

SERVICES ARE HELD FOR TWO HOSTAGES

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Correction Officers From Throughout State Attend Rites for Slain Men

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ATICA, N. Y., Sept. 15—

A semblance of outward normality returned today to the huge State Correctional Facility here, as the tensions of the nearly week-long crisis of insurrection and recapture subsided.

The first tourists began driving along the now unblocked and unguarded rural road that passes the maximum-security prison. State police reinforcements for the regular guard force diminished from the task-force strength that had been present until dawn today.

Funerals for two hostages, conducted in churches here and at Batavia, drew strong showings of correction officers from all over the state.

Bafflement Expressed

The victims, both guards, were William E. Quinn, 28 years old, the first hostage to die in the inmates' revolt, and Richard J. Lewis, 42, who died during the police assault that recaptured the prison fortress.

The bafflement and anger of some townspeople and relatives continued to be expressed at contradictory reports of how the hostages had died, whether by gun shots or by the slitting of throats.

A curtain of official silence was drawn across the tragic events that took 42 lives here, and only limited information about present conditions behind the 30-foot-high prison walls was obtainable.

State Assemblyman Manuel Ramos of the Bronx took a two-hour guided inspection tour and came out declaring that he was satisfied that "no reprisals are taking place." He said his request to speak with inmates had been refused.

Crews of engineers and architects were understood to be inspecting the most severely damaged sectors of the 54-acre prison compound, set on a green 300-acre tract in rolling farmland here.

Relatively few prisoners were eating in the mess hall.

"You can tell the good ones from the bad ones," a guard said. "So you break off little groups of about 40 of the good ones and they are escorted to the mess hall. The rest are served off the hot carts."

He said the guards pushed the carts through the cell rows, scooping food into partitioned metal trays. Inmates have some choice of fare and portions and they can request "heavy on the potatoes." The rule is a man must eat everything he asks for.

"They're eating better than you are," the guard said.

400 in Funeral Contingent

About 400 correction officers and policemen from Nassau, Westchester, Erie and other counties were at the funeral this morning for Officer Quinn, who reportedly died on Saturday after being pushed out of a window or thrown from a catwalk.

The uniformed men marched four abreast in bright sunshine from the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church here, leading the hearse. The victims young wife, Nancy; his father, Albert, who worked in the prison food service department; his mother, Marie, and other close relatives were seated in forward pews.

Two children, Mary, 5 years old, and Christine Renee, 3, were not present for the service or the burial. The burial was in Forest Hills Cemetery here, on a hillside sloping down to a valley.

Bishop James McNulty of Buffalo was the chief concelebrant at the mass at which the Catholic prison chaplain, the Rev. Eugene Marcinkiewicz,

read a scriptures from Matthew 25:31-46, which said, in part,

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me."

A funeral for Officer Lewis was held at St. James Episcopal Church in Batavia. His wife, Beverly, and children, David, 14, and Patricia, 12; his parents, and other near relatives were present along with about 450 state prison guards and policemen.

The Rev. Ralph E. Hutton told the mourners; "this man has given his life in the service of the state. His sacrifice is not in vain. Out of this may come an increase of justice and compassion and elements of truth for all men."

Brother Views Body

A brother of one of the dead hostages who doubted official reports that his kin had died of gunshot wounds privately visited a funeral parlor last night and asked the director to let him see his brother's body. He asked to have the body turned over for a full view of all the wounds.

"I didn't notice any gunshot wounds, and I've been a hunter for years," he said, refusing to be quoted by name. "I have no doubt my brother was never shot."

He said the victim had apparently been beaten. There were others in the village and among the state police who were suspicious of subsequent medical reports that death had been caused by bullet wounds.

Commissioner Oswald had said that some of the bodies of hostages had shown "slash marks" on the throats, but death was not attributed to such wounds.

Mess Hall Operational

The most heavily damaged areas were the laundry, shower rooms, barber shop, auditorium, chapel, maintenance shop, and vocational and training facilities. The mess hall and cold storage area were said to be fully operational.

About 1,200 inmates who had participated in the rebellion were crowded into cells designed for 489 men, three in a cell, for the most part. Ring-leaders have been segregated from the rest of the inmates.



FUNERAL HELD FOR PRISON GUARD: Attica Correctional Facility guards and matrons, foreground and residents of Attica attending services yesterday for William Quinn, killed during the rioting, at the St. Vincent de Paul Church. .

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