Work on Earth-Circling Satellite Declared Part of Scientific Venture

Prison Inmates End Sit-Down Strike on Penitentiary Tower

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Three rain-soaked, wind-chilled convicts who sought "easier time" by staging a 15-hour sit-down on a 100-foot water tower in the Western State prison yard gave up today.

The rebel prisoners clambered down the same foot-wide ladder which they had ascended before noon Thursday. Guards were waiting and returned them to their cells.

Warden Frank C. Johnstown said the three prisoners had demanded that they be returned to other state prisons from which they had been transferred to the "maximum security" Western Penitentiary in Pittsburgh's Woods Run district.

The prisoners, one under a 6-to-12 year sentence for second degree murder and the others with lesser terms for burglary and robbery, left their jobs and took up their positions on a four-foot wide catwalk surrounding a 125,000 gallon water tank during a morning lull in prison routine.

They shouted their demands—transfers back to the prison from which they had come—to penitiary officials in the exercise yard below.

Warden Johnston placed relay teams of four unarmed guards at the base of the water tower and called back to the rebel prisoners:

"I'll talk to you when you come down. But I'll guarantee you nothing. Come down and talk."

Someone outside the prison spotted the convicts parading on the water tower catwalk and sent a call to Pittsburgh city police. The first outside-the-prison alarm came at 4 p.m. Two squad cars and a police ambulance sped to the prison with sirens wide open.

Attracted Thousands

The clamor attracted thousands of spectators. Rush hour traffic on nearby streets and a high-speed boulevard was snarled as motorists stopped to watch the prisoners.

The prison warden said the three men "just wanted attention."

"Why else would they climb 100 feet into the air," he said. He pointed out that the water tower was well within the walls of the 77-year-old prison.

The water tower sit-downers were identified by the warden as George E. Fox, 24, Philadelphia, serving 6-to-12 years for second degree murder; Harry Fricker, 30, Philadelphia, 3-to-10 years for armed robbery and parole violation, and Floyd S. Beck, 24, Lancaster, Pa., 1½-to-3 years for burglary.

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No Effort Made To Beat Russia To Outer Space

Washington—(U.P.)—Scientists insisted today that U.S. work on an earth-circling satellite is part of an international scientific venture and not an effort to beat Russia into outer space.

The Defense Department, in announcing Thursday that "work has begun" on the U.S. project, called this country's satellite "the first man-made" satellite. The department said the United States would launch 10 of the gravity-defying spheres, using triple-stage rockets.

Russia Also Working

But Russia has claimed it also is working on a man-made satellite. It announced shortly after the White House first disclosed the U.S. project last July 29 that Soviet scientists hoped to have their satellite space-bound within 18 months.

If that aim were achieved, the Soviet body would be circling the earth six months before the first U.S. satellite is scheduled to be blasted off about the beginning of the International Geophysical year. The geophysical year opens in July, 1957.

Scientific Purpose Only

Scientists conceded the first U.S. satellite may be launched before the target date. But if it is, scientists insisted, the purpose will be scientific and not to claim a first over Russia in man's initial step to break the space barrier.

Scientists involved in the project said no speed-up has been ordered in launching plans because of Russian claims about the Soviet satellite. But it was known that U.S. scientists have tended to take the Russian announcement with a grain of salt.

The Defense Department's announcement Thursday strips some of the secrecy away from the U.S. satellite. The department disclosed that the basketball-sized sphere will be shot into space by a triple-stage rocket which will thrust the satellite upward at the fantastic speed of 18,000 miles per hour—a speed sufficient to offset the earth's gravitational pull.

To Circle Earth

When in its elliptical orbit, the satellite will circle the earth once every one or two hours for several days at distances ranging from 200 to 800 miles from earth. Gradually it will be brought closer to the earth through the slight drag of the earth's atmosphere and finally disintegrate like a shooting star.

The principal contracts for initial work on the satellite went to two firms which played an important role in earlier rocket research. The Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore was awarded the prime contract for a major part of the project-development of the rocket launching vehicle. General Electric Co. will supply the rocket motor which will be used in the initial push of the satellite away from the earth's surface.

United Releases List of Western Air Crash Victims

Chicago—(U.P.)—United Air Lines today released a list of the 66 persons killed in the crash of a DC4 against a Wyoming mountain yesterday. Those from the West included:

Robert Ainsley, Ely, Nev.
Capt. Charles Anstadt, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.
Mrs. D. Beck, Salt Lake City.
Dr. James A. Busch, Salt Lake City.
Mrs. Helen Collins, Hillsborough, Calif.
Airline Capt. C. C. Cooke, Menlo Park Calif.
Mrs. Inez C. Evans, Salt Lake City.
Keith Finlay, Los Angeles.
Charles Gesas, Ely, Nev.
Gerald Hadley, Brigham City, Utah.
Mrs. Edna F. Hanks, Los Angeles.
Richard D. Hawkins, Eureka, Utah.
Mrs. M. Kirk, Salt Lake City.
J. Lawrence Malnar, Neola, Utah.
Myron Manwill, Payson, Utah.
R. B. Nurre, Palo Alto, Calif
Capt. George Parker, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.
Mrs. C. Poulakidas, Ely, Nev.
Lowell J. Rachman, Ogden, Utah.
Airline First Officer, R. D. Salisbury, Palo Alto, Calif.
Mrs. Aceodean Schow, Bountiful, Utah.
Mrs. B. Seare, Salt Lake City.
Airline Stewardess Patricia Shuttleworth, Salt Lake City.
Mrs. Rhea Smurthwaite, Salt Lake City.
Edward P. Taylor, Provo, Utah.
Mrs. D. C. Tucker and infant daughter, Ogden.
Mrs. Georgi West, Salt Lake City.
Earl West Jr., Salt Lake City.
Sgt. Lewis Wood, military personnel, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Loneliness Topic For Sunday Sermon

Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, pastor of the First Methodist church, has returned after conducting a week's services at Bellingham, Wash. He will speak Sunday on the topic, "The Dull Ache of Loneliness."

The Youth choir, under the direction of Mrs. George Sloniger will sing at the 9:30 a.m. service and the Chancel choir, under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Adamson, at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Wildon Colbaugh of the Medford Assembly of God will be the fifth speaker in the current interest group, "Church Around the Corner," for adults at 5:30 p.m.

Other interest groups for all ages are included in "The School of Christian Living." A snack supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the Junior High Methodist Youth fellowship, and the Family worship at 7 p.m. will be conducted by Dr. Balcomb.

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Marines Planning Drive for Members

The Third Marine Division association, comprised of World War II veterans who fought at Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima and Marines now serving with the Third Marine Division overseas, is in the midst of their membership drive. Former Marines and Navy personnel who honorably served with the Third Marine division are eligible for membership. The group is a non-profit organization.

Information regarding the association may be obtained by writing to The Secretary, Third Marine Division Association, P. O. Box 548, Culver City, Calif. Plans for the 1956 reunion are in programs and will be announced in the group's magazine, "Caltrap," which is sent each month free of charge to all members.

Mekvold to Attend National Conclave

County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold will leave today for the 10th National Conference of County and Rural areas in San Diego.

The theme of the conference will be "Leadership and Service for Today's schools." The meeting opens Sunday with registration and vespers.

Mekvold will attend the conference in the official capacity of state director for the department of rural education in the state of Oregon.

Mekvold will be in charge of that area of the conference program having to do with providing library services in the total educational program, and especially library services on the county level.

He is one of 15 leaders selected nationally to direct areas.

1131 Uranium Claims Filed at Lakeview

Lakeview—(U.P.)—Lake county Clerk Zane Gray said today that a total of 1131 mineral claims have been filed since uranium was found July 14 near here.

Wall Street

New York—(U.P.)—Stocks fell sharply today and they made a substantial rally from the lows.

Closing prices were well above the worst of the day although losses ranged to a point or more from the Previous close.

Dow-Jones Averages

Dow-Jones final averages: 30 industrials 454.41 off 3.78; 20 rails 151.00 off 1.59; 15 utilities 62.54 off 0.26 and 65 stocks 161.67 off 1.34.

Sales today were about 2,150,000 shares compared with 1,690,000 yesterday.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American T & T	179
Anaconda	66¼
Chrysler	94½
Curtis Wright	22⅝
General Electric	48½
General Motors	136⅞
Montgomery Ward	88⅛
Penn. R. R.	25
Penney, J. C.	95
Radio	45
Southern Co.	20¼
Southern Pacific	56⅝
S. Oil of Calif.	48⅛
Texas Gulf Sulphur	38
Transamerica	41¾
Tri-Continental	25
United Aircraft	Unquoted
U. S. Rubber	44¾
U. S. Steel	56⅛
Youngstown	96

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland—(U.P.)—Cattle for week 3100. Average choice fed steers Monday $24.75; lo wto average choice $24; mixed good and choice steers $22.50-$23 with good unevenly $20-21.50; commercial grades $16-19; good and choice-feeder steers $17-18. Good fed heifers $18-20.50, some $21; canner and cutter cows $6.50-8; early to $8.50 with beef type to $9 and over; utility and heavy cutter bulls $13-15.

Calves for week 610. Good and choice vealers unevenly $17-20.50, little above $19; good and choice stock calves to $19 early.

Hogs for week, 1485. U. S. No. 1 and 2 butchers 180-235 lbs., $18.50-19; No. 3 $17.50-18 late; heavier butchers $16.50-17; sows 320 to 50 lbs., $14-16; heavier weights $13.50.

Sheep fo rweek 3015. Good and choice slaughter lambs $17-19; mostly choice $18.50; sorted range lambs $19. Good nearby feeders $13.50-14.50, range feeders $15-15.5-0, some to $16; good and choice ewes 3.50-5; culls down to $2.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

Portland—(U.P.)—Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA large, 62-63c; A large, 55-58c, AA medium, 50-52c; A medium, 50-51c; small, 36-37c; cartons, 1-3c- additional.

Butter—To retailers: AA grade prints, 66c lb.; cartons, 67c; A prints, 66c; carton, 67c; B prints, 64c.

Cheese—To retailers: A grade cheddar, Oregon singles, 40½-45½c; 5-lb-. loaves, 46½-49½c. Processed American cheese, 5-lb-. loaf, 39½-41-c lb.

Farm Market

Milton-Freewater gold delicious brought $4.50-5 at the East Side Farmers' market today; red gravensteins offered at $3.25-3.50 for a 42-lb. box; some jonathans went at $.25-3.50 loose packed; cucumbers were up with Oregon, LA lugs, at $2-2.25 and slicing-type around $2.35; local lettuce quoted at $2.50-2.75 for three dozen packs.

Poultry, Rabbits

Live Chickens—To growers (No. 1 quality, f.o.b. Portland): Fryers, 2½ to 4 lbs., 24c; at farm, 23c; roosters, 28c lb.; light hens, 17c; heavy hens, all wts., 18-20c up; old roosters, 11-14c

Dressed Chicken—No. 1 dressed to retailers: Fryers, New York style, 36-37c lb.; whole drawn, 44-47c lb.; cut-up, 49-52c lb.; hens, light type, New York style, 27-28c; cut-ups, 40-45c; hens, heavy type, N.Y. style, 28-30c; whole drawn, 41-45c.

Turkeys—To producers for A grade young hens, f.o.b. farm, N. Y. dressed, 40c lb.; A grade toms, 33c; live weight basis, toms, 29c; A grade hens, 35½c; A grade young hens ready to cook, 55c; N. Y. dressed, 48-49c lb.; fryer turkeys, 4-8 lbs., 56c; cut-up toms, 46-50c.

Rabbits—Average to growers, f.o.b. killing plants)—Live white, 3¾-4½ lbs., 25--26c up; 5-6 lbs., 20-21c; colored pelts, 4c under; old does, 10-14c lb.,a few higher. Fresh killed fryers to retailers, 58-61c; cut up, 62-65c.

PORTLAND CASH GRAIN

Portland—Wholesale hay prices: No. 2 green alfalfa, baled, f.o.b. trucks, Portland and Seattle, $35-36 ton.

Prices as reported by the USDA market news service: Wheat, No. 2 soft white, $73.50 ton; No. 2 white oats, 38-lb. test, Coast delivery, $49.50; No. 2 Western barley, $47 f.o.b. Portland Coast delivery; soybean meal, $89 ton cars prompt delivery Portland; No. 2 milo, f.o.b. Portland, $57.50 ton; standard millrun, $44.50-45 cars; No. 2 yellow corn, Eastern shipments, f.o.b. Portland, $60.50.

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SCHEDULED HERE—Pictured above is Lefty Frizzell, western recording artist, who will be at Rogue Valley Ballroom Saturday, Oct. 8. Appearing here with him will be Billy Gray and his Western Okies, and Tibby Edwards. Frizzell, who has made 50 recordings for Columbia records, is also well known for his radio and television appearances. Edwards is a Mercury recording star.

Grandview Water Mains Tested by Bacteriologist

All water mains on Lone Pine, Brookdale, Buckshot and Springbrook rds., and Roberts rd. between Crater Lake ave. and Springbrook rd., have been tested and sterilized, it was announced today by officials of Grandview Water district.

Samples of water from each main have been tested and approved by the Jackson county bacteriologist.

Pipe lines for houses in the area have been laid to property lines, and meters have been installed. Residents may now connect to these services with no cross connections to any well or other private supply.

Following connection, property owners may sign turn on orders in the water department offices of the city hall.

Satisfactory test and sterilization results also have been received for Maple Park district water mains on McAndrews rd., from Sweet rd. southwesterly on Posse lane and Bens lane. Results also have been satisfactory for extensions to the Charlotte Ann Water district mains to Harry and David's new office building and to the Phoenix high school.

Woman Arrested On Morals Charge

Medford police last night arrested on a charge of prostitution and released to Jackson county sheriff deputies Ada Irene Hawkins, 32, of 1716 North Riverside ave. Police said she was soliciting for prostitution on South Front st. with three men.

Augstin Gomez, 26, Ignacio Lopez, 33, and Miguel Lopez, 18, were interrogated by police and released to Mexican labor camp authorities in connection with the case.

Housework Monotonous;

Miami—(U.P.)—Andrew Waters, 41, told Judge Cecil Curry he went out and got drunk because it was "awfully monotonous" staying at home doing the dishes and making beds while his wife worked.

23 Grants Pass Area Road Jobs Proposed

Grants Pass—A summary of 23 Grants Pass area highway projects recommended by the State Highway commission was presented to the Grants Pass city council this week.

The projects would cost an estimated $10,500,000. The state and federal governments would put up $7,500,000 of this total, with the city of Grants Pass paying $2,000,000 and Josephine county's share amounting to $1,000,000.

The two projects given a top priority were establishment of a two-way couplet between the 99 Freeway and Redwood highway interchange, and construction of a new bridge at the base of Seventh st., a street connection with Sixth st. south of M st., and establishment of an adequate interchange south of the two bridges.

The estimated cost of these two top-rated projects would be about $2,000,000.

Most costly of the 23 proposed projects would be construction of a third river bridge east of Seventh st. to connect the Redwood and Freeway highways. The cost of this project, given a priority of seven on the list of 23, would be $1,930,000.

New Band Room at Talent Completed

Talent—A new band room has been completed and musical equipment has been moved into it, Ralph Carroll, band director of Talent schools, has announced.

The new room was remodeled from the former shop building, and has about 2,000 square feet of floor space. Acoustical tile was installed on the ceiling, and storage cabinets for instruments and a small office were included. The room will accomodate about 70 students.

A marching band of 55 members is practicing for halftime activities during the Jacksonville and Eagle Point football games, Oct. 13 and 17, respectively. A pep band to play at basketball games will be organized in November.

Negligent Homicide Brings Probation

Portland—(U.P.)—Hiel E. Roberts, 24, Vancouver, Wash., was placed on two years probation by Circuit Judge James R. Bain after pleading guilty to a charge of negligent homicide.

Roberts was driving a car last May which struck and killed a pedestrian, Charles B. Kopp, 42, of Portland.

Prison Term Given In Circuit Court

Two men were sentenced in circuit court this morning, a third was jailed on a charge of parole violation and a fourth was returned yesterday from Payette, Ida., on an extradition to face a charge of burglary.

Paul Eugene Peck was sentenced in circuit court to three years in Oregon state penitentiary for rape. Peck was returned recently from a month of observation at Oregon state hospital.

Gerald Arthur Nolan was sentenced to three years in Oregon State penitentiary for probation violation. Nolan was given a three year suspended sentence in August, 1953, on a charge of larceny by bailee. He violated probation a few days later.

James Ray Rowden, 24, of 526 N. Front st., was jailed this morning on a charge of parole violation.

Fred Edward Stewart, 38, Payette, Ida., was returned yesterday from Payette on an extradition to face a charge of burglary.

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