



3 B.C. Pen inmates holding 15 hostages

Situation called 'dicey' as life-terminers bargain

Three B.C. Penitentiary inmates armed with butcher knives seized 15 prison staff members today and were holding them captive in a storage vault.

The trio, serving life terms for murder and attempted murder, held a knife at the throat of a woman hostage and demanded to see news media representatives.

Prison officials identified the three prisoners as Dwight Lucas, Claire Wilson and Andrew Bruce.

It was not immediately known what the three were seeking in exchange for release of the 15 staff members.

Prison director Dragan Cernetic said they presented a list of people they wished to act as intermediaries after making two requests which were denied.

"The situation is extremely dicey," said Cernetic.

He said the three took the hostages about 8 a.m. after they had reported for a routine interview with a classification officer.

They first grabbed two other inmates,

then herded the 15 staff members into a windowless vault with only one metal door for access, and released the two inmates.

Ervin Berkey, regional security programs officer for the Canadian Penitentiary Service, said three women classification officers were believed to be among the hostages.

The inmates were reported to be holding one of their two knives at the throat of classification officer Mary Steinhouser. The other hostages were not immediately identified.

Cernetic said all other inmates at the penitentiary were placed in their cells at 9:15 a.m. to avoid inflaming the situation.

"It's a stalemate at the moment," Berkey said.

The list of intermediaries presented by the three inmates included Sun columnist Bob Hunter, radio open-liner Gary Bannerman, former Simon Fraser University professor Merdecai Breimberg, University

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SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS . . . rescuers examine wreckage of passenger trains in Germany

38 perish as trains smash head-on

MUNICH, West Germany (AP) — A police spokesman today reported 38 persons killed and 86 injured in the head-on collision of two passenger trains in the Alpine foothills south of Munich.

It was West Germany's worst train wreck in four years.

Earlier today the police said the toll had risen to 42 dead. But later a spokesman said this incorrect report was due to confusion over the number of persons who had died in hospitals.

"The cars piled up on each other, and the locomotives were telescoped," a police spokesman said. "It's a terrible scene that recalls the wreckage after Second World War bombings."

The two commuter trains were filled with passengers returning from weekend outings.

They slammed into each other about

6:45 p.m. Sunday on a single-track stretch of the Munich-Bad Toelz line 30 miles from Munich between the villages of Warngau and Schafflach.

No immediate information on the identities of the dead and wounded was available.

The collision occurred several hundred yards south of the Warngau station.

A police spokesman said the southbound train failed to stop on a siding at Warngau to let the northbound train go by.

The northbound train from the mountains was a special that runs on Sundays and holidays while the southbound train runs every day.

A new timetable that went into effect about a week ago listed both trains to pass the same single-track section during the same six-minute period.

One railway official said the point at

which the two trains were to pass each other was set for each run by switching personnel, and a spokesman said both trains Sunday were in radio contact with the Warngau and Schafflach stations.

Federal Transport Minister Kurt Gscheidele went to Warngau early today to take charge of the investigation.

The wreck was also being investigated by the Bavarian state police and the state prosecutor, who was studying the recordings of the radio traffic with the trains.

The collision occurred on a curve adjacent to a forest section which apparently prevented each engineer from seeing the other train in time to brake the trains.

But a spokesman said the determination of what happened would be difficult because one engineer was killed and the other one was missing and believed dead.

The two locomotives smashed into each other at full speed.

43 INJURED

11 die as fire races through Florida jail

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — At least 11 persons were killed and 43 injured today when a fire swept the Seminole County Jail, hospital officials in the area said.

Officers and rescue units moved 68 prisoners — several of them suffering from smoke inhalation — from the jail after the blaze on the second floor sent intense smoke billowing throughout the facility.

John Spolski, a spokesman for the sheriff's department, said a number of the inmates were taken to Seminole Memorial Hospital, where they were treated for smoke inhalation.

Inmates also were being transferred to jails in Orlando, Casselberry, Altamonte Springs and the city of Sanford, Spolski said.

"We believe the fire started in the mattress of an inmate in the hospital cell," said Spolski. "The smoke was intense and spread rapidly to other cells, where some of the inmates were overcome by the smoke."

It was the most serious of four fires reported in the facility within about six weeks.

The jail has also been the scene of several inmate disturbances in the past year, most of which were accompanied by complaints of overcrowding.

An official at the Seminole Memorial Hospital said eight persons, including at least one corrections official, were dead on arrival. He said at least 25 other persons were being treated for injuries.

A spokesman for Florida North Hospital said at least three bodies had been taken to his institution.

Extension of B.C. Railway 'not economically justified'

There is no economic justification for completion of the Dease Lake extension of the B.C. Railway at this time, the manager of the B.C.-Yukon chamber of mines said today.

"If the railway is to be continued, Premier Dave Barrett must know more than we know," said Rick Higgs in Vancouver.

The premier released the annual report of BCR Friday, along with a series of consultants' reports which said the cost of the Dease Lake line would exceed estimates by \$158 million.

At that time, Barrett said the NDP government had "no choice" but to complete the line.

The consultants' reports said a projected pulp mill and coal mine, which had been forecast as freight contractors to the railway, did not materialize.

The only other known resource in the area is copper. Two major mines had been programmed as sources of freight revenue.

"Most development work has ceased in that area," said Higgs.

"We are not optimistic about the future of mining properties in B.C. The tax situation here has pretty well stopped all development."

"The real tragedy is that so much effort 'Railway' page 2

4 STUDENTS, MAN KILLED IN COLLISION

PRINCE GEORGE — Four Prince George high school students and a Dawson Creek man were killed Sunday in a head-on collision about 21 miles north of here.

RCMP said the accident on Highway 97 also left a man and a woman in serious condition in hospital.

Police said David Balfour, 23, of Dawson Creek was killed when his northbound vehicle collided with a car driven by Kenneth Hacock, 17, of Prince George.

Killed with Hacock were students Fred Broeksma, 19, Storm Clegg, 16, and Dorothy Palumbo, 16, all of Prince George.

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WEATHER: Sunny and a little warmer Tuesday. Low, 6 to 9; high, 20 to 23. Conditions are to remain mostly sunny over much of B.C. through the next two days with some indications that this pattern will prevail into the rest of the week. Details, page 3.

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Women scream abuse at rape suspect

Sun News Dispatches

CAMBRIDGE, England — With women screaming "hang him!" and "pig!" outside the courthouse, a middle-aged husband was charged today with raping seven women and with wounding and attempting to rape a Canadian clinical student.

Peter Samuel Cook, 47, crouched low behind his shield of six police officers as the crowd of more than 200 surged round.

In court, he stood handcuffed to two detectives and heard the charges read.

Since last October, when attacks on women began, Cambridge has been a city where women double-locked their doors at night and police outnumbered courting couples in the streets.

After the reading of charges, Magistrate Vivian Rumsbottom ordered Cook, a truck

driver, to be held in custody pending a further hearing June 17.

During the brief hearing, Detective Supt. Bernard Hotson asked reporters not to disclose the names of the rape victims.

Cook was arrested early Sunday after an attack on Jane Sproul, 27, of Kingston, Ont., who came to Cambridge two weeks ago to work as a clinical student at Addenbrook's hospital and was living at the nursing home.

Miss Sproul said she answered a knock on her door at 2 a.m. but kept the safety chain on.

"All I saw was this man with a hood," she said. "He was carrying a knife."

"I kept the chain on, and the man slashed at me through the gap. I screamed three times, as loud and as long as I could."

The man did not get into her room.

Cook was arrested about half an hour later, riding a bicycle near the nurses' home. He was wearing a wig, police said.

One of the Cambridge rapist's previous victims said her assailant wore a wig and escaped on a bicycle.

Police said that when arrested the suspect was carrying a hood with the word "rapist" written on it, several knives, a pair of wire cutters and a cloth doused with ether.

Police said Cook is married, lives in Hardwick, a nearby village, and has no children.

Police said Miss Sproul received a slight knife wound to her wrist during the attack.

Her screams aroused two men 'fishing

for eels on the banks of the River Cam. It was about 2:35 a.m.

The men rushed to telephone police, who arrived after the attacker had fled.

One hour later and a mile away, a detective flung himself at a cyclist wearing a wig and arrested him after a struggle.

Ninety police had been staked out near Newnham College for women. Police considered it a likely target for the rapist.

Police had been looking for a short man of less than 30 years of age who terrorized victims with a knife. Cook is five feet, four inches.

Hundreds of short young men last month underwent a voluntary saliva test which police said could establish their innocence. The rapist had left traces of saliva on the clothing of some of his victims, officers explained.

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B.C. gov't workers warned to scale down expectations

Members of the B.C. Government Employees' Union were cautioned by their general secretary Sunday not to expect as good an agreement with the government as they got last year.

John Fryer told the biennial convention of the union in Vancouver the only way to top last year's landmark master contract would be by "massive confrontation" that would cause chaos throughout the province.

He advised members to scale down their expectations for a master agreement to replace one that expires Sept. 30.

The master agreement does not cover wages but the pact reached last year established some "very important breakthroughs," he said.

These included a guarantee of job secu-

rity to anyone who has been a government employee for two years, union security provisions and the right to refuse to cross picket lines and to refuse overtime.

Wages are negotiated separately in 13 classifications after the master contract is signed, Fryer pointed out.

In cautioning against a massive confrontation, Fryer said:

"Make no mistake about it, the power of this organization is almost beyond comprehension. If we moved all-out we would bring this province to a halt. There would be a complete shutdown."

"But we have to be cautious about using that power."

Fryer said the government was sympathetic last year to giving the union a rich "Union" page 2

Airport ecology policy urged

By CHRISTINE HEARN

A confidential government-commissioned environmental report says the proposed expansion of Vancouver International Airport must not go ahead

until a comprehensive environmental policy for the Fraser River estuary has been developed.

The report, by the Airport Planning Committee's ecological sub-committee, says the major development proposed by the federal transport ministry threatens to destroy the ecology of the area.

The document is one of several to be considered by the APC prior to preparation of recommendations to the transport ministry regarding the planned airport expansion and construction of a third major runway.

It will be discussed Thursday at the APC's next closed-door session.

Members of the APC include federal, provincial and regional officials, as well as citizens' group representatives.

The ecological sub-committee's report is considered particularly significant because all but three of the 15 members who prepared it are federal officials. In the past, almost all of the opposition to the airport expansion has come only from citizens groups.

Sub-committee members included representatives of the federal departments of environment, fisheries and marine services, the atmospheric environment ser-