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Upstate Prison Quells Disorder as Tensions Persist

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Prisoners were disorderly yesterday at the Great Meadow Correctional Facility and a planned rebellion was reported to have been thwarted at Clinton Prison, both in upstate New York, as tensions continued at jails in this state and elsewhere in the nation.

At Great Meadow, which is in Comtock near Lake George, about 75 inmates threw bottles and set small fires in their cells while correction officers were making their rounds between 4 and 7 A.M. The guards halted the demonstration without harm to themselves or the inmates.

Superintendent Joseph P. Conboy of Great Meadow attributed the disturbance to "very smooth militants." He said it had been confined to the wing occupied by those men.

The institution has 74 pris-

oners who were transferred there from Attica. However, Mr. Conboy said that they had been separated from the other inmates and had not taken part in the disturbance.

Mr. Conboy said that the 978 inmates in Great Meadow were being restricted to their cells, except for visits by small groups to the commissaries, the mess hall and the recreation hall. He said his 330 guards were being aided by 35 state policemen who were manning the roofs and towers.

Great Meadow's inmates are largely young persons who have been transferred there from less secure reformatories as too troublesome to handle.

The reported planned rebellion at Clinton Prison in Danemora, N. Y., was to have taken place at breakfast, according to Warden J. Edwin La Vallee.

He said correction officers

became suspicious when they saw about 250 prisoners start in a group toward the mess hall, with about 15 inmates wearing black armbands stationed along their route.

All suspected inmates were then sent back to their cells and were fed there during the day.

Recreation Yard Closed

Mr. La Vallee said that the 250 continued to shout threats all morning. As a result, the recreation yard was closed for the day, and the rest of the prisoners were restricted to use of the infirmary, commissary and mess hall.

"We conducted a thorough search throughout the day for weapons and other contraband through our entire 42 acres and plant," the warden reported.

He said that his 2,000 prisoners, including 76 from Attica, were being guarded by 350 guards and that 40 state police-

men had gone in to man the tower and roofs.

There were no disorders at Auburn and Green Haven Prisons, two other maximum-security facilities upstate. However as a precautionary measure the prisoners there were not permitted to use the schools and shop.

The situation was reported as normal at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N. Y., by J. Leland Cassles, the warden there.

In Marion, Ill., a convict was shot to death by guards as he and several fellow inmates tried to ram a commandeered truck through double fences surrounding the Marion Federal Prison.

Security precautions were tightened at the Baltimore City Prison, where 180 inmates had rampaged on Tuesday in an action believed by authorities to have been inspired by the Attica rebellion.