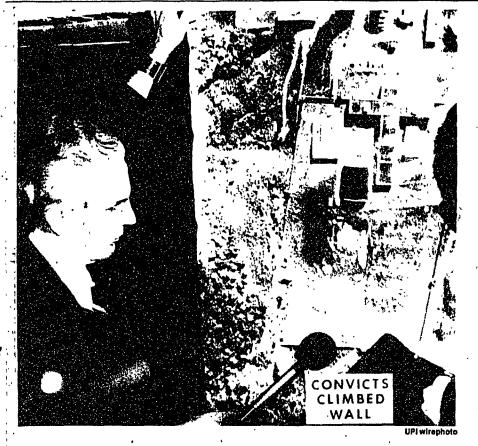
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At left, Deputy Waaden Herman Davis points at an aerial photograph of the prison where James Earl Ray broke out with five other inmates last Friday night. He is indicating the break-out point. At right, the "wanted" poster for Ray.

Tenn. police surround convict believed to be Ray

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities sealed off. a 500-square-yard area last night where they believed two escaped inmates, answering the descriptions of James Earl Ray and a companion, were trapped.

The area is about five miles due north of Brushy Mountain State Prison where Ray, convicted murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and six companions escaped Friday night using a makeshift ladder.

Earlier, a former cellmate of Ray's was arrested by state

Warden Stoney Lane said Earl Hill Jr., 34, was captured not far from where all three men were spotted, in a valley of the New River.

Hill, a convicted murderer, was alone when captured, but the other two appeared to be separated by several hundred yards in the same area and trying to escape, Lane said.

"These three have been just sort of drifting along, like a rabbit in front of the dogs," the warden said.

The third convict was tentatively identified as Douglas Shelton, 32, serving 68 years for murder. He and the other man, believed to be Ray, were inside an area of perhaps 500

square yards, Lane said.

Police with dogs were closing in, Lane said, and "I would say the chances for capturing Ray tonight are excellent."

Earlier, authorities expanded the search for Ray to a 25mile radius of the prison in snake-infested mountainous terrain — an area of about 2,000 square miles. The communities of Wartburg, Oliver Springs and Caryville were in the search area.

In Caryville, about 20 miles northeast of the prison, police said a car was stolen from a parking lot and a man's plaid shirt, a pair of pants and \$300 were stolen from another car yesterday. They refused to speculate whether there was any connection between the theft and the breakout by Ray and six other inmates Friday night.

"The interesting thing is they only stole clothing from the car and they left behind many dollars worth of camera equipment and jewelry," said Anderson County Sheriff's Deupty J.D. Mathis:

The escaped men were wearing denim jeans and workshirts when they fled, according to prison guards.

One of the seven escapees was shot and wounded and taken back into custody immediately after the breakout, and another was apprehended on Saturday. The reputed mastermind of the escape, convict Larry E. Hacker, was captured early yesterday.

Warden Stoney Lane said the three have been placed in isolation and will receive an administrative hearing and be charged with escape.

Yesterday, Gov. Ray Blanton and Maj. Gen. Carl Wallace, adjutant general of the Tennessee National Guard flew to the prison, where officials were growing more pessimistic about the likelihood of capture.

Blanton announced he had ordered about 150 guardmen with helicopters into the search. He said it is possible that Ray has managed to get out of the Cumberland Mountains around the prison but that he is convinced Ray is still in the area and will

Officials said later that 150 guardmen assigned to a military police unit in West Tennessee will travel by convoy in about 50 vehicles, including 40 Jeep-type trucks, early this morning, arriving here sometime this afternoon. The MPs will be commanded by Maj. Gen. William Kinton, who as a civilian is district attorney at Trenton, Tenn.

They will be joined by about 50 officers, troops from the National Guard headquarters in Nashville and aircraft

Long before they arrive, 16 helicopters are expected to arrive from Smyrna, near Nashville. The choppers, which will augment five already here, will include 12 LOH6 light observation models, and four UH1 Hueys, the Vietnam War workhorse. These will include one command unit, with a medical evacuation helicopter and one carrying mechanics for the other craft.

Lane chose six to nine prison guards for what he called "a special force raised in the mountains" to search the backwoods areas with bloodhounds for Ray and the three other convicts still at large.

"What we've been doing is covering the hollers, access roads, creeks and railroads and this type thing," Lane said. 'What I'm going to do with these six men is put them in the back country.'

Local citizens earlier joined manhunters tracking Ray and the others — four hardened criminals, two with life terms and two with sentences totaling 119 years.

With the special force and the National Guard, the number of official trackers climbed to about 350. Lane said he could not estimate the number of volunteer trackers. "I don't know how many," he said. "I saw plenty last night."

Severe thunderstorms knocked out telephone communications in the Brushy Mountain area and grounded helicopters yesterday afternoon, but Lane said the rain helped the bloodhounds.

"A dog runs a better track when wet," he said. Another official said he was told be experts that rain clears

away dust in the air that blunts the dogs' sense of smell. Lane said one of the four men, Donald Ray Caylor, apparently was separated from the others. Caylor, he said, was running wild over the country while Ray and two others were "moving slowly and very deliberately.

Blanton, who earlier issued instructions that Ray was to be taken alive, said he believed Ray's whereabouts were "one of two extremes . . . He is either in a foreign country or he is still in the confined area around here.

"The breakout was concocted, designed and planned in such a manner that he could be in Guatemala by now," Blanton said, but he added that he did not necessarily believe that was

He noted that "no person who escaped this prison has ever

successfully made it out of these mountains." He said his decision to call out the National Guard reflected

the need for more airborne resources. Blanton said he had briefed U.S. Atty. Gen. Griffic Bell on the search and that Bell discussed with him the briefing Bell had given to President Carter on the situation. The governor

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Strike vote to be held June 30

Officers urge refusal of 5% hike

By DAVE SKIDMORE

Collegian Staff Writer A 14-member negotiating team for the Teamsters unanimously recommended that union members reject the University's final wage offer at a Local 8 meeting

Local 8 president Jane Pikovsky said the officers are asking union members to vote for a strike and reject the University's offer of a 5 per cent wage hike for all job

A two-thirds majority vote is required to reject the offer and initiate a strike. The strike vote will be held 7:30 p.m., June 30 at Eisenhower Auditorium. The wage offer provides for a \$.31 per hour raise for

the highest job grade and a \$.20 per hour raise for the three lowest job grades. Teamster members now make between \$6.06 and

Pikovsky said the University gave a larger per-

centage raise to the lower job grades to swing votes in favor of the offer. A majority of union members are in the lower grades, Pikovsky said.

Pikovsky said although a two-thirds vote would authorize a strike, the union officers probably would not call a strike until September when it would have more

If the membership authorizes a strike, Pikovsky said the union would still negotiate with the University before a strike is called.

"If the University comes up with another offer, we'll have to consider it," she said.

About 2,600 food service, maintenance and technical University employees are members of Local 8. Approximately 250 members are employed on branch campuses. Pikovsky said branch campus members will vote by write-in ballots.

University officials refused to comment on the negotiations or the threatened strike.

"It's not because of us tuition's going up," Pikovsky said. "We have to put bread on our tables too.

The wage offer also includes an increase in surgical benefits. Coverage for each operation would be raised from \$450 to \$750, a 67 per cent increase. Maternity benefits would increase 133 per cent.

The surgical benefits have already been extended to non-union University employees. The University and Local 8 signed a two-year con-

tract last fall, but the contract had a re-opening clause for wages and surgical benefits for this year. A majority of union members voted to reject that contract at that time, however, the vote fell 84 short of

the required two-thirds. The union officers had recommended acceptance of the contract. The union had voted overwhelmingly to

reject the University's first offer after the officers recommended rejection.

Pikovsky said the present wage rate will continue until a settlement is reached.

Projected water lack won't touch PSU

By DIANA YOUNKEN Collegian Staff Writer

Recent predictions of a water shortage in the State College area will not affect the University, according to Ralph E. Zilly, vice president for business.

The University has "what we think is an adequate supply" of water and will not be affected by decisions facing the State College Water Authority, Zilly said.

The authority learned Thursday that unless new water sources are developed and conservation measures are taken, it cannot supply new customers after June

C.P. Zielaskowski, authority engineer from Gilbert Associates, Inc. of Reading, told authority members that the system's excess water supply of 690,000 gallons per day for future expansion cannot meet the needs anticipated for new customers after June

According to the firm's report, the system's average daily water use (3.63 million in 1976) will increase to 3.87 million gallons in 1977.

The system's current daily capacity is 4.32 million gallons, and average daily water use is expected to reach that figure by June 1979, according to Zielaskowski.

The firm predicts that because of a projected rise in housing construction, the water authority will be forced to decide who will have access to the

system in the future. Last month the authority stopped all water mains extensions to hew housing developments because of the uncertain existing water supply in State College sources at Shingletown Gap, the Thomas farm and the Harter farm.

The freeze will continue for approximately six weeks while Centre for sources to take us past that time." to the authority. State College residents may be required to initiate conservation Region planners are completing a survey of undeveloped land parcels that may request access to the system, the authority said.

In the meantime, the authority is investigating new wells in the region to increase its water supply. "We're looking for about two million gallons per day to sustain growth to 1987, Zielaskowski said. "One new well could

Centre Regional Planning Director Ronald N. Short told the Centre Daily Times that despite the housing boom, the population will grow only about 11 per cent by the year 2,000 if no major in-

dustries enter the area. However, water use will grow 52 per cent, without a population increase. Thus the need for system members to

conserve water is inevitable, according

He said that gradually the hijackers

"I sometimes felt I was living a kind of

"Just imagine a man with a machine

and many of the hostages learned to live

dream, an utterly ridiculous situation,"

half-gallon container in the toilet tank will save about 10 gallons per day, and placing a flow restrictor in shower heads will save hot water.

may be required to initiate conservation

efforts in their homes. Placing a quart or

According to William Sharpe, University water resources specialist water conservation measures will maintain the authority's operation on its current sources for several years.

Dutch, Moluccans confer for 5 hours

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with each other.

ASSEN, The Netherlands (UPI) - . been atop somebody else, it would have Dutch government and South Moluccan community leaders conferred yesterday to try to prevent both new guerrilla attacks and racial backlash from the longest mass terrorist siege in history.

A spokesman said the nearly five hours of talks between the government and representatives of Holland's 40,000 Moluccans were "valuable and constructive.'

Most of those rescued by a 10-minute assault by Dutch marines were allowed to go home and doctors said they were in 'pleasingly good" health.

One, Kees Huibregtse Bimmel, said a bullet went through his hair just as he heard fellow hostage Ans Monsjou scream "I am blind! I am going to die! Monsjou was one of two captives killed in the attack on the train.

Bimmel, 29, recalled parts of his ordeal in a conversation yesterday at his home. "A bullet grazed my hair and lodged in the door one foot higher," he said. "I was lying right in the trajectory line. If I had gun coming up to you and asking amiably, 'Feel like a game of chess?' —

or seeing a chap with two big pistols tucked in his belt laughing his head off while cheating at a game of cards.' One of the survivors' said the two

hostages who died moments before rescue Saturday were slain deliberately by the Moluccan gunmen. Her account differed with the story told by another hostage, however.

"We must keep cool heads," said Pieter Lokollo, "vice president" of the self-styled South Moluccan republic-inexile after the talks in Utrecht with Dutch officials.

'A bomb has fallen on the centuriesold bridge of confidence between the Netherlands and the South Moluccans . People must be called back to peace and order," he said.

Dozens of police guarded steel fences that cordoned off the Moluccan neighborhood in Bovensmilde, home of many of the 13 terrorists who hijacked the commuter train and took over an elementary school.

Mayor Pieter De Noord said the police would stay on to reduce chances of confrontation in a "still tense atmosphere" and appealed to both Dutch and Moluccan residents to show understanding.

'We have only one wish now: to keep bitterness and rancor from taking the upper hand," said Dutch Premier Joop Den Uyl.

The flag of the phantom Moluccan nation - the "Spice Islands" of the Pacific, a former Dutch colony now part of Indonesia - flew from some Moluccan homes in Bovensmilde to honor the terrorists, who had demanded the release of 21 jailed comrades and a flight out of the country.

Warmer temperatures tempted this State College youngster over term break to induce a higher-up into hose-holding. The area will be warmer for a few days, according to the weatherman. Partly sunny skies both today and tomorrow, high both days 72. Clear and cool tonight, low 48.