sunday morning, July 24.

A dance is planned for Monday evening, July 25, at the Pioneer room in the Jackson hotel, and a banquet is scheduled for later in the week at St. Mary's gymnasium.

Vessel Sinking With May Be Fantastic Hoax

Compulsory Reserve Obligation for Vets Draws Russel's Ire

Washington — (U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell sharply questioned today the "propriety or the equity" of the administration's plan to impose a compulsory reserve obligation on veterans.

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, thus took issue with one of the main props of the administration's military reserve program. The Georgia Democrat raised his challenge to the administration's plan as the committee opened hearings in an attempt to push some reserve plan through the Senate before congressional adjournment.

Three Days of Hearings

The committee scheduled only three days of hearings, with the goal of reporting out a reserve bill for Senate action in 10 days. Lead-off witnesses on the first day of hearings were representatives of educational, scientific, technical and labor groups. The administration is scheduled to present its case for the reserve plan Monday.

Russell's opening statement was an indication that the administration's plan, already approved in modified form by the House, may be in for a substantial overhauling in the Senate committee.

Under the administration's plan to strengthen the reserves, servicemen would have a compulsory reserve training obligation following active duty. Under the House-approved version, it would be a total of five years of active and reserve duty.

To build up a corps of reservists without previous active duty, the administration also proposed—and the House approved in modified form—that up to 250,000 youths annually be given six months military training followed by 7½ years reserve duty.

Russell Questions Propriety

Russell questioned "the propriety or the equity of imposing the major part of the reserve responsibility on the shoulders of our prior service men—the equity of forcing these men to participate in reserve training activities in addition to the basic liability for mobilization assignment and recall in time of war."

"If the situation facing the nation is so grave that we must force this added burden on those men who have already served," Russell said, then "we must completely reorient our planning."

County Officials To Confer on Tree Taxes

Members of the Jackson county court and the county board of equalization will meet with state tax commission officials tomorrow in Salem to discuss assessment of orchard and shade trees.

Those taking part in the meeting from Jackson county will include County Judge Rodney Keating and Commissioners Chester Wendt and L. G. Morthland, and Arnold Bohnert and Ralph Cook of the board of equalization. Judge Keating also is a member of the board.

Kidnaping of Boy Brings Life Sentence

Astoria, Ore. — (U.P.)—William E. Kent, 19-year-old AWOL Army private who held Tommy Woodward, 7, of Elsie, captive 37 hours last May, today was sentenced to life imprisonment "as a menace to society."

Kent, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of child stealing, was examined by state psychiatrists before sentence was imposed and Clatsop County Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman said the examination showed Kent to be "a menace to society in his present frame of mind."

State Boxcar Shortage Said Not Too Serious

Salem — (U.P.)—Oregon's emergency transportation committee said today that the boxcar shortage in the state is not serious enough to warrant asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to open the Portland gateway.

By a vote of 7 to 6 the committee appointed by Gov. Paul Patterson to deal with the boxcar shortage rejected a proposal that the Portland gateway be opened to permit rolling stock from Northern lines to be used from Southern Pacific tracks in Oregon.

Commercial Tug Picks Up Message; Oil Slick Found

Foreign Submarine Reported by Radio

New York — (U.P.)—A commercial tug picked up a distress message today saying a fishing vessel was afire and sinking with 21 aboard. Some 10 hours later the Coast Guard Cutter Gentian reported finding an oil slick and a single life preserver in the area.

Prior to the discovery evidence strongly indicated that the distress message was a fantastic hoax. The find did not eliminate this possibility, the Coast Guard said, but the search by Navy and Coast Guard air and sea forces continued in increased intensity.

Vessel Unidentified

The Coast Guard has not been able to identify the vessel which gave its name as "Blue Star."

The tale of terror at sea was related in a strange radio-phone conversation with the tug over more than an hour. It ended with a report that a foreign submarine had surfaced beside the foundering boat.

The "Blue Star" had reported earlier that 18 persons were overboard, clinging to wreckage to keep afloat because all the boat's life preservers had been destroyed by fire.

No Burn Marks

The cutter Gentian radioed that the orange kapok life preserver it found showed "no burn marks."

The preserver was found about 50 miles east of Beach Haven, N.J., in the southwest sector of the search pattern set up on the basis of the "Blue Star's" report.

Grass, Brush Fire On Hill Put Out

Central Point — A large grass and brush fire on Blackwell hill and a controlled burning project at the Game Commission management area on Rogue river busied Central Point Rural district firemen yesterday and this morning.

Fire Chief Richard Krupp reported that the fire of some 15 acres on Blackwell hill along old Highway 99, could have proved more serious. Three rural department trucks and one state forest patrol pumper responded. The blaze was reported about 1 p.m. Crews were on the job off and on until 8 m.

The fire originated apparently from a spot where tin cans and rubbish had been dumped.

Three rural firemen with three trucks helped six game men burn fire trails around much of the management area south of the Military bridge. The work took from 3:30 until about 11 a.m. today. The operation was undertaken to protect grass cover considered essential for wildlife in the area.

Orchestra Students Set Concert Tonight

Students who have participated in a summer orchestra session will present a program at 7 p.m. today in the Medford High school chorus room.

The students have been rehearsing for the past five weeks with John Drysdale as the director. The program is open to the public and no admission will be charged.

Nude Blonde Roams Streets Seeking Adam

Sioux Falls, S.D. — (U.P.)—An attractive blonde in her early 30s, was found wandering around city streets in the nude early today. She told police she was Eve and was searching for Adam.

Police said the woman will be examined by a psychiatrist. Traffic during the early morning rush hour was stalled while she strolled by.