

Walla Walla Prison Treaty Said Signed To Prevent 'Blood Poisoning of Hate'

Editor's note: A rebellion at the Washington State Penitentiary ended peacefully with release of hostages July 6 after authorities agreed to a nine-point "treaty" to improve conditions. It was an outcome unprecedented in recent prison history.

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Olympia, Wash. — (U.P.) — The man who signed a "treaty" with convicts to end the recent riot at the state prison in Walla Walla said today he did so to prevent the "blood poisoning of hate" from spreading through the whole penitentiary.

"I know there are many, including wardens and other prison administrators, who may question the method I used for ending the recent riot," said Dr. Thomas Harris, director of state institutions.

"But," he said, "I found the answer to handling the situation in 'The Bible'."

"The Bible" referred to is a book by Richard McGee, director of corrections for the state of California. It is entitled a "Manual of Correctional Standards." McGee and the American Prison Association's penal committee gathered and compiled the information in the manual.

"I knew when I set foot inside the prison at Walla Walla during the riot that some of the standards recommended by the association weren't being met in our prison," Harris said.

Some Merits
"Therefore, I knew the minute I saw the demands made by the rebellious convicts that there was no doubt they had some merit."

Dr. Harris, who took over the state institutions program June 20, was making his first visit to the prison when he rushed to the riot scene. It also was the first prison riot he has handled. He is a psychiatrist by profession.

"When I saw the hate behind their demands, I knew something had to be done quickly to avoid wholesale destruction and possible death to the hostages they held," he said.

"As a doctor, I diagnosed the situation as having the same elements as an infection in a medical case. My objective was to tone down the hate and avoid spreading of that hate throughout the prison."

15 Beauties Wait Miss USA Choice

Long Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — Fifteen of America's prettiest girls face the judges tonight in final competition for the Miss United States title and a chance to become Miss Universe.

The 15 girls were chosen as semi-finalists last night in the race for the Miss U.S.A. crown in the first judging of the Miss Universe beauty pageant. Chosen from among 43 contestants were:

Miss Arkansas, Margaret Anne Haywood, 19, Jonesboro; Miss California, Donna Schurr, 18, Garden Grove; Miss Colorado, Dorothy Jean Bewley, 19, Denver; Miss Florida, Marlies Gessler, 20, Tallahassee; Miss Georgia, Carolann Conner, 19, Atlanta; Miss Illinois, Diane Dangelis, 18, Chicago; Miss Nebraska, Donna Streever, 19.

Miss New Mexico, Joan Schwartz, 19, Albuquerque; Miss New York City, Patricia Ann O'Kane, 19, Valley Stream, N.Y.; Miss New York, Janet Kadlecik, 18, Johnson City; Miss South Carolina, Sara Ella Stone, 20, Florence; Miss Texas, Mary Miles Daughters, 19, Kingsville; Miss Vermont, Carlene King Johnson, 22, Rutland; Miss Washington, Shirley Jean Givins, 20, Seattle; Miss Wisconsin, Jeanne Marianne Boulay, 21, Fond du Lac.

Four File Lawsuits In Lind Hotel Fire

Portland — (U.P.) — Four persons who were living in the Lind Hotel here when the structure burned March 9, taking five lives, have filed suits in Multnomah County Circuit Court totaling \$75,857.

The suits were filed against Birdie M. Holzman, Minerva Holzman Stone, Ralph R. Holzman and Jacob E. Holzman, operators of the hotel.

The defendants were accused of failing to provide adequate fire protection and lighting and permitting fire hazards to exist in the buildings.

Plaintiffs were Arthur H. Bouchard, Peter Chiotakes, Harry E. Sealey and Archie Waldo Berg, who seek between \$10,000 and \$25,000 apiece for personal injuries and fright, continuing medical expenses and loss of personal possessions.

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"I think I did that through the negotiations with leaders of the rebellion."

"I signed the demands, but I also qualified every point of agreement, pointing out that any concessions would have to be allowed under the law. As for promising no reprisals, I told the inmates they would be subject to the law but it was my personal opinion that consideration should be given in view of the fact they did not tear the place apart and, for the most

part, conducted an orderly revolt."

"Signing of the agreement ended prisoner control. The next step was to get tough ring-leaders out of the prison. That we have done by placing 18 of them in the Yakima county jail for eventual removal to a mental institution at Medical Lake, Wash."

"We can control them there by placing them in individual maximum security cells. They won't have 1600 other prisoners

backing them up if they make trouble and the tension is being eased at the prison. I also hope to treat them for possible mental problems."

"I know there are those who will yell 'sell out.' But that isn't true. The 'treaty,' if that's what it is being called, seemed to be the best method for handling this specific disturbance. In my mind it worked."

"But then, there are those who think we should have gone in with guns."

Companion's Ankle Saves Workman's Life

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — A 38-year-old Vancouver man today credited his life to the fact that he was able to grab a companion's ankle as the sides of a 14-foot ditch caved in and buried him under two feet of sand.

Harry Foster and W. M. Manzares, 49, were working on sewer pipes here yesterday when the cave-in occurred and sand and dirt poured into the four-foot wide hole.

Manzares managed to jump in time but Foster, who was apparently working in a crouching position, was unable to leap high enough. But he managed to grab Manzares' ankle. Other

INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED

Portland — (U.P.) — District Attorney William Langley announced yesterday that detective John F. Fraser had been assigned to his office as a special investigator. Fraser will be on loan from the Portland police department.

workmen quickly freed him.

Police Lt. Jerry Stroman said that if Foster had not grabbed Manzares' ankle the other workmen might not have been able to locate Foster in time.

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