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Reuther Elected to Sixth Term as UAW Chief

Rebel Convicts Give Up Quietly at Nebraska Pen

Release Three Hostages, Surrender Early Today After 65-Hour Seige

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A 65-hour prisoner revolt at Nebraska's penitentiary ended early today when eight rebel convicts released three unharmed hostages and then surrendered themselves.

Since Sunday forenoon, the convicts and hostages, including two captured guards, had been barricaded inside the square, three-story maximum security building or prison "jail" on the penitentiary grounds.

Surrender on terms laid down by Gov. Victor E. Anderson came after personal interviews during the night with four of the rebels.

At 3:15 a.m. the two guards and an inmate who had been a prisoner of the prisoners walked out of the building's lone exit into the glare of floodlights that have bathed it for three nights. Thirteen minutes later the subdued convicts began trooping out, one at a time.

All got hot meals—their first since Sunday breakfast.

The guards, Eugene Swanson, 34, and Warren B. Miller, 43, told newsmen they were well treated by the insurgents, who were armed with knives and lengths of pipe.

A meager supply of bread and sugar was shared by captors and captives.

Miller, jovial despite the ordeal, said he "got the knee in the back two or three times" for displeasing the convicts, but beyond that there had been no violence.

"Everytime I talked to anyone on the phone, they kept a knife at my throat as a threat," Miller related.

Gov. Anderson prescribed 15 days in the "hole" with two meals a day, plus 60 days in solitary confinement with three meals a day for the insurgent convicts.

The "hole" is the name given to the first floor of the maximum security building.

Prison Guard Released by Rioters

AP Wirephoto

BACK HOME — Eugene Swanson, Nebraska prison guard, is greeted by his wife in their Lincoln, Neb. home this morning. Swanson and another guard were released by rioting prisoners early today.

Youth Is Killed in Auto Crash

Sports Car Driver, 17, Dies in Two-Car Wreck on Woodward Avenue

A 17-year-old sports car driver was killed last night in a 2-car crash on Woodward Ave. at Charing Cross Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

Edward M. Klapproth, of 3059 N. Adams Rd., Bloomfield Township, was dead on arrival at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. His passenger, James K. Hammond, 16, of 4020 Charing Cross Rd., was listed in good condition with a concussion.

Bloomfield Hills Police held the driver of the other car, Jerry B. Callow, 25, of 38 Bellevue St., Pontiac, for investigation. Callow, who was treated for cuts and bruises, was scheduled to make a statement at the Oakland County Prosecutor's office today.

His passenger, Glenn Maybie, 26, of 460 S. East Blvd., was listed in good condition with a skull fracture.

Police said the accident took place in the southbound lane when Klapproth pulled from Charing Cross onto Woodward. Callow said he did not see Klappworth's convertible in time to stop.

The impact sent Klappworth's car over the boulevard center island and overturned it, witnesses said.

View Cherry Blossoms

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 700,000 visitors are expected at Washington's six-day Cherry Blossom Festival, which began yesterday.

Detroiter Hotel in Swap

DETROIT (AP)—Plans were announced today to trade the 750-room Detroiter Hotel for a Chicago hotel. The Detroiter would then be sold for use as a home for Catholic aged persons.

Income Tax Returns Prepared
Angus Campbell—Tax Accountant
805 W. Huron St., Open Sun. FE 2-3018

Power Failure Darkens Homes, Roads in Area

Thousands of homes and roads in portions of three townships were plunged into darkness shortly before 10:30 last night when a Detroit Edison Co. high tension power line failed.

Electricity was cut off to Keego Harbor, Union Lake, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield, Commerce and Novi townships by the failure.

The 40,000-watt line was repaired and service restored by 11:30 p.m., an Edison spokesman said.

Sylvan Lake residents were without electricity for more than five hours due to a break in a primary line, attributed to the high tension line break. Power was restored at 3:30 a.m.

Orchard Lake road and other street lights were put out of commission by the failures.

15 Feet of Snow in Maine

CARIBOU, Maine (AP)—More than 15 feet of snow fell in this northern Maine community this past winter, a local record.

Area Grocers Meet to Plan Next Step in Price Battle

The Oakland County Retail Food Dealers Assn. will meet tonight in the Knights of Columbus Hall to determine the next step in "an attempt to straighten out the milk situation."

Maurice J. Croteau, association president, said the group may act on two proposals:

1—Petition the governor to call a grand jury investigation "of dairy interests throughout the state."

2—"Bring another dairy's products into our stores."

The association threatened the first move two weeks ago when independent grocers slashed half gallon milk prices to 29 cents—7 cents below cost and 13 cents below list price.

Members cut prices in retaliation for apparent cent-below-cost milk selling by chain supermarkets and large independents.

Croteau said the grocers could bring in milk from out-of-town dairies despite a city ordinance which says milk sold in Pontiac must be pasteurized within the city limits.

He said the ordinance, in effect since the 1930s, is unconstitutional and in restraint of trade. He added that routemen from at least one Detroit dairy are selling milk in Pontiac.

City Attorney William A. Ewart agreed that the city regulation is invalid. He said both the Michigan and U. S. Supreme Courts have ruled such laws illegal.

(Ewart said he is now drafting a new pasteurization ordinance for the city which will provide for inspection of out-of-town dairies selling products here.)

Last weekend, some grocers cut half-gallon milk prices as low as 19 cents. Croteau said they were not members of the association.

Friday Is Deadline on Campaign Charges

In order that everyone will have an equal chance on local and state campaign issues the Press will observe the customary deadline on statements. No last minute charges about candidates or new arguments concerning amendments or special issues will be published in the the Pontiac Press after Friday, April 1. This pertains to both news columns and Voice of the People.

Starts in Press Tomorrow

$33,000 in Prizes Offered in Big New Picture Game

A brand new game called "Product Picture Game" will start in the Pontiac Press tomorrow. No box tops, no coupons and no letters to write.

To play this game and have a chance at the $33,000 in prizes all you need do is call on participating grocery and drug stores and secure your picture game card free.

Each Thursday for 13 weeks the Press will publish the Product Picture Game. The contest works like this: You match the product pictures on your card with the product pictures appearing in the ad in the Pontiac Press. You mark the card with an X. If you have a winner you follow the instructions on the card and mail it in.

The prizes will include color TV sets, trip to New York City, automatic dishwashers, dryers, washers, radios, cameras, savings bonds and cash.

Join the fun, get your card and play in this Thursday's game. Be among the first in this area to profit in this exciting new game.

Game No. 1 will appear in Thursday's paper and No. 2 Friday.

City Man Heads Bid to Purchase Grinnell Stores

Jack Wainger, owner of the WKC store at 108 N. Saginaw St. is heading a stock company negotiating to gain control and management of the Grinnell Brothers Music Stores, it was learned today.

A formal announcement of the deal's completion is expected within a few days.

In the Grinnell chain there are 34 stores operating in Michigan, Ohio and Canada.

Finishing Action to Extend Taxes

House OK Is Expected Late Today; Will Send Ike the Bill He Wanted

WASHINGTON (AP)—House leaders drove to wrap up congressional action today on a bill to postpone for one more year about three billin dollars in corporation and excise tax cuts.

House passage of the bill, expected late in the day, would send President Eisenhower precisely the tax program he had urged—and little more than a day before the scheduled effective date of the cuts.

Dead for this year was a Democratic proposal to give everybody a $20 annual income tax reduction.

The House tied this income tax cut plan to the administration's bill to continue present corporation and excise tax rates. But the Democratic plan was rejected by the Senate. A Senate - House conference committee accepted the Senate version of the legislation.

But leaders in both parties are talking now of possible moves next year to cut individual income taxes.

Under the tax bill, extension of present corporate and excise rates would run to April 1, 1956. Under the old law, corporation income rates would have dropped Saturday from 52 to 47 per cent, a revenue loss of about two billion dollars a year.

Excise tax rates were to drop by one billion dollars a year. These scheduled reductions, which now would be canceled: liquor, from $10.50 to $9 a gallon; automobiles, from 10 per cent to 7 per cent; gasoline, from 2 cents a gallon to 1½ cents; beer, from $9 a barrel to $8; wine, from 12 cents to 10 cents a half pint, or $10.50 to $9 a gallon, depending on alcoholic content; trucks, buses and auto parts, 8 per cent to 5 per cent.

Bonanzagram Prize Now Stands at $300

Bonanzagram contestants are now shooting for an award of $300.

Several very near-solutions turned up for Bonanzagram No. 2, but none were on the nose, and the $100 was added to the third week's prize money, along with $100 for the first week. So answers for puzzle No. 3 are now worth $300 for a winner. If no winners are located for No. 3 the sum will be added to the $100 offered for No. 4, which appears today on page 16.

Super Salesman Eyes Eskimo Icebox Market

OTTAWA (UP) — Canada today discovered a super-salesman who can sell deep-freezers to Eskimos.

Mervyn Hardie, liberal member of Parliament, told a House Estimates Committee that Indian and Eskimo hunters got by with natural refrigeration in the winter but needed the freezers to preserve their meat in the summer.

Viet Nam Quiet Today After 26 Died in Fighting

Army of River Pirates Pushed Back in Brief Civil Uprising

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—National troops were concentrated at vital points throughout Saigon today after beating back an attempt by a private army to oust American - supported Premier Ngo Dinh Diem by force.

Twenty-six persons were reported killed and 112 wounded in the fighting which raged for more than four hours early this morning. French sources gave this breakdown — National army and police, 6 dead, 34 wounded; Binh Xuyen, 10 dead, 20 wounded; civilians, 10 dead, 58 wounded.

None of the nearly 1,000 members of the U.S. diplomatic, military and economic missions here was injured.

Except for the troop concentrations and a few roadblocks, there was little evidence of the battle which broke out shortly after midnight between the private army of the Binh Xuyen society of former river pirates and National units.

Traffic moved normally over the Boulevard Gallieni, main artery between Saigon and its Chinese section of Cholon. The hottest fighting occurred around this thoroughfare. All major public utilities were functioning as usual —under French and Vietnamese military guard.

President Eisenhower's special ambassador, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, conferred with Gen. Paul Ely, French commissioner general to South Viet Nam, on emergency measures to protect the foreign residents of Saigon in case of further trouble.

The two generals prepared to call on Diem at his Zindependence Palace to discuss the situation and offer help in stemming the civil strife.

Heavily reinforced army units stood guard around the palace, a massive three-story building.

The government said the green-bereted Binh Xuyen troops began their attack by shelling the palace compound and the botanical gardens, where two battalions of paratroopers were bivouacked. Five mortar shells fell in the palace garden but the building was not hit. Diem, who was inside, was unhurt.

The united front announced today its private armies were starting a blockade of Saigon, whose two million people depend on rice imports from the rich Mekong River delta surrounding it.

Re-elected

WALTER REUTHER

Ike Criticizes War Rumors

Says There Is No Basis for Report of Attack on Chiang Islands in April

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower spoke out today against too much speculation and talk about war. He said it doesn't serve the cause of peace.

Eisenhower also said at a news conference that he has no information indicating the Chinese Reds plan to launch an attack soon on the Nationalist islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

Eisenhower said he himself was not ruling out the possibility of an attack in mid - April. But, he said, if anyone has information pointing clearly to such an attack, that person must have more information than the President of the United States.

Under other questioning, Eisenhower again declined to shed any light on whether the United States might go to the defense of the two Nationalist offshore islands if the Reds do attack them.

Spring Apparently Making Appearance

It may be a false alarm, but spring seems to be making its appearance at last.

Although the bright sunshine of the past few days is expected to give way to increasing cloudiness tomorrow, temperatures will rise to a high near 60.

Following temperatures ranging from 27 to 44 in downtown Pontiac yesterday, the mercury rose to 28 degrees at 7 a.m. today, then soared to 44 by 10 o'clock. By 2 p.m. the thermometer reading was 51.

Tonight will bring a low of 32 to 36, followed by even warmer weather tomorrow night, 34 to 38, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Union Approves Tripling of Dues to $7.50 a Month

Strike Fund Payments Will Be Reserved for Needy Persons Only

CLEVELAND (AP)—Walter Reuther today was elected to his sixth straight term as president of the CIO United Auto Workers Union after a 25-minute demonstration. He was unopposed.

Cheering and shouting delegates waved thousands of colored balloons and placards, and tossed leaflets while a band blared in a tribute to Reuther. The placards carried the slogan "On Our Way — Steady Work, Steady Pay" in behalf of Reuther's current demand on the auto industry for a guaranteed annual wage.

The more than one million employed members of the CIO United Auto Workers Union soon will be paying $7.50 a month dues.

The tripling of the dues—on a temporary basis—is the way the union intends to build a 25 million dollar strike fund in support of its guaranteed annual wage demand.

Delegates to the convention approved the dues increase yesterday. It takes effect in May.

The $7.50 dues—compared to the present $2.50—will be levied until the 25 million dollars is realized. Then the dues will revert to $2.50.

On the basis of the approximate dues-paying membership, it will take about four months to collect the 25 million.

The auto union has placed its average dues-paying membership for the last year at approximately 1,300,000. The $5 additional per month per member would mean $6,500,000 monthly.

The UAW places its total membership at a million and a half. The Detroit area has 400,000.

If strikes reduce the fund below 20 million dollars, the dues will be increased to $3.50 until the 25 million is again reached.

In debate over the dues, the delegates were principally concerned over policy to govern

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Almost All Pontiac Men Oppose Boost

Special to Pontiac Press

CLEVELAND — All delegates from Pontiac Motor Local 653, Fisher Body Local 596 and two delegates from GMC Truck & Coach Local 594 voted against the dues increase here Tuesday. However, the measure passed.

Harry Anderson of Local 596 immediately moved for a roll call vote, but this motion was defeated.

All of the above delegates also voted against creation of two additional vice presidencies, but that motion carried, and the two new vice presidents were to be named today.

Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear on the convention to support President Walter Reuther's dues increase program to build up a huge strike fund.

2 Saginaw Men to Speak at Fluoridation Meeting

A member of the Saginaw County Medical Society will discuss some of the various reasons as to why Saginaw discontinued the use of fluoridation at a second open meeting of the Citizens Fair Government League at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Pontiac High School Auditorium.

Also appearing on the program will be a Saginaw layman who was active in passing their ordinance to stop fluoridation.

A third speaker from Highland Park will tell how fluoridation was started there without a vote of the people, and also tell of the moral aspects involved in this problem.

This program has been prepared in response to many inquiries as to why the cities of Saginaw, Flint and Lansing have rejected fluoridation when it has been placed on the ballot for public vote.

Pontiac Atty. Ralph T. Keeling will act as chairman of this meeting to which the public is invited.

Jet Base Dispute Nearing Settlement

WASHINGTON (AP)—A long and stormy dispute over selection of a jet base site in northern Michigan appeared headed toward a finale today, with Wexford County the favorite to get the nod over two other locations.

Benzie County, the early choice for the 8½-million-dollar installation, was all but eliminated from consideration after a noisy session of the House Armed Services Committee yesterday.

The committee refused, 19-5, to rescind its ban against building the base within 15 miles of the National Music Camp at Interlochen. The Benzie site is within the 15-mile radius.

That left the Wexford site near Cadillac and another location in Kalkaska County still in the running.

Thief Steals Songs

DENVER (AP)—Mrs. Irene Brockway reported to police 10 songs she had written were stolen from her apartment. One was entitled "When the Great Book Is Opened."

Committee to Resume House-Senate Road Battle

LANSING (AP)—House conferees on a highway bill were expected to be named today, thus permitting the House and Senate to resume a weeks-long hassle over the measure.

Senate members were named last week, but Speaker Wade Van Valkenburg (R-Kalamazoo) has balked at naming the three House representatives.

"I've been waiting for some of the interested groups to make their position known," Van Valkenburg said. "But I hope to name our representatives today."

Most legislators are pessimistic about the chances of any early agreement between members of the committee.

The dim outlook was made dimmer yesterday at a meeting of the House Roads and Bridges Committee, during which members said they will insist on retaining the current formula for distributing highway funds.

Rep. Emil Peltz (R-Rogers City), chairman, said he called the meeting to clear up any "misunderstanding" that might exist about the stand taken by highway groups on the distribution formula.

State Highway Com. Charles M. Ziegler and representatives of the Michigan Municipal League and County Road Assn. appeared at the meeting to say they will insist on keeping the present formula.

The formula now used gives the state 44 per cent of highway funds, counties 37 per cent and cities 19 per cent. The Senate-approved bill would give the state 75 per cent and cities and counties 25 per cent.

"I've been trying to find out where the Senate got that formula," Peltz said. "As far as I can find out, they must have picked it out of the air."

Rep. Herb Clements (R-Deckerville) asked Ziegler if the district of Sen. Creighton R. Coleman (R-Battle Creek) would "get the lion's share of the money." Coleman authored the 75-25 distribution formula.

"I couldn't say," Ziegler said.

In a prepared statement, the highway commissioner said some adjustment to the formula may be necessary after a study of Michigan highway needs is completed by the Automotive Safety Foundation of Washington. The study is due for completion in October.

But he said he saw no need for changing the formula until there is evidence that it should be changed.

The House Ways and Means Committee yesterday reported out a bill appropriating $37,000 to continue studying establishment of a University of Michigan branch at Flint.

The branch would be located on the grounds of the Flint Junior College, and would provide the last two years of college. Present plans call for a fall, 1956, opening.

The House also passed and sent to the Senate a bill to lift the $2,400 pay limit on law clerks hired by State Supreme Court Justices.

A bill to give the state adjutant general the rank of major general was passed by the House and sent to Gov. Williams. The adjutant general would receive the pay of a brigadier general.

Also passed by the House and sent to the Senate were bills to bring independent truck owner-operators under state unemployment and workmen's compensation benefits and to add two members to the board in control of vocational education.

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