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Rash of Prison Riots Across Nation End As New York Guards Win Club Battle With Inmates

By UNITED PRESS
A rash of prison riots across the country ended today when guards and state troopers waged a club and gun battle to end a convict sitdown strike in New York State.

Within 24 hours, other officers used "shoot on sight" orders to end a riot of more than 300 penitentiary convicts in Ne-

braska, and another rebellion was put down at the Framingham, Mass., women's reformatory.

Seventeen men were injured, some with gunshot wounds, when 248 guards and state troopers moved in to break up a riot at the Great Meadows State Prison near Cobstock, N. Y., early today.

The wild battle lasted 15 minutes, with about 174 convicts using fists, stones, and makeshift weapons to fight off the troopers. The end came when they were driven back to their cells.

Two troopers and a guard suffered gunshot wounds and 14 convicts received bruises and cuts.

The demonstration started when the convicts staged a sit-down strike in the prison yard. It lasted 10 hours before Thomas J. McHugh, state corrections commissioner, ordered the guards and troopers to attack.

A few hours earlier, women at the Framingham Reformatory staged a riot in an apparent attempt to cover the escape of four inmates.

State and Framingham police moved in quickly to end the disturbance and three of the escapees were recaptured. The fourth, Iris Allen, a 26-year-old serving time for assault and battery, was still at large.

The escapees' fellow prisoners began kicking up as soon as a woman trusty reported the break-out. With shrill yells, they broke several windows and threw glass pitchers and water glasses until they were subdued.

At Lincoln, Neb., convicts were pressed into service to clean up \$100,000 worth of damage left by a savage 13-hour riot.

More than 300 prisoners staged a night of carnage at the Nebraska Penitentiary, setting fire to half the prison buildings before surrendering to a show of force.

The riot ended yesterday when armed troopers marched into the convicts' cell block strong-hold with orders to shoot any man who resisted. But it will take weeks to clear away the smoldering wreckage in the prison yard and to repair the destruction in the cell block.

Meanwhile, Gov. Victor Anderson ordered 12 National Guardsmen to stay at the penitentiary for a day or two as a precautionary while prison guards make a systematic search for hidden weapons among the rioters.



PREFERS—Mrs. Joan H. Herman (above) of San Francisco won a "Sew It Yourself Fashion" contest for display at the California State Fair in Sacramento Sept. 1-11. She had choice of air-trip for two to Japan, South America, Scandinavian countries, England, France or Italy. She settled for \$2000.

Schmidt Seeking Lower Allotment Check for Wife

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Airman Daniel Schmidt is trying to reduce his wife's government check but still provide for his small son, it was disclosed today.

Schmidt, 23, is the modern-day "Enoch Arden," whose wife, Una, 20, said she remarried in the belief that he was dead. Schmidt was in a Chinese Communist prison camp at the time. He was held captive 32 months.

Meanwhile, Howard P. Welch, Schmidt's attorney, said he would file a divorce and custody suit against Una in California, possibly Monday.

Downward Direction
After a conference with two Air Force finance officers, Welch said:

"We are contemplating a re-allotment in a downward direction, but not to a point where it will make care of the child substandard."

Although Una said she married husky logger Alford Fine, 21, in September, 1954, she continued to receive Schmidt's allotment checks of \$200 a month through July of this year.

The current August allotment of \$117.10 was being held up pending "final instructions" from Schmidt.

Welch said his client is not now planning any legal action to recover any previous payments to Una.

"We have not been vengeful," he said.

An application for a reduction from \$117.10 would drop Una automatically into a \$51.30 a month bracket, Welch said.

Rail Car Lack Delays Grain, Lumber Shipments

Portland — (U.P.) — The West Coast Lumbermen's association yesterday said that shortages of freight cars were delaying shipments of grain and lumber in the Northwest.

K. C. Batchelder, traffic manager for the association, said the shortage was caused by Eastern lines not returning cars as fast as they move East.

HORSESHOE CIRCUIT

Gouldsboro, Me. — (U.P.) — To keep up with his vanishing customers, blacksmith Shirley Johnson packs his forge and anvil in a pickup truck and covers a "horseshoeing circuit" 100 miles long.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS
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"I don't see why a man should be more garrulous on his 85th birthday than he was on his 21st—or his 21st. I wanted to talk a hell of a lot when I was 21, but I don't at 85. Besides, I've given all my views. When I was 21 I thought I knew all the answers. Now—no."

Hollywood dress designer Edith Head, giving advice to women on how to wear clothes:
"Your dresses should be tight enough to show you're a woman and loose enough to show you're a lady."

Dr. Alfred E. Kelly, Wayne University history professor accused by the Army of being a support of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) from the campus following his investigation of its activities.
"Any damn fool could have found out all about the AYD on the campus. I am going to get an apology from the Army if I have to go to the White House."

Seaman Apprentice N. Pierre denied an ensign's commission in the Coast Guard because of his mother's alleged ties with organizations listed as subversive by the Justice Department:
"I'm not going to rest until I see this thing through. I'm confident I will get a commission."

Mrs. Jean Gaston, commenting on her son's failure to get a commission because she once was associated with allegedly subversive groups:
"But even if I were guilty—and I'm not—it should not reflect on the boy. That's guilty by heredity, or something like it."

Sen. William F. Knowland of California, predicting a Republican victory with or without President Eisenhower during a news conference at Long Beach:
"A nation of 160,000,000 can't say there's only one man."

Heavyweight challenger Archie Moore, in refusing to give up flying his airplane while in training for his title fight with Rocky Marciano:
"I don't fear flying any more than I fear Marciano."

Plan Eyed To Speed Molalla Log Cutting Medford OSC Meet Scheduled Tuesday

Portland — (U.P.)—A plan to bring about increased timber cut on federal land to bring more logs to four sawmills at Molalla was presented yesterday to Edward Wozzley, director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, at a private hearing here.

The plan was presented by Joseph W. McCracken, executive vice-president of the Western Forest Industries Association, and its counsel, Leonard Netzorg. It seeks to open up more federal timber within two months to allow logging before winter closes the woods. Wozzley promised to give it serious consideration.

It was said that the four lumber mills in Molalla, which provide the town's main payroll, have had to curtail operations because of log shortages.

Students, alumni, OSC dads and mothers, and students accepted for admission this fall are invited to a family night program at the Medford hotel Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The meeting is sponsored by the Oregon State College Federation and will furnish information to Medford area students entering in the fall term.

W. M. Langan, agricultural student personnel adviser, and Robert Knoll, manager alumni association will represent the college. M. M. Huggins, president of the OSC alumni association, is chairman of the local arrangements committee.

Muncie, Ind.—(U.P.)—An extra stolen base was recorded at McCulloch Park baseball diamond. A thief walked off with home plate—and also stole the rubber from the pitcher's mound.

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