

Ousted Nebraska Jail Chief Criticizes Way Latest Riot Handled

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — George Morris, ousted head of the dis-sension ridden Men's Reformatory here, Saturday criticized his successor and Board of Control officials for their handling of the latest riot at the institution.

Morris, in a scathing attack, said if Supt. M. L. Wimberley and Board Administrative Assistant Harold Peterson had taken the advice of top staff members at the Reformatory, the riot and fire Friday would not have occurred.

No Force

The staff members, Morris said, recommended that no force be used to break a sitdown strike which mushroomed into a full

scale riot and a fire which caused \$35,000 damage.

Wimberley, commenting on the Morris attack, said: "I guess everyone has a right to his own opinion."

"We exhausted every means and used force as a last resort" to stop the riot, he said.

Morris has advocated a "get tough" policy in handling rioters, but said this should be done before they get out of hand.

One inmate shot in the Friday riot, Luis Morales, 28, San Antonio, Texas, was reported in fair condition at a Lincoln hospital Saturday.

Wimberley said all the 300 inmates of the institution were "quiet all night and Saturday morning."

He and Peterson conducted newsmen on a tour of the reformatory Saturday "so you can see the hidden corners of this institution and form your own opinions."

Locked Up

The Superintendent said 25 suspected leaders in the uprising were locked in segregation. The process of shaking down the inmates involved in the disturbance has been completed, he said, and several work details were put back into operation.

Morris said Saturday penal administrators must be "tough but fair" in handling inmates.

A strong and outspoken critic of state penal practices and administrators, Morris said: "I cannot understand the thinking, if you could call it that, of the Board of Control, Peterson, or anyone in the Governor's office who might have been involved in a decision to use force when force was not needed."

"They deliberately, by that decision to use force involved 150 men in a disastrous effort to combat that force which severely wounded one of the men."

"Even if Wimberley and Peterson had been experienced, qualified persons they would not have been able to handle that situation yesterday, walking into it cold like they did," Morris said.

"But had they been experienced they would have taken the advice of top staff members who have been at the institution more than 10 years, who know the individuals they're dealing with and who understand a group's potential action."

"They were advised by such staff members not to use force, but disregarded that advice."

Use Force

Officials used teargas and gunfire to break the hour-long riot, forcing about 150 men back into their cells. Officials said about two dozen men led the rebellion which developed from a sitdown strike early Friday in which inmates protested the firing of Morris, complained of food, and about letter writing privileges.

Marine Libel Suits Filed in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Six marine libel actions were filed in Federal Court here Friday against owners and masters of motorboats charged by the Coast Guard with violating the federal motorboat act.

The Columbia River Packers Association is defendant in five of the suits. The other defendant is R. D. Volle, a Warrenton fisherman.

The government asks \$1100 in fines for alleged violations which include failure to have proper safety equipment aboard.

The motorboat act requires such equipment and other safeguards. The Coast Guard is charged with enforcing the act and has power to assess fines.

In the six cases filed Friday the Coast Guard claims the defendants have failed to pay fines levied against them.

The eight drownings during the recent lower Columbia river salmon derbies drew attention to the federal law which seldom has been invoked.

First Uranium Ore Shipped from Lakeview

Lakeview — (U.P.) — The first shipment of uranium ore mined in Oregon — about 400,000 pounds — will leave here Sept. 22 when new rates for the mineral go into effect on Southern Pacific's line from here to Kalunile, Utah.

The four carloads of ore, already stockpiled by the Lucky Lass mine, will be destined for the Vitrol Company smelter at Kalunile.

The shipment is intended to show whether or not mining of ore in the Lakeview area will be economically feasible.

One Washington and one Idaho firm have been shipping ore to smelters for some time, but this will be the first shipment from Oregon.



FIREFIGHTERS SAVE TOWN—California State Forestry firefighters set a backfire just west of Hawkinsville in an effort to stop forest fire from destroying nearby Yreka. Their efforts paid off and the flames were stopped 4½ miles from the town of 3500 residents. Almost 170 square miles of California forest lands have been destroyed by fires in a week.

'Star' One of Three Most Abused Words In Show Business, Hollywood Writer Says

By JACK GAVER
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New York — (U.P.) — The three most abused words in the show business lexicon are "star," "comeback" and "Cinderella."

Hollywood's publicists and journalistic homers long ago robbed "star" of its true meaning with a thoroughness that caused even those not toiling in the celluloid vineyard to be infected. An actor who takes time out to go around the block for a parcel of cigarettes better make it a fast trip lest he be hailed as making a comeback upon his return.

This season the historians of Broadway are on a Cinderella kick. There are more Cinderellas than the best-heeled prince would care to supply with slippers.

The one attracting the most attention — because of the eminence of her sponsors — is Judy Tyler, a petite, pert burnette singer with a truly vivacious charm who will be the ingenue lead in the new Richard Rodgers-Oscar Hammerstein musical play, "Pipe Dream," their first new work in more than two years.

Had TV Experience

Miss Tyler (she's married to Colin Romoff, vocal coach)

comes most recently out of television, although she had had some minor movie and stage experience. This summer you've seen her on NBC's "Caesar Presents" on Monday nights. Before that she was, of all things, Indian princess Summer — Fall — Winter — Spring on the "Howdy Doody" program.

Caesar had visions — and a contract to bolster them — of using Miss Tyler on his own program during the fall and winter, but when she came out on top in the auditions of many singers held by Rodgers and Hammerstein, he gracefully bowed out of the picture. She'll reciprocate by making some guest appearances for Caesar during the new season.

Tammy Grimes is another of the so-called Cinderellas. This 22-year-old is scarcely bowed with experience, but she did have the important assignment of filling in for Kim Stanley as leading lady of "Bus Stop" for several performances recently.

Tapped For Title Role

Tammy has been tapped for the title role in "The Amazing Adele," a musical comedy adapted by Anita Loos from a French play. Miss Loos first discovered her leading lady in a student production at the neighborhood playhouse last spring.

Another virtually unknown actress assigned to an important chore is Jacqueline Scott of Sikeston, Mo., who has been studying around here for some time and finally was spotted by playwright Moss Hart in a Hunter College production. She has been cast as the 19-year-old girl who plays a prominent part in

A LITTLE LATE

New Britain, Conn. — (U.P.) — The temperature was 85 degrees when four fire companies raced to the scene of an automobile fire. A car owned by Walter Campbell caught fire when the radiator's anti-freeze overflowed.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Senator Morse Asks ICC Car Supply Probe

Washington, D.C. — (Special) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) has announced that he has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to conduct "a very searching investigation and study of the freight car shortage problem."

"For several weeks my office has been in touch with the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as other agencies, both public and private, in an effort to assist Oregon businessmen who are now subjected to the severe handicap of the freight car shortage. However, the blunt fact is that these agencies have not been able to resolve the problem; it has grown progressively worse," Senator Morse said.

Referring to charges of discrimination against Oregon shippers and alleged favoritism of California shippers on the part of the Southern Pacific company in distributing freight cars, Senator Morse pointed out that the information he has received indicates that the car shortage is most acute in the areas of Oregon where the Southern Pacific Railroad offers the sole source of rail freight transportation. He observed, "If the Southern Pacific is in fact discriminating against Oregon in the distribution of freight cars, it is a practice that cannot be endured much longer by Oregon lumber producers in the category of small business."

Senator Morse requested the

ICC to investigate the freight car shortage and the slowdown in the railroad car repair program. In addition, he asked ICC to reappraise the whole rail freight transportation system at the earliest possible date.

After referring to figures showing extremely favorable net railway operating income averaging over \$1,000,000,000 per year for American class one rail-

ways between 1950 and 1954, Senator Morse commented, "These figures lend strong support to the oft-repeated charge that the American railroads are concentrating too heavily on amassing profits and too little on rendering the American public the kind of rail service to which it is entitled."

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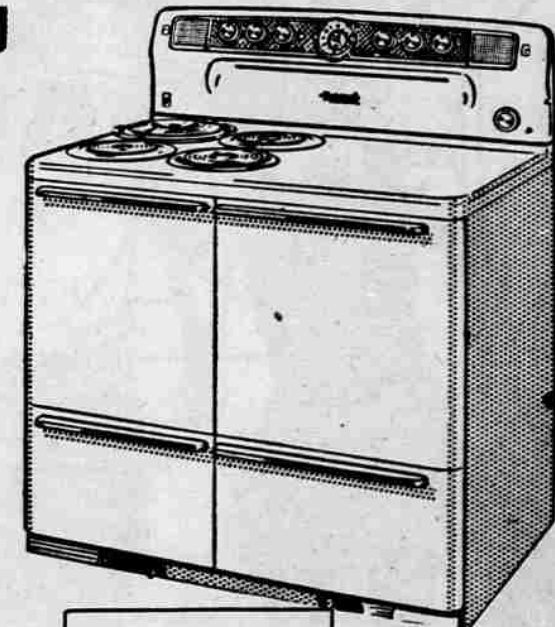
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