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106 Mental Patients Riot At Prison Medical Center

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Home-Made Knives Used by Convicts

Springfield, Mo.—UPI—A 16 hour riot by 106 mentally disturbed patients at the U.S. Prison Medical Center was broken today by federal officers using tear gas, a bulldozer and cutting torches.

Two of the five guards received "severe lacerations." The other three were not believed to be injured.

Springfield, Mo.—UPI—More than 100 rioting mental patients held five guards hostage at the U.S. prison medical center today, refusing to state their demands to Warden Russell O. Settle who apparently had plans to starve them out.

The 106 patients, persons sentenced to federal institutions but needing medical attention, overpowered the guards with homemade knives five minutes before lights out Monday night.

Authorities at first thought as many as 115 men might be involved, but finally put the number at 106.

The rebelling convicts made two calls for food today, but were turned down both times by Warden Settle.

In the second call, one of the hostage guards, William Fitch, was placed on the phone and allowed to tell authorities that the five guards had not been harmed.

At 6:30 a.m. the rioters boisterously demanded that food and coffee for all be sent in immediately. Settle made no reply and sent no food.

At 6:35, they asked that breakfast be sent in for the guards. Again no compliance by Settle.

Just as they had done Monday night, the convicts again in the second call today promised to write out their demands or terms of capitulation. But they were not forthcoming.

The men were cut off from food, electric power and the outside world in the "north 10 wing" of the sprawling mental hospital.

Prison Country Club
It is known as the "country club" of the federal prison system because of its comparative "pampering" of convict patients and because of its beautiful grounds which today were dotted by strategically located armed guards.

There were three rings of roadblocks on each of the four roads into the grounds.

On the inside, guards armed with riot and tear gas stung 20 feet apart to prevent a possible break.

Settle said the 106 rioters were considered the most dangerous group of the some 1,000 inmates at the center. He described the rebels as "homosexuals and neuro-psychotics."

Farm Bureau Federation Enters Cheese Dispute

Portland—UPI—The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation moved into the Tillamook cheese controversy today in a counterattack against the Teamsters Union boycott of the product.

Gerald Detering, president of the farm group, said the 10,000 families who belong to it are being urged to fight the boycott by insisting that the stores where they trade sell Tillamook cheese.

Boycott Successful
The Teamsters have been successful, observers said, in getting the product off the shelves of most stores in the Portland area and other areas of Oregon by sporadic picketing, and have threatened to



DISCUSS GENEVA CONFERENCE—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter (right) briefs President Eisenhower at the White House on the deadlocked Geneva Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference on Berlin.

Herter To Repeat West's Willingness For Negotiations

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter will tell the American public tonight that the West still is willing to negotiate with Russia on the German question, but won't be blackmailed into giving up its right to remain in West Berlin.

State Department sources said the nationally televised speech will find Herter striking a hopeful but realistic

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stance in his report on the Geneva foreign ministers meeting. He also likely will give his views on the pros and cons for success when the conference resumes July 13 after a three-week "cooling off" recess.

Congressional Appearances
Herter's address to the nation was preceded by appearances behind closed doors before the House Foreign Affairs Committee this morning and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the afternoon.

No dramatic new proposals were anticipated in Herter's talk tonight. The Western ministers already were reported united in the belief they had given as much ground as they should in negotiating with the Soviets on the German question.

Herter was prepared to tell the nation that the West has tried to present the Soviets with reasonable proposals for solving the problems of a German peace treaty and Western rights in Berlin.

His speech will point out that Soviet refusal to accept the Western proposals as a

basis for discussion brought negotiations to a halt after six weeks.

Despite this Soviet stubbornness, however, Herter was ready to reiterate the West's willingness to engage in meaningful negotiations in Geneva.

The dominant theme of the Western position so far—that there can be no compromise that would remove guarantees of U.S., French and British rights to remain in West Berlin.

This theme has been emphasized in statements and talks throughout the conference and especially in recent days, following Soviet demands that a time limit be placed on Western occupation rights in the former German capital.

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Settlement of Civil Suit Made Out of Court

A damage suit against Elk Lumber company, Medford, which resulted from a fatal logging truck unloading accident, was settled out of court yesterday in excess of \$55,000, according to court house sources.

This, it was reported, is the largest amount of damages paid in Jackson county so far in a civil suit settlement.

The suit was brought by Fawn L. Cox, 24, of 2999 Diane st., Ashland, mother and guardian of three children, Franklin Cox, 6, Alesa Cox, 5, and Carl Richard Cox, 2. Mrs. Cox was seeking \$200,562 in damages as a result of the accident which killed her husband, Richard Ray Cox, 29, on May 15, 1957, while unloading logs from a truck at Elk Lumber company, according to the complaint.

After the binder chains had been removed, Cox was walking along the side of the truck opposite the log dump when logs rolled off the truck and crushed him, the complaint noted.

In her complaint, Mrs. Cox alleges that the Elk Lumber company was negligent and careless in its unloading operation, in failing to provide a means to prevent the logs from rolling, and failing to provide a safe place to work.

In its answer, Elk Lumber company stated that Cox was contributorily negligent in failing to follow the usual unloading practices established at the log dump.

Durno Speaks at GOP Meeting Here

Much that was accomplished by the 1959 Oregon legislature was the result of coalition between Republicans and conservative Democrats, according to State Sen. Edwin R. Durno, who addressed a meeting of Jackson County Republican Women's club yesterday noon. He was introduced by Rep. Evelyn Nye.

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Control Board OKs Capital Mall Building

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Control today approved final plans and specifications for the new \$3,800,000 labor and industries building in the capital mall.

The plans will be released for bid Friday and contractors will have until July 23 to bid.

Flames Destroy 4 Buildings in Heart of Toledo

Lincoln County Scene of Blaze

Toledo—UPI—Four buildings in the heart of the Toledo business district were destroyed by a fast-spreading fire this morning. Unofficial estimates place the damage at \$80,000.

Fire equipment from Toledo, Newport, Lincoln county fire patrol and the Georgia-Pacific company plant in Toledo battled the flames for nearly 2½ hours before controlling the blaze.

Destroyed by the fire were Thompson's Drug store; Irene's Sport shop, a women's apparel store; Sunnyside cafe and adjoining bar; and a cold storage locker plant.

All were two and three story wooden frame buildings. Also damaged was Farrington's department store, where severe smoke and water damage was recorded.

The fire, which broke into the open about 6:30 a.m., apparently started in the upstairs portion of the cafe, fire department officials said.

More than a dozen streams of water were played on the flaming structures in a "holding" effort by firemen. At the height of the blaze the front wall of the Thompson Drug firm collapsed into the main street of Toledo. A short time later the facade of the cold storage plant also tumbled into the street.

Smelled Smoke
Mrs. Florence Connally, cook at the Sunnyside cafe, said she had smelled smoke about 6 a.m. and searched for its source, but failed to find anything burning.

About 6:30 with six early-morning customers in the cafe a gust of smoke and flame came down the stairs from the second floor. The entire building was in flames five minutes later.

Mrs. Connally said she and a waitress, Virginia Crider, were able to save only their purses, the cash register and a small safe.

Firemen began to mop-up the fire scene about 9:30 a.m.

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County Not to Exchange Land

Jackson county will not swap property for the Peter N. Britt house and gardens in Jacksonville, County Commissioner Ralph James said today.

Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, asked the Jackson county parks and recreation commission if the county would be willing to swap from 5 to 10 acres on the Howard Prairie reservoir site for the three-quarters of an acre on which the pioneer photographer's house and gardens are located.

James said the county does not own any of the area around the Howard Prairie Reservoir and "we are not in the real estate exchange business."

Discussing the 40-acre proposed park and recreation site on the Applegate, one mile south of the McKee bridge, James said the district attorney's office is still studying the legal feasibility of the county taking over and developing the area.

Fire Conditions Critical in Area

Local forest fire conditions are critical, according to reports from the state department of forestry and the U.S. forest service. Recent winds and high temperatures have combined to dry out the local forest areas.

The state forestry department said the local situation is about a month ahead of schedule. The department yesterday sent three new crews, totaling 15 men, to the Lincoln, Applegate, and McLeod districts.

According to the U.S. forest service, 14 out of 17 lookouts are now up in the Rogue River National forest. The remaining three lookouts are in the high areas where there is still some snow.

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June 30 has been selected as a "Make Medford Beautiful" day, according to Robert Van Sickle, Ward III city councilman and member of the mayor's "Make Medford Beautiful" committee.

"It has been determined," Van Sickle said in a letter, "that the council is in favor of a certain period of time being set aside for a concerted effort by all residents taking steps to 'clean up' individual pieces of neglected property."

"A number of specific cases have been brought to the attention of the committee and those interested persons have been written directly. We feel certain that we can count on full cooperation on the part of these individuals."

'Somewhat Ineffective'
Van Sickle explained that the committee itself has become "somewhat ineffective" since members have been diverted by other responsibilities. "Activity has bogged down to a point where further developments, so far as the committee is concerned, are unlikely," he stated.

"We are hopeful that a new lead by city authorities will spark individual efforts by property owners," he added.

City Manager Robert A. Duff has already been authorized, Van Sickle reported, "to take steps to initiate cleaning of banks along Bear creek."

Creek Cleaning
Duff himself said today that arrangements are being made for a tractor to clean out the creek channel "some time this week." He explained that while this is a periodic measure designed primarily for flood control, "it does help improve the appearance."

"It is possible," Van Sickle said of the June 30 plan, "that the effort will prove successful and probably a specific day can be set aside each year. In this instance, we desire cooperation by residents inasmuch as we are celebrating our Centennial year. In the future, the need will be as great for certainly we do desire the city to continue attractive."

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Police Fear Death Toll May Exceed 30

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Police feared the death toll would exceed 32 and that most of the victims would be Americans. They said they had recovered seven bodies and that more than 25 other persons were missing and dead.

Trapped in Rooms
There were 147 guests about 50 Norwegian employees in the 50-year-old hotel when fire flashed through the building at 3 a.m. and trapped many persons in their rooms.

At least 35 persons were taken to hospitals, many of them men and women between the ages of 50 and 60 who had come to this resort 50 miles northeast of Bergen to view the country's famous fjords.

Police hoped that some of the missing had left the four-story, wooden hotel and had merely failed to report their absence. But they could not be sure until they searched the remains of the tourist inn that was built at the turn of the century.

Search Difficult
The search for more victims was extremely difficult and dangerous in the still smoldering ruins.

The U.S. Embassy in Oslo announced it had sent one of its representatives, Karl Akerman, to the scene by plane to represent the interests of American victims and offer whatever help he can to American survivors.

Vosstrand is one of Norway's most renowned tourist resorts. It is about 90 miles northeast of Bergen and 20 miles north of Voss. From Vosstrand, regular tourist parties fan out on visits to the fjords which cut into the west coast.

Forest Service Men Dispatched to Fire

Four forest service employees from the Rogue River National forest were dispatched last night to the Burns area to help supervise fire control operations on a 400-acre fire in Malheur National forest, according to Fire Control Officer S. T. (Tenny) Moore.

Shortly before noon today borax drop plane operated by Medford Air service was to make a pass over the fire and continue to operate out of Burns.

Forest service men said the fire was a "chance" from a lightning strike Monday night.

The four men from Burns who are assisting in the supervision are Dale Ferley, Gene Smith, Doug McLellan and Bob Drell.

Deport Youngster Dies of Injuries

Forest Grove, Ore.—UPI—Dodie Booth, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Booth of Verbena, died today in a Hillsboro hospital as the result of injuries suffered late Monday when she was hit by a pickup truck.

The vehicle driven by Albert F. McLeod of Forest Grove struck the girl when she ran from behind a parked car, police said.

Vanguard Satellite Fails To Orbit Around Earth

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—A Vanguard satellite might have been gathering weather data from an orbit around the earth today if a single part in its carrier rocket had not failed.