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Cons Prepare Final Demands

ATTICA, N.Y. (AP) — With the help of such citizen-mediators as radical lawyer William Kunstler, rebel inmates of Attica prison worked on a final list of demands today to barter for the freedom of hostages they have held since Thursday morning.

Six of the inmates met with 30 intermediaries into the early morning hours. The talks ended after 4½ hours and were to be taken up again at 10 a.m.

AT ONE point, the meeting broke off for more than an hour when prisoners thought state troopers were moving into a nearby cellblock. It turned out to be a minor incident.

A newspaper pool reporter who sat in on the discussions said the mediators would ask the state correction commissioner to join the next session of the talks.

The reporter said Kunstler estimated the inmates now have 30 demands and were most insistent about a new demand—the removal of Attica Supt. Vincent Mancusi.

Kunstler, whose clients have included the Chicago 7 and Black Panthers; United States Rep. Herman Badillo, D-N.Y., the only native Puerto Rican in Congress, and Tom Wicker, an associate editor of The New York Times, were on a list of intermediaries requested by the 500 "hard-core" inmates still holding sway over one cellblock area.

THE HOSTAGES, estimated to number as many as 39, and hundreds of inmates spent the night in an exercise yard. The captives were reported unharmed except for minor cuts and bruises.

They were seized when 1,280 convicts rioted, injuring 12

guards and took over four cellblocks. State police eventually chased them from three of the cellblocks and surrounded the prison.

Prison officials have given no explanation of why the riot started.

Several lists of demands were issued late Thursday and again yesterday afternoon, ranging from various prison reforms to political asylum in another country. The demand for asylum was reported to have been withdrawn or de-emphasized later yesterday. Word of the new step toward negotiations was announced by the Rev. Raymond Bradley, who told newsmen about midnight: "They are going over the lists so that there are no more additions or subtractions."

BRADLEY, a minister at Trinity Episcopal Church in nearby Warsaw, said state Corrections Commissioner Russell G. Oswald was available but "he is not going in until they have reached agreement on a final list."

Prisoners gave the hostages—who include guards and an estimated 11 civilians—clothing, blankets, mattresses and food.

The move to review the list of demands followed a 12-hour lapse in negotiations.

Oswald met for 88 minutes with the rebels, despite their attempt a short while earlier yesterday morning to storm another cellblock. Tear gas turned them back.

Besides the demand for "speedy and safe transportation out of confinement to a nonimperialistic country," the inmates also raised their bid to include "complete amnesty, meaning freedom from any physical, mental and legal reprisals" for their actions.



TWO INMATES at the Attica State Prison in Attica, N. Y., visit with another inmate inside a makeshift hospital set up by the prisoners inside Cellblock D area. The rebellion at the maximum security prison has gone into its third day. —AP WIREPHOTO.