

Hostages Impressed By Courtesy Of Convicts

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 18 hostages held for 25 hours by two convicts in the Tennessee state prison all were impressed by the courteous treatment given them. Here are the reactions of four of the hostages.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)— "That little Spanish had a cool nerve on him, but the other one, that taller one, was trigger happy."

That was the way Tennessee state prison Guard J. W. Trusdale described his 25 hours of captivity in which he and 17 others, including three women, were held hostage by two desperate convicts.

The convicts, Robert Rivera and Charles Raymond Farra, surrendered late Thursday after first threatening to kill their hostages unless allowed to escape from the prison. Trusdale was impressed with Rivera's calmness, but he considered Farra dangerous.

Feels Lucky

"They never made any threats to kill us all. All I know about that is what I read in the paper this morning. But they were shaking guns close to our face, about three or four inches away. I sure feel lucky to be out."

The women held up pretty well. They treated them okay but just about at the end all of us had given up hope. I have never been as scared as this in my life before."

The women, Mrs. Jerry Tarpy, Mrs. Howard Rose and Mrs. J. Edwin O'Brien, were not harmed. "I was pretty upset for about 45 minutes," Mrs. Tarpy, who works as an accounting clerk at the prison, said. "After that the

convicts

St. Mary's River Slowly Climbing

St. Mary's river continued on its slow, spring climb as Decatur weather observer Louis Landrum recorded the level at 2.89 feet this morning.

Thursday's mark of 2.70 feet was the first time in several weeks that the level bettered two feet. No precipitation was listed as the amount that fell yesterday was considered negligible.

Diplomat Will Speak At Anderson College

ANDERSON, Ind. (UPI)—Dwarka Nath Chatterjee, minister to the U.S. from India, has accepted an invitation to speak at Anderson College's 14th annual Model United Nations General Assembly sessions April 2. More than 200 high school students from 20 Central Indiana schools will participate in the sessions.

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Symington Not To Enter In Primaries

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Stuart Symington is starting his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination by raising questions about the meaning of Wisconsin's heavily publicized primary.

Sens. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) are matched in the presidential preference contest in Wisconsin and both are treating it as a crucial test.

Symington, formally announcing his candidacy Thursday, reiterated that he would not enter state primaries. He noted that 35 of the 50 states do not provide such primaries and said all national convention delegates should have a voice in choosing the presidential nominee.

Treated Nice

"We were treated very nice by the convicts," she said. "We couldn't have been treated better under the circumstances. We were getting worn out, and our nerves were getting on edge."

Mrs. Rose said her captors were "very considerate."

"There was no bad language, and we made it just fine," she said. "Everything was very peaceful."

Jack Warrick, a hostage who was released before Farra and Rivera surrendered because of illness, said he had no real complaints except hunger.

"They were nice to all of us. They treated us well," he said.



COURTROOM COMEDY PROPS—Court Bailiff Nick Climaco of Cleveland, Ohio, gets a laugh whenever he looks at these grim objects—a pair of crutches and an ankle-to-hip brace. They were used a year ago by a 19-year-old plaintiff asking damages for injuries suffered in an accident. The jury was treated to an unexampled demonstration of courage as the youth gamely struggled to and from his place in court during the 10 days of the trial. When the verdict went against him, however, he threw the crutches down, took off the brace, and strode angrily out. Climaco says nobody has ever claimed them.

Marion Man Killed In Tennessee Wreck

LEBANON, Tenn. (UPI)—Herbert Shanks Jr., 26, Marion, Ind., was killed and six other members of two Marion families were injured Thursday night in a collision on U.S. 231.

Shanks, a former Marion policeman, was one of two persons killed. The other victim was James L. Hudgins, 50, Lebanon, driver of a pickup truck which police said rounded a curve on the wrong side of the highway and smashed into a station wagon in which Shanks, his wife and their two sons and Ronald Malcomb, 26, a Marion policeman, and his wife and daughter were riding.

Shanks' wife Carol, 25, their sons, Jeffrey, 5, and Scott, 2, and Malcomb and his wife and their daughter Nanetta Jo, 9 months, were hurt and taken to a Lebanon hospital.

Lone Gunman Sought For Bank Robbery

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (UPI)—A slightly built bandit took advantage of the lunch-hour lull in business Thursday and robbed the east-side branch of the Old National Bank of Evansville of \$5,712.

The gunman entered the bank when only three tellers and one customer were in the building.

He approached teller Barbara Broerman, 20, and said, "put it here."

He pointed to a slab in front of a teller's window and ordered her not to "move anything but your arm." Miss Broerman said the gunman carried what appeared to be an automatic pistol.

After stuffing the money in his overcoat pockets, the bandit walked briskly to the door, turned and warned, "Don't anyone try to leave."

Witnesses said he jumped into a stolen station wagon and sped away.

City and state police issued an area-wide alarm for the man and the automobile. The station wagon was found abandoned in a residential area about five blocks from the bank.

It was the fourth holdup of the Evansville bank in the last seven years. The last previous robbery was Jan. 29, 1959, when \$2,764 was stolen.

The robbery also was the fourth in Indiana so far this year, and the second this month. Bandits previously robbed banks at Logansport, Modoc and Anderson.

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