

Tear Gas And Clubs Used To Break Up Riot In Army Brig

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kas., May 3 (AP)—Military prisoners in the army disciplinary barracks struck a night-long riot which resulted in the death of one man and injury to seven, but army authorities said shortly before noon that they believed they had the situation in hand.

Two hundred and fifty negro prisoners in cell block 7 surrendered this morning after an ultimatum from Col. Graeme Parks, commandant, and were herded into isolation cells.

Some silent

A group of 514 white prisoners in cell block 6 had not been heard from, but guards reported there was no sign of fighting late this morning in the tear gas-filled wing and said they were "waiting it out."

The guards said they were ready to resume gas bombardment of this block if there was any further sign of disturbance, and that no further action would be taken until the men made the first move.

Newsmen Visit

Colonel Parks conducted news-

papermen through the strife-ridden prison where one prisoner died, and six other prisoners and a guard were injured in the fighting. All were reported to be white.

The gas still was evident, but did not interfere with the tour.

Lt. Gen. Gerow, commandant of Fort Leavenworth, of which the barracks is a part, said the riot grew out of racial trouble.

The trouble started late Thursday when the white prisoners objected to eating in the same mess hall with the negroes. The men were detained in their cells yesterday until noon when they agreed to come out peacefully and eat. They returned to their jobs in the afternoon, but the smoldering trouble broke out into a night-long riot last night.

The first news of the difficulty reached the outside when the army sent a request to the Kansas City police department at 4 o'clock this morning for tear gas. A second call followed two hours later.

More than 200 tear gas shells and

grenades had been lobbed into the cell blocks before Parks issued the ultimatum.

After Parks' broadcast on the speaker system, the men in cell block 6 sent a spokesman to tell a guard at the doorway that they were ready to surrender.

The men were ordered to come out in groups of five. They were brought into the rotunda, stripped and searched. They then were herded into another cell block which had been emptied and prepared for the rioting prisoners.

Rotunda Guarded

The rotunda was guarded by 100 troops armed with "billy clubs" and tear gas. Firemen had two firehoses set up ready to turn high pressure streams on the men if they showed signs of giving further trouble.

There was no information on whether there may have been more than the eight casualties originally reported.

Col. Parks identified the dead inmate as Dewey Osborne, a white man, 30, Mountain City, Tenn., and

said he had been stomped to death.

Injured were a prisoner named Woodberry, stabbed in the lung with an ice-pick (first name and hometown unavailable); Robert Lee Freeman, 31, Chattanooga, Tenn., head injury and bruises; E. C. Smith, 37, Baltimore, Md. (injuries unavailable); Henry Turner, 37, Columbus, Ga., fractured arm and numerous cuts; Paul H. Nelson, 28, Kansas City, Kas., cuts and abrasions on head; Peter C. Valenti, 25, Inglewood, N. J., abrasions on head and other injuries; the extent unknown, and Sgt. Robert L. Liser, 34, New Orleans.

Major Henry C. Triesler Jr., public information officer said the beleaguered men had fashioned clubs from a wooden stairway which joined the upper and lower tier. He said water and light to the block had been shut off.

The barracks are located in the heart of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation and contain men convicted by military court of serious crimes.

Volunteer Firemen Man Hose At S. 6th Street Fire



Sparks from a trash fire burning in front of the old Anderson Motor company building late Thursday afternoon, destroyed the structure and brought out city and county fire trucks and volunteer firemen. The building was in the process of being razed by Frank Gabriel, Olene farmer. Property is owned by Swan Lake Moulding company.

Union Merger Proposal Off

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The AFL and CIO, laying aside indefinitely any hope of becoming one big organization, went ahead today with plans to poll their opposition to sharp curbs on unions pending in congress.

This was all they had to show for a two-day peace conference which resulted in unanimous agreement that "organic unity should be established within the American labor movement"—but a rejection of each other's plans for bringing it about.

AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray expressed the concurring view of their peace committees as the conference broke up late yesterday.

They made it plain that the subject of merger will be kept alive while the tough labor legislation is in the works.

Murray called a meeting of his nine vice presidents for May 15 and of his 51-man executive board for May 16 to hear reports on the unity session and work out details of cooperation with the AFL on the campaign against a restrictive labor bill.

U.N. Hears Aleman Talk

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—President Miguel Aleman of Mexico told the United Nations assembly in extraordinary session today that international cooperation was the only way to prevent mankind from falling into another conflict which would wipe out the present form of civilization.

Taking the rostrum after Assembly President Oswaldo Aranha welcomed him amid the greatest contributions to peace in our generation, Aleman said:

"Only this cooperation can succeed in overcoming the difficulties that have arisen at the close of the war and must, finally, convert into a state of peace—a true peace—the uncertain period in which we have been laboring for several months."

He was given a tremendous ovation as he began to speak.

Aleman drove to the assembly hall at Flushing Meadow over rain-swept streets to appear before the 55 delegates as one of the highlights of his New York visit.

Howard Case In Overtime

A rare Saturday afternoon session in forcing circuit court officials to work overtime today, still being heard is the lawsuit brought by Frank Z. Howard, county surveyor, against his employer, Klamath county.

Howard is suing for about \$9000 assertedly due him in back pay, covering the period from July 23, 1942 to June 30, 1945. He is still on the witness stand—his sixth day—and is being cross-examined by William Ganong, attorney for the county.

The questioning and testimony regards Howard's daily work during the period mentioned in his suit.

Howard has also made a claim on the county for about \$8200, pay he considers due him at \$15 a day for office work from June 30, 1945, until the present time. The county court has disallowed that claim.

More than 1000 enlisted men stationed at the bureau of naval personnel in Washington have voted in favor of a new uniform which was on display, however no official report has been made.



Looking for a chunk of ice which will cool them off a bit, Dick Peterson (left) and Verne Wertman, caught the eye of the roving 9 o'clock Special photographer this morning as he wandered down Main street seeking likely shots.

Political Activity By State Officer Probed In Siskiyou

Charges that California state liquor officers have been working against the proposed Siskiyou county charter have created a sensation in Siskiyou county, but as yet no formal affidavits against the officers have been filed, it was understood today.

Earl Ager of Tulelake, one of the leaders in the campaign for the new charter, said today that contrary to California reports, he had not "filed" the charges that liquor officers had been engaged in improper political activity in the county.

Jerrold L. Seawell, member of the California board of equalization, disclosed this week that he had received complaints that certain liquor officers were taking sides in the charter election issue. Seawell identified Dewey D. Eagan, Redding, liquor control administrator, as one of those against who complaints had been made.

Ager said that Seawell called him by telephone to ask him about the matter, but that Ager had not originated the complaints. The Tulelake

man said he had heard many stories to the effect that Eagan and others had been in the area, and were working against the charter, but that he had not obtained affidavits in support of such stories.

The Siskiyou county charter vote will be held on May 27.

FALL FATAL

BERKELEY, Calif., May 3 (AP)—A sliver of glass killed George Isaelf, 40, last night as he slipped on a bathroom rug and crashed into the glass door of a stall shower.

The door shattered. A jagged section almost severed Isaelf's left arm and a stiletto-like piece pierced his heart.

GIRLS FOUND

Two teen-age girls, runaways from Portland, were located here by state police last night and turned over to the juvenile officials.

The girls were located at 3751 Bisbee on information from Portland police.

Crowd Jams Homemakers Festival Here

More than 350 eager homemakers attended the Klamath county Homemakers Festival May 1 at the First Methodist church, to learn new methods of cleaning fabrics, upholstering furniture, arranging flowers and making bread to mention a few of the many interesting exhibits and demonstrations.

The morning was devoted to examining exhibits and an audience-participation broadcast over KFLW, when valuable merchandise was given away by Klamath merchants.

Luncheon was a big event of the day, attended by 200 women. Charles A. Henderson, Klamath county agricultural agent, spoke to the group. Other speakers at the luncheon were Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick of Merrill, second vice president of the state home extension council who presided; Mrs. Winnifred K. Gillen, Klamath county home demonstration agent, who is being transferred to Corvallis as assistant state 4-H club leader and vice president of the state home extension council; Helen Stine, new home demonstration agent, who spoke a greeting to the group; Mrs. Earl Mack, president of the 4-H Leaders association, and Clarice Cookingham, home demonstration agent for Siskiyou county, Calif.

Mrs. Gillen was presented with a number of gifts from the county committee and several of the units in token of their appreciation of the work she has done with them.

Certificates of achievement were awarded to 12 of the 15 county units and the luncheon was concluded with a style review of dresses fashioned from feed sacks.

An afternoon meeting brought the third annual Homemakers Festival to a successful close about 4 p.m.

Drunk Driving Brings Arrest

Willard Carl Kregger, 1211 Main, was lodged in the county jail late Thursday charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and no operator's license. Kregger bailed out at 10:15 a.m. today when he posted \$150 to appear in justice court at a later date.

Kregger was arrested by state police at the scene of an accident on S. 6th street at 9:20 p.m., when Kregger was observed approaching on the highway, weaving from one side to the other. The officer made an attempt to stop Kregger before he crashed into one of the two machines and Kregger threw on his brakes in time to avoid a second wreck.

Cars operated by Robert Mazingo, route 2 box 516, and Roland Valdez, 430 Adams, were said to have been involved in the original accident. There were no injuries.

Pioneer Community

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Hannon were in this area Monday en route to Yreka, Calif.

The new machine shop being built by Rueben Talbot is very near completion.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson visited in Ashland Friday.

Reile and Beverly Hurbit were two of the lucky award winners in the 4-H sewing club work at the spring county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Frain and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Clemmens made a trip around Upper Klamath lake on Sunday and they report the road in good shape and from all indications the fishing was too, as the streams were all lined with fishermen who seemed to be carrying good catches with them.

Mrs. R. Angus and Mrs. Roy Powell have received word from their husbands who have arrived in Alaska. The men report a good trip and say things look prosperous there.

They were at Juneau and were going on to Haynes where they expect to engage in logging operations.

Swede Imports Pact Reached

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The state department announced today the United States and Sweden have reached an understanding on application of Swedish import restrictions to American goods that were on order en route when the trade ban was issued.

The Swedish government imposed import restrictions March 15 on a long list of items, many of which come from this country. The United States strongly protested this move saying it violated the U. S.-Swedish reciprocal trade agreement.

An understanding on the matter was reached in conference here between state department officials and a Swedish trade delegation.

VITAL STATISTICS

THROCKMORTON—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 1, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Throckmorton, 479 1/2 S. 6th, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces.

MYERS—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 2, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myers, 2415 Beatty, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.

JOHNS—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 2, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Johnson, 1512 Summers lane, a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 14 ounces.

BAH—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 2, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Abery, Merrill, Ore., a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 12 ounces.

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Jet Propelled Ships Eyed

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—The admiralty hinted today that it may try to develop an atom-propelled battleship.

In a statement saying it planned "a very large amount" of research to maintain the navy's efficiency, it said:

"Many lines of inquiry present themselves... on the defensive side, the navy has to apply the lessons learned by its observers of the Bikini tests of the atomic bomb, but the implications of atomic energy are, in the long view of the naval situation, by no means limited to defensive aspects and may, contrary to initial reactions, lead to enhancement of naval power in a highly modified form and with wide offensive and defensive commitments."

"The atomically propelled battleship, for instance, would have no immediate refueling problems, and the period for which it could stay at sea would be limited only by other and generally less urgent supply problems, a vital factor if the ship proved less vulnerable than the harbor."

The statement said six million pounds (\$24,000,000) would be spent in all forms of navy research this year.

April Proves Wet Month

With the 1947 springtime dry enough to cause concern among forest fire prevention authorities and

farmers, it might be expected that April was an unusually dry month.

According to the CAA weather report however, April had 0.63 of an inch of precipitation which, while below the estimated normal, 0.90 of an inch for the month, it is still the most moisture for April since 1944 when the precipitation was 1.32, or way above normal.

With the precipitation below normal and the mean monthly temperature above normal at 48.8 degrees, the combination made it a dry month. Normal for April is 46.5 degrees. The hottest day for the month was the 14th when the mercury rose to 82 degrees. Minimum

for the month occurred on the 6th and 11th with 27 degrees.

There were 11 clear days, seven partly cloudy and 12 cloudy days during the month.

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