

FOUR CONVICTS DIE IN RIOTING

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A flaming riot at the Missouri state prison was quelled today after four convicts were killed, 30 prisoners and three guards injured and at least eight prison buildings destroyed or heavily damaged by fire.

Heavily armed police and national guardsmen moved into the penitentiary this morning to block any last-ditch uprising by the unruly convicts who had rioted during the night.

Prison officials estimate that damage will run as high as five million dollars.

What caused it?
A guard who spent several hours of last night as a captive of the rioting prisoners says his captors told him the riot was a protest against poor food and stool pigeons.

The guard says:
"They told me all they were getting was beans, beans, BEANS!"

Well, that's their story. Maybe they believe it. Personally, I think the trouble in Missouri, along with the trouble that has been so prominent in the news at penitentiaries all over the country, arises out of herding men together in our penal institutions in what amounts to almost complete idleness.

Isaac Watts, in his "Divine Songs," told us some two centuries ago that:
"Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do."
No truer words were ever spoken.

It is a fact, of course, that convicts in our penitentiaries along with drunks in our city jails, are provided with a certain amount of "work." But, in general, it is MADE WORK. It isn't CONSTRUCTIVE. Nothing is more maddening than to be compelled to do something that you know and everybody else knows ISN'T GETTING ANYBODY ANYWHERE.

Work is the great healer but if it is to heal the bruises of the human spirit it must be CONSTRUCTIVE work.

I hope — and I can sometimes reason myself into believing — that the time will come when the men (and the tragic boys) who are sent to our so-called institutions of correction will be given constructive work to do, that they will be paid regular wages for their labor and that their credits will be deposited to their credit and paid to them when they have served out their terms.

If that were done, not only would they have had the healing benefits of honest constructive WORK during their period of corrective confinement but when they got out into the world again they would have a modest stake to get started with in some honorable endeavor. It would be a stake that they had EARNED.

If that time ever comes, there will be less bloody trouble in our penitentiaries.

And —
I think —
Men (and boys) will be REFORMED in our penal institutions.

Solons Study Union Funds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A House subcommittee which heard testimony about a death threat to a restaurant operator takes a look today at the welfare fund of the AFL Sheet Metal Workers Union.

Staff members of the group headed by Rep. Samuel K. McConnell Jr. (R-Pa.) said seven or eight witnesses were expected to be called today. None were identified in advance.

Joseph Gee, Chinese-American restaurateur of Barstow, Calif., told yesterday about the death threat he said he received in a telephone conversation last March 20 which he recorded.

He said the threat came because he had refused to contribute to a union welfare fund although he now is doing so. Other witnesses said the welfare fund agreement was made between the AFL, CIO and Barstow Union. Local 335, and an employers' group in San Bernardino County, in which Barstow is situated.

The phone conversation recording, punctuated by obscenities and profanity, was played for the committee. The man talking to Gee was heard to say that he was going to look Gee up "for no other reason than to kill you."

Gee identified the caller as Pete Beck and described him as a union member but at the time a railroad employee.

Beck testified later in the day and said he remembered only that somebody telephoned him and said he was Mr. Gee but that he, Beck, was "so drunk" he couldn't remember anything else about the call.

Beck said he was not a union official, only a part-time bartender.

McConnell said the committee seeks information for legislation to protect the workers' welfare funds which amount to 17 to 20 million dollars. He said there now is little regulation over the funds.

RED AGENT
SEOUL (AP) — South Korean national police reported Thursday three armed Communists agents who had crossed into South Korea near Kangnung on the east coast.



MRS. MARTHA McLAUGHLIN, 421 North Fourth Street, first grade teacher at Fremont School, was on her way to work this morning as the nine o'clock photographer came by.

Red Sailors Ask Asylum

WHITBY, England (AP) — Seven crew members of the Polish trawler Puszyk strode ashore Thursday to tell authorities they had been told by a Red informer in their midst and seized control of their ship.

They asked political asylum in Britain.

The men told police they looked up the vessel's skipper, Capt. Kobryn Wiktory, the government spy and the other six members of the crew Wednesday night as the ship neared the English coast.

The informer, identified as "political officer" Naciszek Franciszek, was taken to a hospital with a knife wound in one hand and head and face injuries.

The Puszyk was seen flying a distress signal as she approached the Yorkshire coast. She was escorted into harbor by the Whitby fishing vessel Provider.

Water Meeting Held In Bly

BLY — Water potentialities for 75,000 acres of irrigable land in the Sprague River district were discussed at a widely attended meeting, held last night, September 22, in the Bly High School gymnasium.

The meeting, called by the Langell Valley Soil Conservation and the Poe Valley Soil Conservation district offices, was for the purpose of promoting further studies of the proposed development of water sources.

No comprehensive study has as yet been made because of limited funds. The U. S. Geological Survey, with such money as has been allowed the survey, has been proceeding with a study of ground water storage.

Surface needs are also being determined and the available dam sites on the Sprague River and its tributaries are being considered in event future development will necessitate more water than can be produced by wells with out depleting the underground supply.

Various locations for a dam have been suggested by conservation and reclamation sources.

Present for the meeting, which was attended by ranchers and townspeople, were Joe Rogers, U. S. Soil Conservation officer, Bend; Lewis Stanley, engineer, Oregon Klamath River Commission, Klamath Falls; L. Penwell, soil conservation official, Portland; Bill Rodgers, Klamath Indian Agency soil conservationist, Klamath Agency; Don Gray, chief planning engineer, USBR, Klamath Falls.

Lloyd Gift, Langell Valley Soil Conservation official presided.

Broadcast
Highlights from the address of Robert Karmayer, world traveler and authority on international affairs, made before the Klamath Falls Knife and Fork Club will be broadcast at 7:15 p.m. Thursday by radio station KFLW.

DIPLOMATS
HANOI (AP) — A new seven-man American team will take over the U.S. consulate here on Sept. 28, prepared to stay in Hanoi under Communist occupation so long as there is no formal objection or overt obstruction.

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Eisenhower Dedicates McNary Dam

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
McNARY DAM (AP) — President Eisenhower, campaigning in the Pacific Northwest for a Republican Congress, cautioned Thursday against "malignant growth of bureaucracy" which he declared would stem from any Washington "conversion of local regions into federal satellites."

The President dedicated 296 million dollar McNary Dam before a cheering crowd which police estimated at between 35,000 and 40,000 persons.

Eisenhower drove here for the ceremony from Walla Walla, Wash., where at a breakfast meeting of 40 Oregon and Washington Republican leaders he made his most vigorous appeal yet for election of another GOP-controlled Congress in November.

"Politics will have a field day if the Democrats succeed in recapturing control of Congress," the President said at the breakfast meeting.

NEWSMEN BANNED
Newsmen were barred from the meeting but Murray Snyder, a White House press secretary reported the gist of the President's remarks.

Eisenhower's address here at McNary Dam was a spirited defense of administration policies calling for more local participation in development of the nation's power resources.

The policy has been under attack by Democrats and Independent Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon as a federal giveaway program.

Eisenhower told his audience that any trend toward Washington domination of local regions into "federal satellites" poses a threat to the liberties of the people.

"The administration in Washington and the present leadership in Congress are unalterably opposed to such malignant growth of bureaucracy," he added.

McNARY DAM
Eisenhower mentioned McNary Dam, however, as an example of "national responsibility properly assumed by the federal government," and he pledged that new projects of that type "will be started."

Eisenhower, on a four-state fly-tour of the Far West, got a rousing welcome on his arrival in this area Wednesday night.

He left the summer White House in Denver Wednesday afternoon on a three-day trip taking him into Montana, Washington, Oregon and California.

Eisenhower and his party spent the night in Walla Walla where, according to reports, banners and even torchlights lined the five-mile drive from the airport.

H-Bomb Victim Dies In Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese fisherman, killed by a hydrogen bomb blast in Bikini March 1 died tonight in a Tokyo hospital.

Aikichi Kuboyama, 40, radioman on the fishing boat Lucky Dragon, was believed to be the world's first death resulting from a hydrogen bomb explosion.

The fisherman had been suffering from leukemia complications brought on by radiation from the Bikini bomb, Japanese doctors said.

His illness and death is a matter of great international significance for Japan.

This country has been bitterly critical of the United States tests, and is reported to have presented Washington with a bill for several million dollars.

Kuboyama was one of 23 fishermen aboard the Lucky Dragon, which was approximately 80 miles from Bikini when the test bomb was exploded.

The other fishermen also are hospitalized but appear to be recovering.

Blood Drive Progress Told

Nearly all first day signers of pledge cards for donations of blood for this week's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile reported at the armory Wednesday, September 22.

The nearly 100 per cent appearance of donors provided 162 pints of blood to help make up the quota of 800 pints set by the United Veterans, sponsors of the September drive. The veterans organizations are working to break the state total of 739 pints, now held by Nyasa, Oregon, in today's donations.

A nursery room is supervised by competent adults to permit mothers to donate.

Hours today, final day of the drive are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

New Spud Processing Firm Established In Tulelake

TULELAKE (AP) — Filing of articles of incorporation recently in Salem, for an industry, new to this area, was followed Wednesday, September 22, with election of officers and naming of the board of directors.

The initial organization meeting of the Klamath Potato Processors, Inc. was held in the office of Ganong and Ganong, attorneys, Klamath Falls.

Earl Ager, Tulelake, whose two year study of the potentialities of the business culminated in the incorporation, was elected president and general manager. Cal P. Peyton, of Peyton and Co., Klamath Falls, will serve as vice president.

George A. Myers, Klamath Falls, owner of the Tulelake Cold Storage Company is treasurer and Ernest Lindsey, Tulelake rancher, is secretary and director. M. M. Frank, San Francisco, is a second director.

Other stockholders are Fred E. McMurphy, Dan M. Crawford Jr., Dan M. Crawford Jr., all of Tulelake, and Percy Murray, Klamath Falls.

The new company will process all grades of potatoes, peeled and ready for cooking and will package uniform baker potatoes for sale to restaurants, institutions, railroads, steamship lines and home use.

Under the process to be used, the peeled tubers will be dipped in a harmless chemical to maintain the natural color and flavor for from nine to 14 days. Packages for larger concerns will weigh from 30-35 pounds and lesser sized packages will be used for retail store trade.

German Blast Kills 22 Men

BITBURG, Germany (AP) — The Bitburg mayor's office reported 22 American, French and German officials perished late Thursday when a U.S. Air Force gasoline storage tank exploded while they were inspecting it.

The duty officer at the nearby U.S. Air Force base said he could not immediately confirm the German casualty report.

The names of the dead were not immediately available.

Bitburg is 75 miles west of Mainz, near the Luxembourg border.

The tank was reported still in flames 2 1/2 hours later with both German firemen and U. S. servicemen battling desperately to keep the fire from spreading to another nearby tank.

Broken Axle Wrecks Train

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A broken axle today was listed as the probable cause of the derailment yesterday of the Santa Fe Railroad's streamliner San Francisco Chief in which all 191 passengers escaped serious injury.

Between 20 and 30 persons aboard the Oakland, Calif.-to-Chicago train were shaken up but only two passengers and three crew members were hospitalized overnight. They were to be released today.

The Santa Fe estimated damage at \$250,000.

The accident occurred at Orwood Crossing 40 miles east of San Francisco as the train started to slow for a drawbridge.

The derailment was the San Francisco Chief's second within a month. It was derailed at Loma, Ill., Aug. 22, when five persons were killed and 53 injured.

Roadmaster Walter Johnson said a dragging broken axle on one of the diesel units was the probable cause of yesterday's accident.

Nine cars left the track, including the dome observation car, which crashed against a tall signal tower, ripping the side of the car and throwing 20 passengers onto the floor.

Engineer Emil Kloehn said the train was traveling about 70 miles an hour.

The uninjured were transferred to a reserve train and resumed their journey at 8:30 p.m. last night.



EARL AGER

French fry, shoestring and boiling grades will be made of the peeled potatoes which will be kept under refrigeration, Ager stated, and will be shipped daily from the plant by the speediest transportation. Potatoes processed here will in many instances reach the consumer the following day. Bakers will be of a uniform size.

Tentative plans call for meeting label requirements of customers as well as the adoption of a company insignia.

The plant will operate on a 24-hour basis in the Percy Murray Building on the East-West Road near the Tulelake Cold Storage Plant. The building is being extensively remodeled and insulated to permit year around operation, and to meet requirements of the business.

Machinery is being especially manufactured for the plant which will employ 20 persons on each of the three eight-hour shifts. All local help is to be employed with the exception of a technologist. The output is estimated at three tons per hour.

Ager, who laid the ground work for the plant, first of its kind in the Klamath Basin, first came to Tulelake in 1929. He returned in 1930 and opened the first business in Tulelake, a farm implement warehouse in the first building put up in the city before the lots in the townsite were sold.

Since that time he has been actively interested in the development of the Tulelake area. He sold the stock of Earl's Market, a grocery, meat, cold storage, lockers and fountain business about two years ago to devote his time to development of the processing plant.

November 1 has been set as the tentative date for starting operations.

Baseball Scores
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CLEAN DOOR
ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — John S. Tarr, Denver, left an insurance company through what he thought was a doorway. It turned out to be a spotlessly clean window. Doctors put two stitches in his knee.



REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS of the sophomore, junior and senior Tri-Hi-Y Clubs and the Hi-Y Club of KUHS, met to formulate plans for the Southern District Leadership Institute to be held at the local YMCA Sunday, September 26. Planners include (seated, from left) Shirley Moore, Paul Deller, KUHS faculty member and institute chairman; Gloria Mahan, (standing, same order) William Cornell, local YMCA program secretary; George Goehring.

Decision On Senate Call To Be Given

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leader Knowland of California advised Senate officers Thursday that it may be several days before a decision is reached on when the Senate will reconvene to consider proposed censure of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Mark Trice, secretary of the Senate, gave this statement to reporters:

"I have just talked over the telephone with Sen. William Knowland, majority leader, and he informs me that further consultations are necessary before a decision can be reached in regard to the reconvening of the Senate. Several days may be required before a decision is reached in the matter."

Trice had indicated earlier that he was expecting instructions momentarily from Knowland and Sen. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, to issue a formal call for the Senate to convene. He waited in his office until late Wednesday night to hear from Knowland.

Trice's announcement appeared to eliminate the possibility that the Senate will be called back on Sept. 29, a date that had been widely mentioned at the capital earlier. Senate leaders must give five days advance notice in calling a session.

As Trice made his announcement, a special six-member committee, headed by Sen. Watkins (R-Utah), was meeting in closed session in an effort to complete preparation of its report on the censure charges brought against McCarthy.

Watkins had told newsmen earlier that he was hopeful that the committee could finish its report before the end of the week.

The Senate before recessing last month, authorized Knowland and Johnson to recall the Senate once the Watkins special committee was ready with its report on the charges filed against McCarthy.

Senator Plans Russian Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) said today she has asked permission to visit Soviet Russia next month but has not yet received a reply from the Russians.

"I hope the visa is approved," she said in an interview, adding that she would like to visit the Soviet on a round-the-world trip she plans — "not official and not at government expense."

A few U.S. officials, students and newsmen have been permitted to visit Russia in the past 18 months.

Smith's tentative itinerary calls for departure Oct. 2, although possible return of the Senate to consider censure charges against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) may delay the schedule.

"I certainly would not miss that session," Mrs. Smith said.

She frequently has tangled with McCarthy.

Missouri Prison Buildings Burned

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A flaming riot at the Missouri state penitentiary, was quelled Thursday after four convicts were killed, 30 prisoners and three guards injured and at least eight prison buildings destroyed or heavily damaged by fire.

Heavily armed troopers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol moved into the foggy, smoke-begrimed prison Thursday morning.

Within a short time patrol officers reported all the convicts in trouble B and C halls were back in their cells.

An hour and a half later, Col. Thomas E. Whitcotton, director of corrections, said the danger of any mass outbreak was definitely past.

He said then the situation was under control and that he expected no further trouble.

"It was the very efficient highway patrol that got the job done, and I want to add that the convicts who lost their lives may have saved hundreds of others and the lives of many citizens."

As the troopers, backed up by the police and national guardsmen, moved through the tiers they flushed out an injured convict here and there, some apparently seriously injured.

Crescent Lake Bids Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bids for rehabilitation of Crescent Lake Dam, near Bend, Ore., will be called Sept. 30, Secretary of Interior McKay said Thursday.

He said award of the construction contract is expected by Nov. 1.

The existing dam, built in the 1920's by the Deschutes County Municipal Improvement District, is to be replaced by an earth-fill dam and other works to provide storage capacity of 86,000 acre-feet of water.

Congress authorized emergency rehabilitation at a cost not to exceed \$397,000.

McKay said a repayment contract with the water users has been sent Regional Reclamation Director H. T. Nelson for execution by the district. It calls for return to the government in 40 years of the cost of the rehabilitation work plus \$22,000 for surveys and investigations, not to exceed a total of \$320,000.

The bureau said reports indicate other works of the district are in need for rehabilitation, repair, replacement and improvement. Allowance was made in determining capacity of the district to pay its government obligations so that sufficient additional funds, estimated at about \$10,000 annually, can be raised locally, without undue hardship, to carry out this work, the bureau said.

Cost of the added work, which could be accomplished over a number of years, is estimated at more than \$400,000, McKay said. The district has been urged, he said, to do the remaining work as a local responsibility rather than a federal project.

Red Bomb Test Site Reported
TOKYO (AP) — A leading Tokyo newspaper Thursday quoted Japanese scientists as saying Russia probably exploded an H-bomb recently on Wrangel Island, only 500 miles northwest of Nome, Alaska.

The newspaper Asahi said scientists have "almost conclusive evidence" of the Soviet H-bomb test. Moscow announced last Friday that it had tested another atomic bomb but Japanese scientists say the explosion was of such magnitude that it must have been a hydrogen bomb.

Asahi said physicists and weather experts of the Tokyo meteorological laboratory are of the opinion that the Soviet test was in late August or early September. They reportedly located the test site as Wrangel Island through radio static direction locators and atmospheric pressure waves created by a great explosion. The waves recorded on a manometer originated approximately 2,500 miles north-northwest of Tokyo, Asahi said.

Also, radioactive rain has fallen in northern Japan almost daily since Saturday, Asahi said. It was borne southward by air currents originating on the Siberian mainland.

Intelligence reports have indicated the Russians are using Wrangel Island as a base for testing guided missiles and other weapons, the newspaper reported.

Wrangel was occupied by Russia in 1834 and was named for Baron Ferdinand Wrangel, explorer, governor-general of Alaska and manager of the Russian-American company from 1830 to 1835.

The island is 30 miles long, 5 to 14 miles wide and has mountains rising to 3,350 feet.

U.S. Crime Rate Rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover says crime in America will reach a record high this year if the present rate keeps up.

Hoover gave this estimate in reporting Wednesday night that the national crime rate for the first half of 1954 climbed 8.5 per cent over last year's level during the same period.

In the semiannual issue of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, compiled from police reports from across the nation, Hoover said 1,136,140 major crimes were committed in January-June of this year.

That's 88,850 more than a year ago and figures out to a major crime every 13.8 seconds.

The FBI summary said robbery increased 30.4 per cent between the two periods, burglaries 12.2 per cent, larceny 9 per cent and murders 0.9 per cent. It said the aggravated assault rate showed no change.

Rape offenses were listed as declining 1.3 per cent, auto theft 55 down 2.3 per cent and negligent manslaughter down 3.9 per cent.

Urban crime was placed at 7.2 per cent higher than the January-June 1953 rate and rural crime 11.9 per cent higher.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Friday. High Friday 70; low Thursday night 55. High yesterday 65; low 45. Precip. last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 15.44. Same period last year 15.82. Normal for period 13.10.

moved through the tiers they flushed out an injured convict here and there, some apparently seriously injured.

The riot, causing damage estimated by prison officials as near five million dollars was confined within walls of the sprawling penitentiary located in the city, not far from the state capitol. None of the prisoners was believed to have escaped.

The rioting broke out about 7 p.m. Wednesday night on the third floor of E hall, a maximum security section where incorrigible prisoners are confined in separate cells. How they were released from their cells was not known.

MADHOUSE
From then on for six hours, officers said the place "looked like a madhouse," with men running, shouting, howling and fighting in the glare of fire from burning buildings.

As guards and state troopers moved in, they were met with a hail of rocks and bricks. Some prisoners were shot.

Three guards were injured. One, Jefferson Gentry, was beaten unconscious by the rioting convicts. Another, Clarence Dietzel, apparently was beaten or thrown from some height. A third, Oscar Carrington, was shot in the foot.

"They ran in and grabbed me and pushed me outside just as the shooting started," Carrington related.

The dead prisoners were identified as:

Don Manning, 19, serving a robbery term from Cooper County.

J. C. Swink, 31, serving a car theft term from Dallas County.

Walter Lee Donnell, serving a robbery term from St. Louis.

William Garrett, 29, serving a four year grand larceny term from Cass County.

HARDENED CRIMINALS
Prison officials said they did not know what set off the riot, but Whitecotton said it apparently was touched off by a "very small group of hardened criminals."

Whitecotton said the ring leaders in the riot composed of about 23 of the 81 occupants of the maximum security section in E hall.

He said he did not know how they got out, but one of them, William Delapp, 19, Seattle, Wash., would be questioned closely. A few weeks ago, Delapp stole a set of cell block keys from a guard but the theft was discovered before any trouble developed.

Fires set by the convicts as well as smoldering in the blackened ruins of prison buildings.

2700 Typhoid Shots Given

Approximately 2700 shots were given residents of the south suburban area during the three day typhoid immunization program at Peterson School and the Church of the Brethren. First shots were given Saturday, September 18 and continued through Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21.

The immunization is given in a series of three shots, one week apart. Those who had shots on the first day will report back during the same hours 2-6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to noon, Monday and Tuesday at the Church of the Brethren on Bristol Avenue.

The program has been carried out by the Klamath County Health Office with the support of the Klamath County Medical Society, following the diagnosis of two cases of typhoid in the district.

Numerous others, interested in immunization, have contacted the health office, planning to take the first shots in the series this week end. Shots in this case will be given at the county health office or by family physicians.

The diagnosed cases have not been traced to any one source according to an announcement made today by the county health department.