

Visitors' Ban at Rahway Prison In Effect 'Until Further Notice'

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N. J., Nov. 28 — State troopers barred approaches to Rahway state prison today as a massive cleanup of the institution was reportedly being completed.

The ban on visitors was ordered by Dr. Maurice G. Kott, acting commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies, who said the step was necessary because of security and other problems resulting from the 24-hour rebellion that ended Thursday night.

Dr. Kott, who said visitors would be banned from the maximum-security prison "until further notice," did not elaborate on what he meant by "other problems."

State troopers, under the personal direction of their commandant, Col. David Kelly, set up barricades at the Rahway and Avenel ends of Woodbridge Road, which runs in front of the prison. Only prison guards and state officials were allowed to enter the area.

Debris Carried Away

"We are doing this to allow free movement of trucks carrying debris from the prison and to make it easier for the state officials to get to the area," Sgt. Edward Vaneleich, in charge of the state trooper detail, said.

During the day many cars and taxis carrying relatives of prisoners were turned back at the barricades, where troopers explained the reason for the ban.

As trucks carted debris from the prison, a state police helicopter hovered overhead.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Arthur de Filippis of the state police said the security measures were being taken to assist three investigative groups in their work. Among those working at the prison today was a team from the state police criminal investigation division. The team was questioning guards about the uprising, which involved about 500 of the 1,143 inmates of the prison.

At the same time, lawyers working for the office of the State Public Defender continued to advise prisoners of their rights and to gather data on charges against those who had participated in the uprising.

Inmates Seek Advice

A member of the eight-man team said that more than 100 inmates had indicated they wished to speak with the group for advice.

Representatives of a five-man panel named by Gov. William T. Cahill met to review 14 grievances submitted by the prisoners. Tomorrow the prisoners are expected to name five men to represent them.

Among those admitted to the prison today was one of five guards, John Monteyunas, who had been held as a hostage. He was there to remove his car from the parking area.

Wearing a neck brace and showing bruises on his arms and shoulders, Mr. Monteyunas said conditions inside the prison were "still unreal." He said there was still evidence of damage caused by the prisoners.

A man given permission to deliver three telegrams to the prison said, after he had completed his mission: "It was very quiet there. I saw few people in the corridor."

One of the lawyers working for the Public Defender said that "things seem to be getting back to normal" and that the inmates do not appear "any more up tight than ordinarily."