

Incorrigible Convicts Commandeer Prison

YANCEYVILLE, N.C. (UPI) — Twenty incorrigible convicts took over the maximum security Ivy Bluff prison camp early today and escaped with an arsenal of pistols, rifles and a sub-machinegun.

Fifteen of the 35 prisoners at Ivy Bluff chose to stay behind but the rest followed the lead of Charles (Yank) Stewart, a long-term convict whose father and brother were executed in Raleigh in the 1920s for murdering a policeman.

The fugitives, 14 whites and six Negroes, included six lifers.

New Buildings For Oretch Set By Firm

CORVALLIS (AP) — A firm was hired Monday to make preliminary plans for new buildings at Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls. At its meeting here, the state Board of Higher Education approved the employment of the Portland firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill.

The board said the preliminary plans will be used as the basis of fund requests that will be made of the 1961 Legislature.

Originally about a million dollars will be spent under the board's plans, with this to be boosted to three millions later. The final total is expected to be five million, including expenditures for dormitories and other self-liquidating projects.

The board has estimated that about five million dollars will be spent for new projects at Oregon Tech.

The board also approved final plans for the Westmoreland Housing Project at the University of Oregon. The 48 units, primarily for married students, will cost \$388,000.

The board also was told that 25 per cent of male students at Oregon, Oregon State, Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon and Oregon College of Education are married.

In other business, the board approved purchase of about 88 acres in Eugene, the property to be used for the site of a new University of Oregon football stadium.

The land will cost \$85,000.

India Ready, Says Nehru

NEW DELHI (UPI) — Premier Jawaharlal Nehru declared today that India will not be caught napping if its border dispute with Red China leads to war.

"In our enthusiasm for peaceful coexistence, we have not neglected defense," Nehru said in a speech to the Council of States (India's "senate").

"Whether we like it or not, we have to face it (the possibility of war) all the time, while keeping the ultimate object of peace in view."

The Premier said a "long-term crisis" confronts India. He called for "blood, sweat and tears" in support of his efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the controversy.

He said India so far has received no reaction to the "interim proposals" he sent to Peking Nov. 16 in response to Premier Chou En-lai's Nov. 7 proposal that both sides pull troops back from the disputed border.

Col. William F. Bailey, state prison director, termed "inexcusable" the break from Ivy Bluff, scene of a number of prison self-maimings.

Prison officials received a report late this morning that a man, believed to be one of the fugitives, had been seen about seven miles from here. They sent a truckload of bloodhounds, two guards and two dog handlers to the area.

In Washington, the FBI announced it was entering the case on the strength of indications the prisoners had fled the borders of North Carolina. The prison is located 30 miles northeast of Greensboro, near the Virginia border.

THE BREAK was not revealed for several hours after a day-shift guard, coming on duty at 4:30 a.m., discovered the night guards locked in a cell.

The prisoners took over the prison by a series of ruses. They slugged one guard, and raced away from the camp shortly after midnight in a stolen truck and car. Later they wrecked the car and all 20 climbed into the pick-up truck, which had benches and a wire-cage door for transporting prisoners.

The escape was well planned, apparently by Stewart, who once said he would do anything to get out of Ivy Bluff.

"They had plenty of time," said one of the guards, "and they took their time about it. The whole prison could have gotten out if they wanted to. They were in complete control."

The escape began in the camp's solitary confinement section, or segregation unit.

Stewart saw a bar from his cell and called on a guard to bring him some tissue paper.

When the guard reached his cell, Stewart grabbed him and threatened him with the saved-off bar.

Another prisoner broke out of his cell about the same time, prison officials said, and the two held the guard captive. They forced the guard to call another guard from the control room, asking for a relief.

When the control room custodian answered the call, the prisoners grabbed him. They began picking up weapons and took the keys to all cells.

THEIR PATH still was blocked by two guard towers outside the prison compound.

They held a pistol to the head of the control room guard and forced him to call the towers. He told the guards there he was sending out relief guards for midnight meals.

Two of the prisoners dressed as guards relieved the men in the tower and the stage was set for the flight. The prisoners then had complete control of the prison.

They rounded up the rest of the guards, collecting their guns, and locked the guards in the cell.

Prison officials said there were no injuries in the escape except that one guard was knocked unconscious by a prisoner when the convicts were taking control of the control room.

SHOOTING HOURS

DUCKS, GEESE

OREGON

December 9

OPEN 7:20 CLOSE 4:35

CALIFORNIA

December 9

OPEN 7:22 CLOSE 4:34

Naval Blimp Lands Safely After Ordeal

LAKEHURST, N.J. (UPI) — A Navy blimp with 19 airmen aboard landed safely today after being forced by high winds to remain aloft for nearly two days.

The blimp was moored to its mast after failing in two earlier attempts when ground escort vehicles failed to catch her trailing cables.

The third and successful try was made despite continued high winds.

In attempting a landing, the blimp trails two cables from its nose section. Two ground vehicles try to catch the cables and hold the blimp steady until the mooring mast can be put into place.

The mooring mast comes to the airship rather than the blimp coming to the mast. It's a tricky operation even under ideal conditions.

Huge bags of aviation gasoline were hoisted to the blimp by cable earlier, giving it enough fuel to remain aloft until tonight.

One ground crewman received a superficial electric shock during a refueling operation, but the Navy said the in-flight refueling was routine and the big ZPG-2 blimp was in no danger.

It had taken off Sunday morning on a routine patrol flight over the Atlantic. On its return flight, heavy winds at first prevented it from crossing the shoreline near Seaside Heights. The 350-foot airship took on fuel over the shore and then flew to the naval air station at Lakehurst, its home base.

But officials refused to let it land for fear the winds would push it into buildings near the landing area.

A naval spokesman estimated that 27-mile per hour winds were about the highest the ship could buck to land with some degree of safety. The winds were averaging five to 10 miles an hour above that safety borderline.

Throughout the cold, startle night the buoyant airship cruised above the Lakehurst base, with lights blinking on its nose, tail, topside and underside.

The gondola, where eight officers and 11 crewmen waited for the signal to land, also was lit.

During the refueling operation, the blimp hovered about 400 feet above the concrete landing area. It was not moored, but the pilot, Lt. C. N. Davis, of Lakehurst, N. J., held it steady by nosing it into the wind.

Confederate Vet Battles Ailment

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Confederate veteran Walter Williams fought his fourth bout with pneumonia this year and his doctor said Monday he had taken a turn for the worse.

Williams, 117, last surviving veteran of the Civil War armies, had a 101 degree temperature Monday night.

Williams, who celebrated his 117th birthday, Nov. 14, has been bedridden the past two years.

Dr. Russell Wolfe said "The illness is a combination of things, including a new onset of pneumonia."

Williams lives here with his daughter, Willie Mae Bowles.



FULL MILITARY HONORS were accorded Maj. Gen. John D. Stevenson, Western Air Defense Force Commander, on his initial visit to Kingsley Field. Here, he is shown at left, with Col. Jack Williams, Kingsley Field base commander, center, and Col. Charles H. MacDonald, vice commander, 25th Air Division, McChord AFB, Washington. General Stevenson assumed command November 27 when Maj. Gen. Hugh A. Parker retired after completing 31 years of Air Force service. A reception was held for General Stevenson at the Kingsley Field Officers Club Saturday evening. — Photo by M. Sgt. Charles Bennett

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Steelworkers Union announced today a tentative agreement with the American and Continental Can companies covering approximately 45,000 workers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell today urged steel labor and management to submit their long dispute to some third party, possibly the government, for solution.

Mitchell told a news conference the time has come for the industry and the United Steelworkers Union to consider seriously seeking recommendations from a fact-finding group or from the government itself.

Mitchell acknowledged that he had not made his suggestion directly to the negotiators either for the steel companies or the union. He evidently counted on them to read about it in the newspapers, as a result of his news conference.

He recommended that both sides voluntarily agree to let either a fact-finding board or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service make recommendations for a settlement.

A third method, he said, would be for the parties to agree to submit issues they cannot themselves resolve to binding arbitration.

All three suggestions, Mitchell said, seem to him to fall within the views of President Eisenhower. The President said in a nationwide address before leaving the country last Thursday night that the public is more concerned now with getting the steel dispute settled than with the method by which that is accomplished.

Mitchell's proposal came as the union sought to complete a new agreement for 25,000 members in the can manufacturing industry and use it to help jar loose a steel settlement.

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