

RENEW FIRING ON ALCATRAZ

Bloody Battle Once More
Is in Progress.

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not want to risk the lives of many more of his men in close-in fighting. The only alternative appeared to be continued use of the shrapnel-spewing grenades and heavier weapons.

Director James V. Bennett of the federal bureau of prisons was flying to the scene from Washington and was scheduled to arrive at 9:37 a.m. (P. S. T.).

No Sign of Weakening

Two guards were dead and at least 14 wounded as the fighting continued into the third day. The convicts showed no signs of weakening.

Prison officials believed they had killed in cold blood some of their band who wanted to give up.

The main cellblock of the nation's most impregnable prison was riddled with bullets and shrapnel fragments. Inside, the convicts—seven and possibly as many as 16—fought against overwhelming odds.

Cornered and apparently with little or no food and little chance for sleep, the desperate men knew they faced possible prosecution for murder if they came out of the fight alive.

The leaders showed no signs of softening under a steady pounding of fragmentation grenades and phosphorous bombs, interspersed with small arms fire.

The great, grey walls of the prison concealed the fate of many of the prisoners. How many had fallen in the fighting was unknown. Guards and marines only got fleeting glimpses of their quarry through barred windows.

In a maneuver reminiscent of an attack on an enemy fortress, Marine Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, Memphis, Tenn., was believed to have inflicted several casualties on the convicts. He dropped fragmentation grenades on them, through a hole in the roof late yesterday.

Some convicts screamed that they wanted to surrender, according to Marine Major Albert Arsenault.

Their screams were followed by the sound of rifle fire from within and it was believed the inmates who wanted to surrender had been shot down by their co-conspirators.

There was a four-hour and 40 minute lull in the fighting from 12:35 p. m. to 5:15 p. m. (PST) (3:45 to 8:15 p. m. Indianapolis time). The convicts tried to make a "deal" with Warden Johnston on an intra-island telephone.

"The only deal I will make is for you to throw out your guns and ammunition," Warden Johnston replied.

Not Much Effect

The answer came in a chattering stream of gunfire from the cold confines of cell block C.

Earlier, Warden Johnston issued a bulletin stating that "we have completely prevented the mass escape plot . . . now we must secure the firearms and the men who have them."

Heavy explosions rocked the tiny island in San Francisco Bay until late last night as the attackers hurled grenades.

After the cease fire order was issued, the cell block was illuminated by a battery of searchlights to prevent any of the convicts from escaping to the water in the darkness.

A police boat and several coast guard boats continue to patrol the waters around "the rock."

Replacements for battle-weary marines and guards were rushed from nearby San Quentin and Denver and McNeil Islands federal institutions.

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Certain employees will be called in on shifts other than their regular shifts for a few days.

A telegram is being sent to each employee advising him when to report and when to report as scheduled will please notify Personnel Department promptly.

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WASHINGTON *Calling*

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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Wyatt goal is 250,000 prefabs this year. Applications for 77,854 units to be built during second quarter have been examined but priorities have been issued for only 25 per cent of materials requested.

One large prefab operator is offering units complete except for a single item—floors.

Administrative agencies may shift blame to congress if program flops.

CPA speaks of "additional tools" congress hasn't yet supplied—presumably the \$600 million subsidy still involved in senate-house dispute. It predicts shortages will persist for long time.

HERE'S what one of capital's shrewdest politicians thinks about supreme court vacancy: Mr. Byrnes for chief justice; William O. Douglas for secretary of state; Secretary of War Patterson for Mr. Douglas's place in court; Stuart Symington for Mr. Patterson's post.

Knows the Machinery Well

HE FIGURES it this way: Mr. Byrnes belongs to neither court faction yet knows its machinery well. He could compromise its differences, administered it efficiently. His nomination would win acclaim and quick confirmation.

Mr. Douglas, going into state department, would provide fresh, vigorous approach in international situation which is fast bogging down.

There would be little opposition to him as next in line of presidential succession, and he'd be a strong vice presidential candidate in 1948. He declined to be secretary of interior, but state would be something else.

Administration Pressure

ATTRIBUTE recent silence of Maj. Gen. G. B. Erskine, re-employment and retraining administrator, on men's suit shortage to administration pressure.

Gen. Erskine first blasted CPA complacency, demanded an "end to half-way measures." Recently he's had only praise for CPA, though situation's not better. Insiders say Mr. Erskine is held "from a high policy level" to hold his tongue.

Final Air Report

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ABSENTEEISM is running high

in the house, alarming administration leaders who hope to dispose of much pressing legislation this session. Republicans are attending more regularly than Democrats, frequently outnumbering "majority" when quorum calls are ordered.

All items are scarce and there'll be dozens of applicants for each.

Day in Life of John L. Lewis— Who Can Turn Coal On or Off

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He is 55 minutes late, but that doesn't bother him. In the lobby of the handsome marble government auditorium Mr. Lewis pauses to exchange his usual inconsequential remarks with newspaper reporters.

One of them inquires, "Why have you called your policy committee in next Tuesday?"

Mr. Lewis chuckles sarcastically and replies, "Why should you ask? You wrote an article about it."

The dozen other members of the mine workers negotiating committee, headed by Secretary-Treasurer Tom Kennedy and Vice President Jack O'Leary, have been with the conciliators for an hour. But nothing has happened. Nothing is likely to happen with the main actor absent.

Mr. Lewis takes his seat but says not a word until the session breaks up at noon.

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