

# Still Hed As Hostage

## Washington State Convicts, Officials Argue Over Terms

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — (AP) — Nine Washington State prison officers, seized at knife-point in a sudden revolt against discipline, were held captive today as officials and inmates argued over terms for their release.

A reck by penitentiary authorities disclosed that a total of 11 men were seized yesterday morning when 33 of the institution's toughest convicts rioted violently in an attempt to force changes in parole and classification procedures and other practices.



The two employees overlooked in the first count were identified only as a guard and a supervising cook who fell victim to the rioters when they seized the prison kitchen. Of the 11, two were released shortly after the revolt started, but one was beaten severely.

With the prisoners in virtual control of the big sprawling institution near its southernmost Washington city, a series of conferences between state and prison officials and leaders of the revolt ended shortly before last midnight without any agreement to free the hostages.

Dr. Thomas Harris, state director of institutions, said the talks would resume today.

An uneasy quiet settled over the penitentiary.

Prison guards reinforced by state patrol and county and city officers armed with rifles and sub-machineguns patrolled the walls and the area surrounding the prison. And a National Guard company was on standby orders for possible duty.

### REMAIN IN CELLS

But inside the prison, most of the more than 1,700 inmates, apparently in obedience of a white-shirted convict-leader of some 21 persons directly involved in an angry revolt against prison disciplinary procedures and in control of the institution—remained in their cells.

The hostages, including Associate Warden Ted Berendes, were believed in no immediate danger. Prison officials said, however, until arrangements for the return of their release, the main prison was in control of the convicts.

Dr. Harris said the nine had talked to other prison officials and reported they were well treated.

### TWO RELEASED

Two other prison officials seized by the convicts at the start of the trouble were freed without explanation. One of them, Boots Fain of the prison athletic and recreation department, was badly beaten. Captain of the Guards Al Rembold was freed unharmed.

The trouble developed without warning about 9:45 a.m. yesterday. The 33 prisoners, all of whom were held in a segregation center reserved for the prison's toughest inmates, broke out of the center and converged on Berendes' office in the same building.

### SEIZED SUDDENLY

Rembold said Berendes and he were "holding court when the door popped open and three men seized Berendes and two men grabbed me and shoved me against the wall."

He said the convicts seized the control room and sent him to the warden's office but that no one would be hurt "if you send Dr. Harris down for a conference."

"How they got into the control room, I don't know," Rembold said.

### Our Weather

Generally fair and warm to days, tonight and Thursday, with scattered afternoon and evening showers today and again Thursday.

High yesterday, 88.  
High today, 82.  
High tomorrow, 92.  
Low this morning, 70.  
Low tonight, 70.  
Sunrise, 5:14 a.m.; sunset, 7:41 p.m.

### Polio Study Report Is Filed

## Experts Disagree On Vaccine Value

By JULIAN SCHEER  
State health authorities voiced some disagreement within their own ranks today on the effectiveness of the Salk anti-poliovirus vaccine in North Carolina.

Two authorities in the field of medical research have released a report through the State Board of Health which issues a clear-cut warning that the use of the vaccine in North Carolina may not materially influence the polio rates in North Carolina this year.

They also state that a Michigan study reveals only 49 per cent effectiveness with the vaccine.

Meanwhile, State Health Officer Dr. J. H. Norton says the report—which came from his office but which was compiled by researchers in Chapel Hill—should not be considered as grim as it appears.

"I still have complete confidence in the effectiveness of the Salk vaccine in North Carolina," he told The News this morning.

He also expressed some "dis-

# STATE TAX COLLECTIONS SET RECORD

## Fiscal Year Total Exceeds Estimates By Million And Half

RALEIGH — Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw said cheering news on the state's financial conditions today.

He reported that the general fund collected a record total of \$189,066,046 during last fiscal year and exceeded by 1 1/2 million dollars the estimates made while the Legislature was working out a budget for this biennium.

Contributing to the all-time high registered by the general fund were record-breaking sales tax and individual income tax collections. Corporation income tax revenues were down slightly from previous years.

### MONTHLY REPORT

Continued gains in highway travel and motor vehicle registration enabled highway fund collections also to exceed previous records.

In his monthly report to Gov. Hodges, Shaw said the general fund collections indicate "there will be a continuation of the upturn in business and improvement in general economic conditions."

Shaw gave these reasons for his optimism: (1) Sales tax collections have exceeded by 1 1/2 million dollars estimates made about two months ago; (2) individual income tax collections passed the 40 million dollar mark and exceeded the estimates by \$10,000; (3) privilege taxes indicate "an increased number of occupational taxes and exceeded estimates by about \$181,000; (4) franchise taxes, which went for estimates by \$127,367, reflect "greater investment of capital and gross receipts derived."

Shaw said corporation income tax revenues came within about \$17,000 of reaching estimates.

General fund tax collections for the fiscal year which ended June 30 amounted to \$189,066,046, an increase of \$5,108,960 over the previous year, Shaw reported. Non-tax revenues amounted to \$2,704,402. The total collections of \$191,770,448 compared with the estimate of \$186,661,584 when the Legislature was figuring the budget for the biennium.

### SALES TAX TAKE

July 1954 sales tax collections amounted to \$4,711,734. This was a gain of \$295,470 over June of last year. Income tax collections in July which totaled \$3,494,723 showed a drop of \$165,613.

The highway fund ended the fiscal year with total collections of \$108,368,847, an increase of \$6,266,186 over the previous year. During June, the highway fund collected \$9,414,728 which was an increase of \$1,801,851 over June of last year.

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### Statement On Polio Is Expected Today

WASHINGTON — A new official statement on the polio vaccine situation was promised today, said Vernon Shuler, director of the Public Health Service, declined to give any advance word on its nature.

The report was offered as a two-fold warning, the release said, that the vaccine given thus far may not materially influence polio rates in North Carolina in 1955 and that parents of children who have received the shots must still exercise commonsense precautions this summer.

The report was written from a study conducted at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina by Dr. Bernard G. Greenberg, professor of biostatistics there, and Dr. Charles M. Cameron of the Division of Epidemiology of the State Board of Health.

It was based on the official results of the Salk vaccine 222-223 reported cases of poliomyelitis of all types is 49 per cent. This indicates that among persons inoculated, 49 per cent will be protected against the disease.

Dr. Norton is more optimistic. See DISAGREEMENT on page 2-A.

# Like Assures Russians Of Good Faith In Talks

## President Replies To Khrushchev

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower said today the Russians can be sure the United States will negotiate in good faith at the Big Four meeting in Geneva.

Eisenhower said that no member of the United States government ever has said the Russians will be in a position of weakness.

The President's remarks at a news conference amounted to a reply to Soviet Communist Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev's Fourth of July denial that the Soviet Union will be negotiating from weakness in the talks. Khrushchev said nothing good can come of the Geneva conference unless the West will need a good deal of food to nourish it before the hope becomes expectation.

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The President said he does not expect disarmament to come up at Geneva except that it might be possible to agree on what would be the best system for conducting disarmament talks. The whole question, he said, boils down to getting an armaments inspection system that both sides would accept.

On the domestic front, Eisenhower described himself as delighted that the city of Memphis has decided to build an electric power plant. He said that decision will make it possible to get an armaments inspection system that both sides would accept.

### DEFENSES WENZEL

Eisenhower replied with a firm, "I'm not interested in it," he regarded as proper the role of Adolf F. Wenzel in the Dixon-Yates project.

Sen. Gore (D-Tenn) and some other lawmakers have raised a question whether Wenzel was in the interest of a big New York investment house while serving as a budget bureau consultant.

The White House has denied Wenzel had a part in formulating policy on the Dixon-Yates contract. It was his firm, the First Boston Corp., which handled financing of the proposal.

Eisenhower similarly dodged the issue when asked if he had intentions toward a second term. A reporter noted a recent speech in which Sen. Flanders (R-Vt) said the President cannot refuse to be a candidate for re-election.

### U. S. Backs Increase In Korean Reserves

SEOUL (AP) — A Defense Ministry spokesman said today the United States has tentatively agreed to support the creation of three more South Korean army reserve divisions.

### GROcery NEWS TIPS

By BETTY BOYER

Eat well and stay thin... Good News for you dieting ladies

Join the "Sherbet Festival" during the hot weather months...

Have you tried the new Dutch Apple Pie with Streusel Topping?

Quick Henry! It's time to get rid of Summer insects the easy way!

READ THE Grocery News Page 11-A



"1, 2, 3, 4, 5..."  
Honor will be joined by Crackerjack Arthur Smith and Sports Editor Bob Quince in Julian Scher's freckled-kid contest at Freedom Park Thursday afternoon at 3.

# Cash Prizes Await The Most-Freckled Ready For The Big Contest, Freck?

If you've got freckles—from one to one million—tomorrow is your day.

Tomorrow is the day of the freckled-kid contest at Freedom Park.

Boys and girls of 10 and under are eligible for \$25 worth of U. S. currency in News Columnist Julian Scher's contest.

The place: The island at Freedom Park.

The time: 3 p.m.

The contest was announced in Scher's Charlotte News "Close Up" column on the second front page over a week ago. He's got a crush on kids with freckled faces and he's invited 'em all to come to Freedom Park.

A distinguished panel of judges has been named. Mayor Phil Van Every will serve as a judge along with Arthur Smith, the famous Crackerjack, and News Sports Editor Bob Quince.

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### Johnston Has Textile Move

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Johnston (D-SC) says he is asking President Eisenhower to use a procedure different from that proposed by Sen. Thurmond (D-SC) to save the textile industry.

### Ott's Given New School Position

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

John Ott, 46-year-old principal at Central High School, today was named by the City School Board as assistant city superintendent in charge of personnel and public relations.

### Boys Find Stolen Safe While Playing In Field

By DONALD MacDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Two small boys playing in a field off a street in Hoskins today discovered the hatted safe reported stolen yesterday from Thrift Rd. Drive-In Theater operator Clifford H. Faw.

Approximately \$2 in silver and \$80 in bonds were found by the two youngsters in the scattered debris left beside the abandoned safe.

A payee bank with a small quantity of pennies was also discovered in the vicinity.

PRaise FROM POLICE  
Police congratulated the two youngsters for immediately contacting police headquarters. The youths gave their names as Bobby Kralch, 211 S. Ramsey St., and Wayne Smith, 260 S. Hoskins Ave.

Detectives said the boys also found three ladies wrist watches, one man's watch, cigarette lighters and costume jewelry.