

Barricaded MOVE members battle prison guards

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Armed with sharpened sticks and using mattresses as shields, 10 members of the back-to-nature sect known as MOVE battled guards at the city's Holmesburg Prison yesterday, injuring 24 people before order was restored, authorities said.

Of the injured, City Prisons Superintendent David Owens Jr. said one guard and two MOVE members were seriously hurt, but he gave no details.

Owens said the MOVE members had barricaded themselves in an 11-by-17 foot cell Tuesday morning, stocked it with food and refused to leave.

"There was no security problem, and we took no immediate action," Owens told a news conference. "We kept trying to coax them out."

The superintendent said that yesterday morning, a corrections officer "was talking to them, trying to get them out of the cell, and his arm was grabbed, and they took away his keys."

Owens said the keys were then passed out to an inmate in the corridor, who tried to open the cell but was stopped by guards.

"Help was summoned, and then a decision was made to enter the cell and remove the 10 individuals," Owens said. "When the staff went in, the residents (MOVE members) fought with sharpened sticks and used mattresses for shields. At last count, we had 10 corrections officers who were injured and eight MOVE members, and they were taken to three area hospitals."

Owens declined to identify the hospitals "for security reasons."

No firearms were used during the fight.

Cells at Holmesburg, which houses approximately 800 inmates, usually hold two prisoners.

Owens said that eight MOVE members had joined two others in their cell "because six of them were to be transferred to the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (in Luzerne County in northeastern Pennsylvania)."

MOVE members at Holmesburg have been getting special privileges, including regular meetings with female MOVE members held in the adjoining House of Detention, according to a Common Pleas court investigator who did not want to be identified.

"They're different than the other crooks here," he said. "The problems that they cause is because they offend other prisoners. They stink. Not bathing is part of their beliefs. And they also eat a lot of garlic and wear it, which doesn't help things either."

Jeanne Tereskun, spokeswoman at Frankford-Torresdale Hospital, said that a guard and a MOVE prisoner were being treated there.

She identified the security guard as Ronnie Bowdan, 30, of Philadelphia, who she said was being X-rayed and was in stable condition. She said the MOVE member, Edward Africa, also was in X-ray, but had suffered no visible wounds.

At Jeanes Hospital, spokeswoman Carol Landis said MOVE member Phil Africa had been brought to the emergency room suffering lacerations and a possible fractured arm. Most members of MOVE have taken the surname Africa.

"He is being treated to the extent he is allowing us to treat him," she said. "He claims to be 1 year old. He will not be admitted. The highway patrol is going to take him someplace."

Over the past several years, members of MOVE, who once inhabited a ramshackle, rat-infested house in the city, have been sentenced to prison following trials stemming from a 1978 shootout with police. One police officer died in that gun battle and there were numerous injuries.

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Elderly charge conference rigged

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House Conference on Aging ended yesterday with near unanimous adoption of nearly 600 recommendations despite an undercurrent of complaints that pro-administration forces had rigged key committee proposals.

By the end of the four-day meeting, even 81-year-old Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., an early critic, was praising the outcome.

Pepper called the conference's Social Security proposals "wonderful recommendations."

"Democracy has a way of rising to its proper height," he said. "There may have been some influence in the early days that I don't like, but all sort of came out in the wash.... These reports are good reports on the whole. They deserve, on the whole, implementation."

Among the recommendations: maintaining Social Security benefits at present levels, restoring the minimum Social Security benefit, approval of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, expansion of Medicaid and Medicare benefits, and instituting tax credits for home care for the elderly.

President Reagan saluted the delegates for "useful contributions and for making the 1981 conference a productive, memorable event."

"Their goal was not necessarily to reach unanimous agreement on every issue, but rather to share diverse views and arrive at recommendations for the common good," he said.

Conference critics who declined to be identified produced what they said were documents obtained from conference files on a detailed plan to

stack key panels, pinpoint "adversaries" of the Reagan administration and orchestrate committee votes through a system of committee "whips." Some were dubbing it, "Gray Scam" and "ElderGate."

David Newhall III, chief of staff for Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker, denied that the Reagan administration had manipulated committee assignments or tried to stage-manage the conference.

But Jack Ossosky, chairman of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, called alleged attempts to pack committees "just unbelievable, absolutely a terrible disgrace" and demanded an investigation by the attorney general.

The conference's final session, in which the work of 14 subject committees was adopted, was disrupted at the start by protests from several hundred delegates. Amid shouts of "change the rules," Barbara Garcia of Los Angeles sought the floor to amend the rules to allow votes on each of 14 committee reports. But conference chairman Constance D. Armitage of South Carolina declared her out of order and refused to recognize her.

Sergeants-at-arms took a bull horn from Rose Kyzak, an 81-year-old New York delegate, and there were a few shouts of protest as delegates reacted to individual recommendations.

But after three hours of hearing nearly 60 pages of recommendations read aloud, the delegates gave their approval overwhelmingly. There were only a few dozen shouts of "no" among the 2,300 delegates.

The committees took conflicting stands on some issues, including Social Security policy. But there

was consensus on trying to protect present benefits for elderly and keep the same level of protection for the future.

The key Social Security committee voted against using general revenues to pay for the system although several other panels endorsed the idea, which President Reagan has strongly opposed.

Several panels voted to restore the minimum Social Security benefit, which Congress appears determined to do despite originally adopting Reagan's recommendation to end it. Several also endorsed removing or liberalizing the \$5,500-a-year limit on how much people aged 65 to 71 can earn without losing Social Security.

The committee that considered problems of older women voted to establish national health insurance, liberalize Medicaid and Medicare, begin payments for home health care, guarantee women the right to share and inherit their husband's pensions and increase Supplementary Security Income benefits to 10 percent of the national poverty standard. SSI goes to the aged, blind and disabled. The panel also issued an endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The committee on health care and services adopted similar recommendations on health issues, including expanding services covered by Medicare and Medicaid and providing tax credits for home care of the elderly. But it voted to oppose national health insurance.

The health panel endorsed moves toward adding competition to the health care system. It also called for more education for health professionals and more research on the aging process.



Members of the Gray Panthers Senior Citizens group rallied yesterday outside the White House to protest the Reagan Administration's economic policies.

Union says reconciliation wrecked Solidarity threatens to strike

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WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Solidarity declared yesterday that Polish authorities wrecked chances for reconciliation by using force to end a firefighter cadets' protest. The union threatened an unlimited general strike if the government tries to enact and enforce a proposed strike ban.

"The developments of the past weeks prove that by opting for violence the government has jettisoned the possibility of dialogue with society," the independent union's leaders said during a meeting in Radom, a city in central Poland.

The statement blamed the government for ignoring a new law giving greater autonomy to factory workers, and attacked the Communist Party's call in the Sejm, Poland's parliament, to give the government "extraordinary" powers to end strikes.

"The ushering in of the so-called extraordinary measures... is tantamount to an attempt at liquidating civil and employee rights won in 1980," the statement said.

In a second communication issued at the end of the meeting, the union leaders said that if the government tries to turn back the clock on reforms, the 9 1/2 million Solidarity members will walk off the job and stay off.

"If there are bans on gathering or a ban on strikes, the union will proclaim a 24-hour national protest strike," the communique said. "If the government uses these extraordinary measures, all chapters and all work

forces should immediately stage a general, unlimited strike."

There was no immediate reaction from the government to the union leadership's statements, but the state labor newspaper Glow Pracy seemed to warn the union not to declare a general strike.

"The situation is inflammable and dangerous as never before," the paper said. "The light-heartedness and irresponsible easiness with which every such conflict develops and spreads must undergo the highest anxiety and deep concern."

The raid on the firefighters' academy was an apparent effort by the authorities to demonstrate a new, tough attitude in the face of Communist demands for an end to strikes crippling Poland since Solidarity was formed 16 months ago as the first union free of party control in the Soviet bloc.

In Moscow, the official news agency Tass said the cadets fell for political slogans of "provocateurs." The Kremlin has frequently criticized Solidarity as an anti-Communist front.

Quoting a speech by conservative Polish Politburo member Stefan Olszowski, Tass said officials "decided to purge the college and this has been done. The authorities manifested its power in this case."

The assault by 500 commandos backed by several thousand police and army troops was the biggest show of force in Poland's labor crisis, and came amid an apparent freeze in talks over a union-government front of understanding.

Although there were no injuries, Solidarity chapters across Poland reacted angrily to the raid, declaring strike alerts in Warsaw and Gdansk and demanding tough action from national leaders.

A Solidarity spokesman in Warsaw, where 34 union members were arrested during the raid, said they were released without charges, said, "People are getting upset because they can see we're being quite often outmaneuvered."

The comment drew support from the Solidarity chapter in Plock, already on strike alert over local issues, which said in a statement that the raid "is the last signal for the union to begin a uncompromising struggle."

The raid ended a week-long sit-in by about 200 cadets demanding they be given civilian status by the Interior Ministry, and that their school be included in a new academic reform bill that limits police access to campuses and gives students broader power to elect administrators.

Strikes by 100,000 students demanding the bill be passed, and by several hundred farmers demanding changes in agricultural policies and guarantees of private land ownership have been going on for weeks.

In one long-standing dispute, farmers at the Lubogora farm in western Zielona Gora province prepared for the first election of a farm manager at a state-owned collective farm, Solidarity said.

The firing of a Solidarity member at the farm last month sparked a major, province-wide strike by more than 100,000 workers that lasted for nearly three weeks.



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Workmen at Ajaccio, Corsica, prepare coffins yesterday for the 189 victims killed Tuesday in a DC-9 plane crash.

TV networks can broadcast Abscam tapes, judge says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NBC, ABC and CBS broadcasting networks were told by a federal judge yesterday they could play portions of video and audio tapes played during the Abscam bribery trial of former U.S. Rep. John W. Jenrette.

U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn, while allowing the networks to copy the tapes, said those tapes containing references to innocent third persons would not be made available.

Penn gave the networks 10 days to object to the automatic deletions.

State to begin trimming aid

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania will begin trimming welfare aid to families with children on Dec. 12, following a federal appeals court ruling that the state can go ahead with new Reagan administration guidelines.

Bob Mineck, spokesman for the state Welfare Department, said officials decided yesterday that the reductions will be made in checks mailed as of that date.

Of the 800,000 people in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, 63,000 will lose all of their aid and 44,000 people a portion, Mineck said.

State welfare officials had planned to make the changes Tuesday, but were blocked by U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Lord III. In issuing an injunction, he said new federal regulations on the aid program had not been issued quickly and without sufficient notice.

However, a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stayed the injunction Wednesday.

Driver dampens holiday spirit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Passengers on a city bus say their driver pulled over to the side of the road and refused to continue his route until they stopped singing "Jingle Bells."

The problem began during rush hour Wednesday night when a man boarded a Municipal Transit trolley coach, belting out the popular Christmas tune as his paid his fare.

The driver warned him to shut up or get off, earning a round of jeers and boos from the rest of the passengers, who then began singing the song themselves.

"In just a few minutes, practically everybody aboard was singing along," one witness, who asked not to be identified, told the San Francisco Chronicle. "It was really very moving."

The bus, however, was not. The driver pulled it to the side of the road and refused to continue until the spontaneous caroling stopped. But for half an hour, the impromptu musicale continued.

Finally, the passengers began leaving the bus and the driver resumed his route a few minutes later.

Screams heard by site of Wood drowning

By KATHY HORAK
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — New questions were raised yesterday about the drowning of Natalie Wood as a woman who was near the actress' yacht reported she heard a female voice screaming for help and then heard someone say, "We're coming to get you."

Marilyn Wayne, who was aboard the yacht Capricorn off Santa Catalina Island Saturday night, said she had told authorities earlier this week that she heard a woman's cries at 11:45 p.m. Saturday.

She said the cries, which lasted until 12:10 a.m. Sunday, came from the direction of Miss Wood's 60-foot yacht Splendor, where the actress was spending the weekend with actor Robert Wagner, her husband, and Christopher Walken, her co-star in an unfinished movie. Her body was found after dawn Sunday.

The Splendor and the Capricorn were moored about 150 feet apart in Isthmus Cove on the island's north side, Harbor Master Doug Oudin said Thursday. Only one other boat was nearby, although Oudin said "75 or 80" were moored in the cove Saturday night.

Mr. Wayne, 38, a commodities broker for Shearson American Express in Beverly Hills, said she woke up at the sound of screams.

Ms. Wayne said she thought the woman might have been attending a loud party on a nearby sailboat, and she and her friend, whom she didn't identify, went back to sleep when they heard someone respond.

"We figured she was with the party — I was awakened by it later that night. I thought maybe she figured it was time to go back to the party," she said. "The reasoning was the guys at the party weren't in any hurry to go get her. The whole situation was dismissed when we heard someone say, 'We're coming over to get you.'"

She said she could not see anyone and "I was in sort of a sleepy state, so I wasn't listening that carefully."

"Despite the fact there was a woman calling for help the appearance was one not urgent," said Ms. Wayne. "She seemed well within reach of several boats if not right on top of her own. And there were so many boats in the isthmus it didn't seem to be an emergency situation."

Los Angeles County Lifeguard Curt Craig said he happened onto the Capricorn while looking for Miss Wood on Sunday and was told of the screams.

Craig said the screams "didn't seem relevant at the time. We were just looking for a person, so it didn't seem all that important."

Investigators refused comment yesterday on Ms. Wayne's report. "The investigation is continuing and we have no comment," sheriff's Lt. Frank Salerno said. Assistant County Coroner Richard Wilson said the coroner's office learned of the reported screams through news accounts yesterday and doubted they would affect the findings of an autopsy by accidental drowning with "no evidence of foul play."

Coroner Thomas Noguchi had suggested Monday that Miss Wood might not have been able to call for help if her mouth filled with water.

"The screams in themselves would not have any direct bearing on our findings," Wilson said. "If they did occur it would substantiate our findings that she fell in the water and drowned."

Noguchi said Miss Wood slipped and hit her head while trying to board a dinghy tied to the Splendor. Wagner and Walken had quarreled, the coroner said. However, sheriff's homicide Detective Roy Hamilton said officials talked to both men and there was no indication there had been any argument.

Her body was found floating in the cove at 7:45 a.m. Sunday. She was buried Wednesday at Westwood Memorial Park after a private Russian Orthodox service.

Miss Wood's will, filed yesterday in Los Angeles Superior Court, divided her estate among Wagner and her daughters, Natasha Gregson, 11, and Courtney Brooke Wagner, 7. Wagner was named executor and trustee.

Wagner's daughter by a previous marriage, Katherine, 17, was given one-tenth of the assets. A secretary for attorney William Slinehart Jr. said the full value of the estate had not yet been determined.

"Obviously she's worth millions," said the secretary, who asked that her name not be used.

The fate of Miss Wood's uncompleted movie, "Brainstorm," was still uncertain yesterday. With production on the movie suspended, but with principal photography nearly complete, MGM officials referred all calls to company attorney, Frank Rothman. Rothman, however, was in meetings, according to an aide, and was not immediately available for comment.

On Wednesday, an MGM official had said that two "crucial" scenes involving Miss Wood had not been filmed, and Loyds of London reported Thursday it had been advised by MGM that an insurance claim would be filed for "Brainstorm" because of the actress' death. The movie reportedly was budgeted at \$12 million.

Meanwhile, Wilson said toxicology tests showed the 32-year-old actress had "insignificant amounts" of the pain killer Darvon, caffeine and anti-nausea sickness drugs in her system the night of her death.

Wood had prescriptions for both drugs, he said. Initial autopsy results showed she also had 0.14 percent alcohol in her blood. California's standard for intoxication is 0.10 percent.

Holocaust effects may be studied at Harvard

By FRED BAYLES
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Amid growing concern over the possibility of "the final epidemic," some students at Harvard Medical School may soon be taking a new course: "The Health Aspects of Nuclear War."

The proposed elective course is part of a growing movement within the Harvard medical community to protect the escalating nuclear arms race. The school's curriculum committee will vote on the proposal Monday, and if approved, the course would begin next semester.

"This is a sign of the growing awareness that we are facing the final epidemic — nuclear war," said James F. Muller, an assistant professor of medicine and one of four faculty members who proposed the course.

"One of the problems is that it's too horrible to imagine," he said. "One can imagine one burned child, or perhaps a school of burned children, but not many have been exposed to information about things like blast and burn injuries."

Professors will also discuss the long-term effects of radiation, including increased cases of leukemia and other cancers.

At the end of the course, the instructors would discuss methods of preventing a nuclear holocaust. Students would be required to take a final examination or write an essay.

Abrams believes this is the first such course to be proposed for a medical school.

"Doctors don't know that much about the effects of nuclear war," he said. "They know this can kill, but not many have been exposed to information about things like blast and burn injuries."

The four are members of Physicians for Social Responsibility. The 7,000-member group, based in Waretown, is opposed to the continuing threat of nuclear war.

Dr. Herbert L. Abrams, a professor of radiology, said the lecture course would focus on what medical problems surviving physicians would face following a nuclear war. They include the effects of radiation on the body's immune system and the expected epidemics of typhoid and other diseases that would follow the destruction of health and sanitation facilities.

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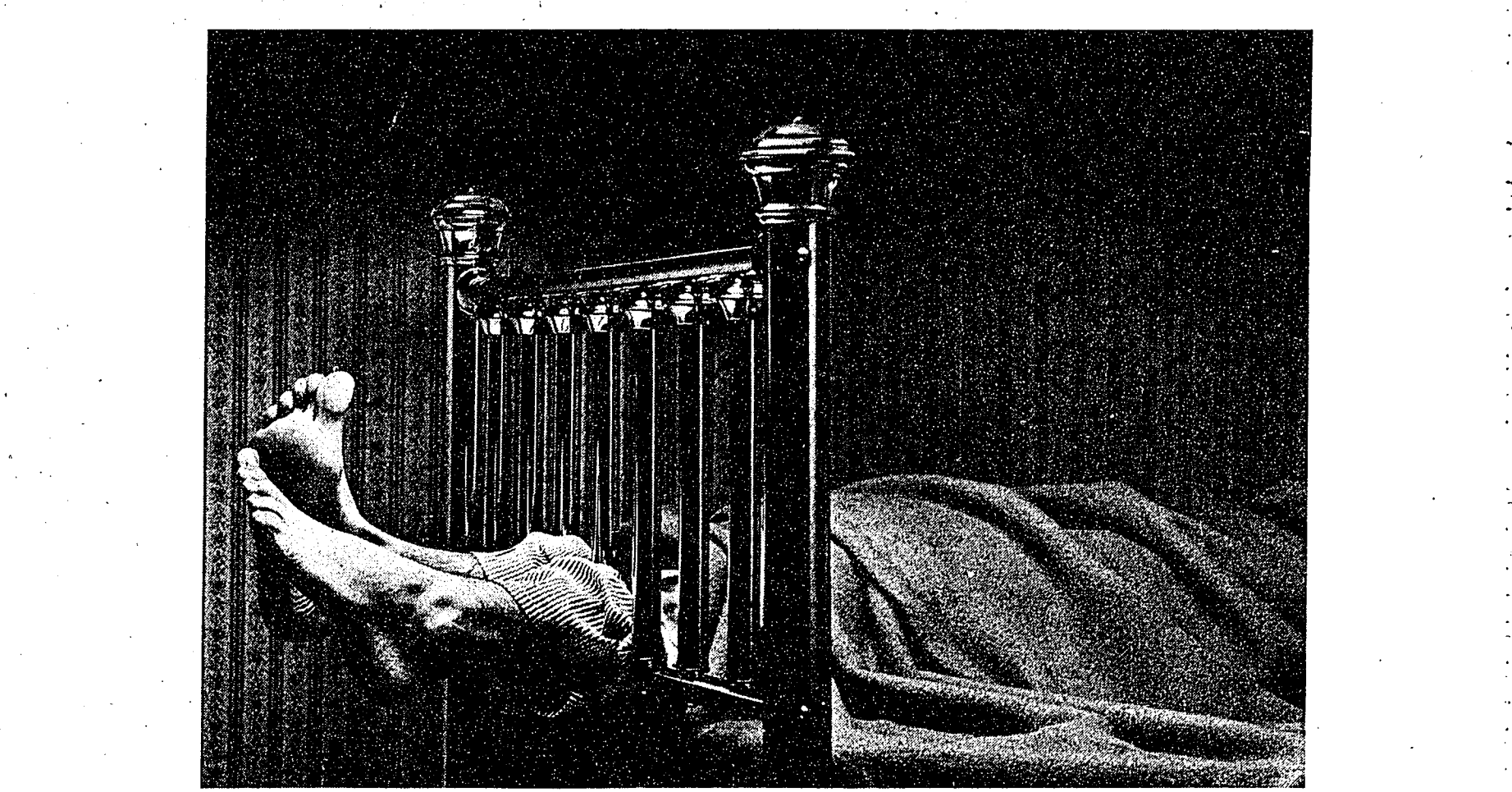
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