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Convicts in Nevada On Sit-Down Strike

Prisoners Seek Conference With Governor Russell

Two Minor Acts Of Violence Reported

Carson City, Nev. — (U.P.) — Chilled convicts at the Nevada State Prison basked in the early morning sun today determined not to end a more than 16-hour sit-down strike for better conditions until they met with Gov. Charles Russell.

The governor, who went to Las Vegas yesterday to investigate gaming conditions in that mushrooming gambling spa, was en route back to the capital by National Guard plane to take "whatever action I deem necessary."

He was expected to land at Reno and drive directly to the prison.

Two minor acts of violence were reported, both of them before daybreak this morning.

Break Into Shop

Many of the 222 convicts taking part broke into a small coffee and ice cream shop adjoining the prison exercise yard they have refused to leave since yesterday afternoon and helped themselves to ice cream.

Later they collected in a small recreation room and began milling around. Prison personnel, fearing they might begin fighting among themselves, fired a single tear gas bomb into the room to clear them out.

In neither instance was there any evidence of rioting or destruction of fixtures.

The convicts presented a list of 12 demands to Warden Art Bernard who called a regularly elected "grievance" committee into his office shortly after the prisoners refused to line up for dinner.

Conference Key Demand

The committee, now actively engaged in the "quiet" disturbance, said the key demand was the conference with the governor. "If they back down on that," one of them said, "they have lost their fight."

The men, comprising more than two-thirds of the entire 358-inmate population, spent the night in the yard clad only in dungarees and thin T-shirts. None had jackets to ward off the chilly morning air as temperatures fell below the 50-degree mark.

Bernard blamed prison disturbances at Walla Walla, Wash., and Rawlins, Wyo., for the sit-down. He said the trouble had been brewing for "a couple of weeks."

Portland — (U.P.) — The British cruiser HMS Superb will dock here Friday for a six-day visit.

Technical Progress Allows Rural Telephone Extensions

Technical developments have permitted extension of dial telephone service into the east Sams Valley-Beagle areas, according to the Columbia Utilities company, which serves the area. Work is now under way.

D. O. Hood, president of the telephone firm, said that later, probably this fall, the company may extend its facilities further north to include the Meadows district, which has never had telephone service.

Hood explained that recent scientific and technical improvements have made these extensions possible without the high costs which have been prohibitive in the past. Only one pair of wires will be installed he said, and these will be connected to super-imposed carrier (or wired radio) circuits. Each circuit can serve a maximum of 10 subscriber stations.

Selective harmonic ringing

Mother Protesting Drafting of Son Ends Four-Day Fast

Miami — (U.P.) — A "very religious" mother who staged a four-day hunger strike protesting the drafting of her son today gave her "consent and my good wishes" in his military career.

Mrs. Martha Blumenbach, 52, last night ended her four days of fasting.

Her husband, Earl Blumenbach, well to do appliance dealer at nearby Coral Gables, Fla., said his wife "is a sick—very sick—woman."

Blast In Irrigation Flume Investigated; Crops Endangered

Jackson county sheriff's officers are continuing an investigation into an explosion last Thursday which early left more than a thousand acres of farm land without irrigation water.

The explosion was in Rogue River Valley Irrigation district's wooden flume which crosses Bear creek at McAndrews rd. Officers said malicious destruction of property by using dynamite is suspected.

Sheriff Howard Gault said several suspects have been questioned concerning the dynamiting, without result as yet.

The explosion was reported by Harold Sexton, manager of the district, and was discovered by Charles O. Bousland, route 2, box 659, Central Point, an employee of the district.

Blast In Evening

Sheriff's officers said the explosion occurred between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m., and apparently one stick of dynamite was placed or floated into the flume about half way across the creek. They said the dynamite exploded about a foot below the water level, doing considerable damage. Recent repairs to the flume prevented more serious loss, which Sexton said could have been disastrous to crops.

The north side of the flume west of the water gates was damaged, causing a leak, and two check boards were blown out but were not extensively damaged.

Publication of news about the explosion was voluntarily withheld by the Mail Tribune during the preliminary investigation by sheriff's officers.

Weather

FORECAST — Fair and warm through Wednesday. Low tonight 55; high Wednesday 95.

Highest yesterday — Temp. 86

Lowest this morning — 51

Move To Postpone Hells Measure Loses

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Interior committee today rejected, 13 to 11, a move to postpone indefinitely further action to authorize federal construction of the Hells canyon dam.

It was a party line vote with Democrats voting against and Republicans for.

The motion, which in effect would have killed the authorizing legislation at least for the time being, was offered by Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.).

Miller's motion was to postpone indefinitely further committee consideration of a bill by Rep. Gracie Foster (D-Ida.), to let the federal government, rather than private power, develop the Snake river in Idaho through construction of a \$350,000,000 high level dam.

Neuberger Opposes Beaver Marsh Project

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger announced his "firm opposition" today to the Beaver marsh project on the upper McKenzie river in Oregon.

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It not only would imperil fish life in the area but would drastically reduce the value of the Kossak and Sahalie waterfalls, he said.

Fate of Convicts In Walla Walla Beating Studied

Inmates Declared Too Drunk To Interrogate

Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Washington state prison officials opened an investigation today to determine what to do with two convicts who seized and beat two prison employees yesterday.

Officials at St. Mary's hospital here reported that Arthur M. Thompson, one of the victims of the beatings, suffered ruptures of both eyes. Thompson was going into surgery today, hospital attendants said.

Convicts Too Intoxicated

Warden Lawrence Delmore said prison officials had to postpone questioning of the convicts until today because they were too intoxicated to interrogate after the attack of the prison employees.

The warden said the convicts, Robert J. Sheehan and Thaddeus Dupuy, became intoxicated on a home-made liquor they apparently concocted in the prison ice plant where they were working. The assault on Thompson and John Bates, a prison repairman, followed the drinking bout.

Delmore said it had not been determined if Sheehan and Dupuy employed weapons in their assault or used only their fists on Thompson and Bates.

Sheehan and Dupuy entered the laundry and attacked Thompson, Delmore said. Then they grabbed Bates and beat him before they were seized by other officers and locked up.

Delmore said "as far as we know" Sheehan and Dupuy were not connected with the prison rebellion two weeks ago.

Sheehan is serving seven and one-half years from Clark county for robbery, the warden said. Dupuy is serving an eight-year term for robbery.

Paving, Zoning Matters Slated

The city council will hold a public hearing on paving Kenwood ave. at its 7:30 p.m. meeting tonight, and will consider ordinances calling public hearings on two zone change requests.

One request is from J. S. Goodwin that a section of Queen Anne addition be rezoned from single to multiple family residences, and the other is from Mrs. Dorothy Sneed for rezoning East Jackson st., between Hawthorne and Genesee sts., from multiple family to commercial.

Also on the agenda are three reports from City Manager Robert Duff and a discussion of the proposed South Bear Creek Sanitary district contract. Reports from Duff will be on removing a crosswalk on South Riverside ave. opposite Tabu restaurant; on a request from Mrs. N. E. Leslie, 1036 Court st., for zone change; and on the East Jackson st. right of way.

The council also will receive a recommendation for change of set back for Homer J. Bringle on Eighth st. at Orange st.

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United States Never To Wage Aggressive War, Bulganin Told

Geneva — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower, in an earnest effort to remove Russian fears of a reunified Germany, today solemnly assured the Soviets that NATO was planned as an agency of peace rather than war and that the United States never would wage aggressive war.

The American chief executive addressed his assurances and his appeal for a more tolerant Soviet attitude toward NATO directly to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and his World War II ally and comrade, Marshal Georgi Zhukov now Soviet defense minister.

Bulganin, responding to the President's strongly phrased reassurance, said he "trusted" Mr. Eisenhower's statements. But he argued the time is not yet ripe for German reunification.

In spite of the Soviet objections to prompt reunification, the heads of governments agreed to instruct their foreign ministers to abandon their discussions of the conference agenda and plunge at once into a detailed study of how Germany might be reunited on a basis satisfactory to all.

The foreign ministers were instructed to begin their study at tomorrow morning's meeting and report back to the summit delegates tomorrow afternoon.

Armed Troops Keep Uneasy Truce in Casablanca Streets

Casablanca, Morocco — (U.P.) — Thousands of armed police and troops in armored cars patrolled the narrow blood-stained streets of the city today enforcing an uneasy truce between the European colony and the natives.

The major rioting and terrorism, in which at least 65 persons

Yreka — A Medford woman and her Yreka companion left Casablanca after the current rioting broke out, it has been reported here.

Mrs. Clifford Aldrich, Medford, who operates Miss Pat's Dance studio, and Karen Johnson, daughter of the Sifoy county recorder, have been touring Europe and North Africa. In a telegram to Miss Johnson's father, they reported they arrived there shortly before the rioting started.

have been killed, appeared to have subsided under the guns of the tank-supported government forces.

Night Watchman Killed

The bomb-killing of a night watchman Monday was the latest in a series of violent deaths that have resulted from the race riots. Five days of murder, arson and pillage have followed the tossing of a bomb into a crowded cafe last Thursday.

At least 200 persons have been injured in the outbreaks. Unofficial reports have put the death toll as high as 200, with the bodies of many more victims believed to be concealed in the winding back streets of the native quarters.

Curfew in Force

Martial law and the curfew were still in force. The newly-appointed military commander of the city, Gen. Andre Franchi, toured the new and old Medinas Monday night with the Pasha of Casablanca, the city's highest Arab leader.

French Resident General Gilbert Grandval kept in close touch with Premier Edgar Faure at the Big Four conference in Geneva, advising him of developments in the situation. The violence was regarded as the worst in the North African territory in many years.

Jail Escapee Found And Returned Here

Floyd Earl Denno, 25, who escaped from Jackson county jail Aug. 8, 1953, was returned here yesterday from Soledad, Calif., jail where he completed an 18-month sentence for second degree burglary.

Denno was convicted in circuit court here on larceny by bailee, and while waiting sentence he escaped from jail. He was accused of renting a floor sander from Haggard Lumber company in Phoenix and selling it to a dealer of used articles.

Denno was convicted of a similar charge in California and completed serving time when he was brought to Jackson county yesterday.

Sheriff's officers said Denno has a record of renting or borrowing equipment and then selling it.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson has appointed Paul Brunskill, Tillamook, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy.



REAL COOL DOG, COOL—As the thermometer hit an even 100 at Dallas, Tex., a six-year-old Pomeranian took to a pan of ice-water, cocked a wary eye at the rising mercury.

White Murder Case Submitted to Jury; 6 Possible Verdicts

The Bernice H. (Tex) White murder trial went to the jury at 10:10 a.m. today.

Actual trial of the case was completed yesterday afternoon with the final statements of District Attorney Walter Nunley and Defense Attorney Robert Duncan. The 40 minutes the court was in session this morning were taken up with the judge's instruction to the jury.

White is accused of first degree murder in the March 2 slaying of Eugene Raymond Birk, Phoenix. White has not denied the killing, which was done with a two by four piece of lumber, but has pleaded temporary insanity. Much of the testimony during the trial, which began a week ago yesterday, has concerned White's medical record, his epilepsy, and his "seizures," several of which have taken place in the courtroom.

The defense has claimed the fatal attack took place during one such psycho-motor seizure, and that White has no recollection of parts of the action resulting in the death of Birk, a fellow employee at the Talent mill.

Six Alternatives

Judge H. K. Hanna, in instructing the jury, gave them six alternative possibilities for a verdict. The first two are first degree murder, with or without recommendation for leniency. A verdict without such a recommendation requires the death penalty; otherwise life imprisonment is mandatory. Either of these two verdicts must be reached unanimously by the jury.

The other four possible verdicts can be reached by at least 10 of the 12 jurors. They are second degree murder, manslaughter, not guilty, and not guilty by reason of insanity.

DA Sees Motive

In his closing statements yesterday, Nunley described the grand jury indictment, and declared that motive for murder existed in the ill-feeling between White and Birk, arising from a dispute about rest period relief at the mill. Birk, Nunley said, resented the fact that the defendant discussed the matter with the boss instead of the foreman, and said "So, you went crying to the boss." Another time, the district attorney said, White was involved in a fight with another of the mill hands over the incident.

Nunley questioned what he said were discrepancies in White's testimony. He said that if Birk, just before the killing had occurred, had attacked the defendant and struck him four or five times, as White testified, there should have been marks on White's body. He said that if the two had been fighting, Richard Dale Blunc, an edger picker, should have seen it. Blunc had testified he saw the two men talking angrily, but not fighting.

Claims No Evidence

Nunley closed by saying that in the 23 years of White's medical history, there is no evidence he had ever had a psycho-motor seizure.

Duncan, in closing for the defense, showed pictures of the mill, showing how White and Birk could have fought without attracting Blunc's notice. He also referred to the Marine Corps medical report which described White as an epileptic, and a "menace" to his fellow servicemen.

The defense attorney emphasized the fact that Blunc had remembered an "odd" smile on White's face just before the killing. This, Duncan said, was the same expression Dr. James C. Luce, a neurologist, testified he had seen during White's seizures in his office.

Cites Seizure Evidence

Duncan stated that the inability of the defendant to remember striking Birk more than once, his denial of repeating "I'll kill the ...," and the testimony of mill hands that he kept tying and untying his apron strings after the attack, all were evidence that White had been suffering a seizure.

In his final rebuttal, Nunley asked the jury for "justice." He said the state had proven White to be an ordinary epileptic without psycho-motor seizures or temporary insanity, and that if the jury returned a verdict of innocent, it was at the same time saying, in effect, that all epileptics are liable to commit such an act of violence.

Forest Patrol Crew Puts Out Small Fire

A state forest patrol crew this morning put out a small fire in the old Roundtop burn near the head of the East Fork of Evans Creek, it was reported.

The blaze was in a logging operation, and forest patrolmen are continuing an investigation. An inspector was in the area and reported the fire, and a pump truck and crew from Medford, and the Salt Creek warden, put out the fire.

Horticultural Field Day Slated Friday; Tours, Demonstrations in Fruit Work Set

A horticultural field day, featuring demonstrations of progress in various phases of fruit raising and equipment, and displays of orchards, will be held all day Friday, July 22, it was announced today.

The event is being held under the sponsorship of the Fruit Growers league with the cooperation of the Oregon State Horticultural society, the state extension service and the Southern Oregon Experiment station.

Paul Culbertson, president of the league, has invited all growers, their wives, and others interested in the fruit industry to attend.

The day will start at 9 a.m. at the experiment station at Talent. (Buses for those wishing

transportation will leave from the courthouse at 8:30 a.m.) At the station there will be displays, demonstrations and explanations of soil moisture measuring equipment, miticides, insects, commercial chelate products, antibiotics, leaf color extracts and pear russet and injury slides. Spider mite control plots will be shown.

Morning tours, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. will be to the Steve Nye orchard, the Art Wilson orchard and the Medford Experiment station to view effects of chelated iron on lime chlorosis, and pruning methods, dormant spray, sod plots, thinning plots, russet plots and weed control.

At 1 p.m. a picnic lunch will be served at TouVelle State park by the ladies of the Phoenix Grange, with the Fruit Growers league as hosts. A display of orchard equipment will be on view at the park.

Between 2:30 and 5 p.m. tours will view hybrid pears, permanent cover crops, sawdust plots and dwarf apples.

Dr. Louis Gentner and Dr. John Higdon will be among those explaining the displays and experiments. Others attending will be Harold Bushue, Gresham, new president of the Oregon State Horticultural society, and Dr. Spencer Apple, new head of the horticultural department at Oregon State college succeeding Harry Hartman, who retired July 1.