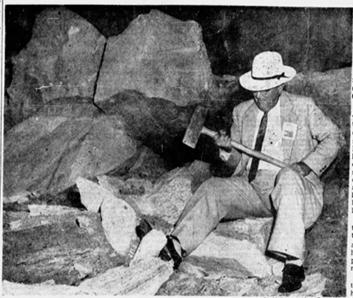
36 Prisoners Break Legs In Rock Quarry Protest



FORRESTER DEMONSTRATES HOW PRISONERS BROKE LEGS AT BUFORD State Director of Corrections Hurried to Rock Quarry Prison Following 36 Self-Mutilations

Inmates Use Sledges On Selves at Buford

By WARREN BOSWORTH

BUFORD, July 30—Thirty-six incorrigible prisoners, swinging 10-pound sledges, broke their own legs here today in protest against work conditions at State Rock Quarry Prison.

lanta as soon as lanta as soon as he was informed of the outbreak, s a id a prison doctor told him all 36 inmates h ad shattered bones in their legs. Forrester said

the self-mutilation occurred J. B. Hatchett about 3:30 p.m. at the end of a half-hour break which the 189 prisoners are given in the after-

The leg-breaking took place at the rock quarry approximately a half mile from the prison. For-rester said the 36, including some of the most hardened criminals in Georgia, placed their legs on proposed area.

State Director of Corrections rocks and "started whacking Jack Forrester, who hurried here to the "Little Alcatraz" of the Georgia penal system from Atlanta as soon as quarry.

CALL TO WORK

The spontaneous leg-shattering began when the guards, who had also been taking a break, sounded the call back to work.

All but 36 of the prisoners re-turned to their labor. The 36 began there are the respective to th

10 IN AMBULANCES

Meanwhile, ambulances from a private funeral home in Law-renceville, 12 miles from Buford, were called to the prison to transport 10 of the most seriously transport 10 of the most seriously injured prisoners to the Georgia State Prison Hospital at Reids-ville, approximately 200 miles away. They left at 9 p.m. The others were transferred to

wareen smin said that the injured men told him after the incident that their wheedbarrows
were too heavily loaded and the
sun was too hot. They said they
were protesting these conditions.
The temperature here Monday
afternoon at the time of the selfmutilation was in the low 90's.

J. B. Hatchett, assistant director of the state department of corrections, who arrived with Forrester, said that the prisoners
involved in the incident were
"not Sunday School boys."

He said, "This prison in our
system is comparable to Aleatraz in the federal system. No
other prison that I know of in
the world gives its prisoners such

the world gives its prisoners such a counselling program as the one we give here."

He added, "Any man sent to

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30 Cut Heel Tendons After 1951 Yule Dinner The Rock Quarry State Prison near Buford, where 36 inmates broke their legs Monday afternoon, is no stranger to headlines. In September, 1951, the prison!

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In September, 1951, the prisorleaped onto the front pages when six desperadoes escaped, but were recaptured within 60 hours

after the break.
On Christmas Day, the same year, Rock Quarry again made major news when 30 immates slashed their heel tendons in protest against general conditions at the penal institution.

HIDDEN BY DUST

According to prison records, the Sept. 24, 1951, escapees were the Mauldin brothers, Joe and Roy: Earl Curtis Taylor; Joe Lee Bishop, serving 20 to 55 years for robbery; Spence Edwards and Ed Parker, both serving life sentences for murder.

Bishop announced after the escape that he was "through with misbehavior."

The break at Buford came at 9 a.m. as the six men were dumping rock into a rock-crushing machine near the prison wall. Hidden by a cloud of dust from the machine, they sprinted along a conveyor belt that carried rock through a clutte in the wall.

One broke a window in a county prison truck, while a second slugged the driver. Three crowded into the cab of the truck and three others dived into the metal body. Guards armed with rifles and shotguns opened fire.

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State Drivers Offered New Type Policy

the penal institution.

They were also reported to voice objections to working in the voice objections of the voice objections objections of the voice objections objections

'In God We Trust'

The six left their car and ran into a wooded area. Officers and volunteers with bloodhounds flushed out four scapes in a Continued on Page 10, Column 4 in Continued in Continued Column 4 in Continued Column 4 in Continued Column 4 in Column 4

36 Prisoners Fracture Own Legs In Protesting Work at Rock Quarry

Rock Quarry State Prison who serves 12 months with good behavior is transferred out to another prison."

Forrester said the men involved William Bell.

with a self-mutilation charge against each one. This will go on their record.

Warden Smith identified the Negro prisoners as: James Avery, Johnny Davis,

Continued From Page 1 will be given a misconduct report Jimmie Lee Starks, Oliver Traylor. Frederick White and Willie H. Zachery.

> He identified the white men as Tommy Barefield, Wilson Caldwell, Norman Carruth, J. B. Cook, Jesse Daniel, Cory Dunn, John Evans, William Odell Evans, James Hall, Carlton Henry, Earl L. Jones, William R. McKinney, Leon McKinzie, Willis McSwain, Mario L. Monaco, Crozier Moncus Jr., George Myers, Ernest M. O'Neal, Joseph Paquette, Edward Lee Picklesimer, George Powell, Toby Quarles, William O. Reagin, Robert Smallwood, Ottis Lelan Steele, Loren B. Taylor, James Tillander, Michael Vince and Charles Sheppard.

Warden Smith said the prisoners work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with half hour breaks in the morning and afternoon, and a two-hour lunch break at noon.

The Rock Quarry prison was built in 1949. The prisoners here have radio, television and other recreational facilities. Forrester said, "The food at this prison is as good as any other prison in the country."

The prison itself is clean and its interior resembles a military installation, with everything in order.



Quarry Escapees in 1951 Went Foodless 60 Hours

Highway.

Continued From Page 1 trooper, Curtis Veal, with his swampy area off the Buford partner, J. J. Whitmire, to capture the Mauldin brothers near It remained for a rookie state the Lawrenceville city limits. Fifteen minutes prior to their capture, they had stolen a car and headed for Atlanta. They surrendered at a roadblock and asked to be taken back to the prison so they could get some food. It had been 60 hours since they had eaten.

> Routine settled down at the prison following the escape, with state officials investigating and changes being made in prison

personnel.

POST-FEAST OUTBREAK

approximately 30 one-sixth of the entire population of the prison, were hospitalized with injuries self-inflicted during the Christmas Day protest over regulations.

Prison officials said the group was led by Rudolph Chandler, the "Masquerade Bandit" of Atlanta, and members of the Mauldin gang, who staged the protest immediately after the Christmas dinner consisting of plenty of turkey with all the trimmings and pie for dessert.

One member of the group obtained a razor blade and slashed the heel tendon on his leg. The blade was passed rapidly from one prisoner to another until between 25 and 30 men had cut the heel tendons.

State penal officials branded the heel slashing as "an attempt to arouse public sympathy by a group of men who refuse even to accept social responsibility in an average prison."

Ten of the heel slashers were injured so severely they were hospitalized for a month.