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## Rioting Cuban inmates remain in control at two state prisons

ATLANTA (AP) — Troops armed with automatic weapons and gas masks brought dozens of prisoners out of the Atlanta penitentiary where rioting Cuban inmates remained in control Tuesday while a SWAT team faced down a group of Cubans at a besieged prison in Louisiana.

The prisoners, who rebelled after the announcement of a deportation agreement between the United States and Cuba, continued to hold more than 100 hostages — 75 in Atlanta and 28 in Louisiana. One ailing guard was released in Atlanta, where one inmate died during Monday's riot.

It was not clear whether the inmates brought out of Atlanta's 85-year-old penitentiary were Cubans or other prisoners, or whether they had surrendered or had been subdued by the troops.

State Corrections Department spokesman John Siler said those inmates and 24 others were taken to Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta.

Tom Delaney, a spokesman for the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, said the prisoners then were flown to Indiana. He said he had no information about the nationality of the prisoners.

In Louisiana, a SWAT team dispersed about 30 inmates who had been taunting guards at an entrance building, the only part of the Oakdale Federal Detention Center not controlled by inmates.

High-pressure fire hoses were used to blast down a makeshift, 80-foot-long barrier near the entrance to the Oakdale facility where inmates had painted slogans such as "liberty or die" and "freedom or blood" around the compound.

Detention center spokesman Loretta Johnson at first declined to comment on the incident but later said both sides backed off when "the Cubans related that the hostages would be hurt if further attempts were made by staff."

She added that the prisoners brought out two hostages and al-

lowed one to speak through a megaphone but offered no details on the discussion.

J. Michael Quinlan, director of the Bureau of Prisons in Washington, said negotiations at both facilities continued intermittently. However, discord among inmates impeded the talks, and a scheduled meeting between a U.S. senator and an inmate leader in Louisiana fell through.

Official news briefings at both prisons were infrequent.

Tomas Garcia-Fuste, a Spanish speaking radio reporter from WQBA in Miami who joined in negotiations with Louisiana prisoners at the request of FBI agents, said prisoners were reluctant to accept an offer by Attorney General Edwin Meese III of a case-by-case review.

"They are afraid," Garcia-Fuste said. "There are too many opinions inside."

Atlanta Warden Joseph Petrovsky said, "The negotiating team since

7:15 last night has been dealing with at least 12 leaders or groups of leaders.

"As long as the hostages are not being injured, and as long as we're making headway, we're going to negotiate this thing out," Petrovsky said at a mid-day news conference, several hours before the troops went in. Petrovsky said 315 inmates had surrendered since the takeover began Monday morning and had been placed in secure areas of the prison.

Quinlan said, "Our No. 1 priority is the welfare of those being held against their will."

Petrovsky said 75 hostages remained in Atlanta but Quinlan gave the number as 76.

Inmates at Oakdale, who took over the facility on Saturday, brought two of their 28 hostages to a gate Tuesday to show that they were being well-treated.

## Official: Cuba will not punish inmates

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Cuban diplomat said Tuesday night that all Cuban inmates sent back to their homeland by the United States will not be subject to any reprisals by the Cuban government for past activities.

Ramon Sanchez Parodi, head of the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, said at a news conference that he was making the announcement in an effort to bring a peaceful end to the disturbances at detention centers in Louisiana and Georgia.

The government of Cuba "wishes to declare and assure that it will take no reprisal whatsoever" against peo-

ple who are supposed to be returned to their homeland under a new U.S.-Cuban agreement signed last Friday, he said.

As proof of his country's good will, Sanchez Parodi cited the example of the 201 Cubans who returned to Cuba in 1985 before a prior agreement with the United States was suspended.

He said most are free, have rejoined their families and "enjoy full possibilities of employment."

He said the 2,500 Cubans who now face deportation "will be exonerated from illegal activities that they might have committed before

their departure from Cuba."

Sanchez Parodi said since it opened in 1977.

In the absence of full diplomatic relations, the United States and Cuba maintain interests sections — or small diplomatic missions — in each other's capitals.

The U.S. government's announcement last weekend that it would begin deporting some 2,500 inmates who arrived from Cuba in the 1980 Mariel boatlift sparked rioting Saturday by Cuban inmates at the Federal Alien Detention Center

in Oakdale, La., and a riot Monday at the Atlanta federal prison.

More than 100 hostages were being held by the inmates at the two facilities.

Some of the inmates were immediately incarcerated when they arrived in this country and admitted to having been in jails in Cuba.

Others inmates have committed crimes since arriving and have been kept in prisons pending government decisions on whether to release or deport them.

A third group has been confined to mental institutions.

## Street gang found guilty of violent plot

CHICAGO (AP) — Five members of the notorious El Rukn street gang were found guilty Tuesday of conspiring to blow up airplanes and U.S. government buildings as part of a terrorism-for-hire scheme to win \$2.5 million from Libya.

The U.S. District Court jury returned the verdict after six days of deliberation following a five-week trial.

Jeff Fort, El Rukn leader, and co-defendants Leon McAnderson, Reico Cranshaw, Alan Knox and Roosevelt Hawkins had said the El Rukns were a religious organization that planned no violence and met with the Libyans only to raise money for a mosque.

## New defense secretary supports Star Wars plan, budget cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frank C. Carlucci began his service as the nation's 16th defense secretary Tuesday pledging support for Star Wars and arms control initiatives while promising greater cooperation with Congress on budget matters.

One day after being sworn in, the 57-year-old Carlucci offered few details of his future plans for the Pentagon and repeatedly echoed the policy pronouncements of his predecessor, Caspar W. Weinberger.

He hailed word of a new arms accord with the Soviet Union eliminating intermediate-range weapons and said another pact reducing long-range nuclear arsenals could be reached if the Russians realized President Reagan would never abandon his Star Wars program.

The Soviets recently softened their rhetoric attacking the Star

Wars research effort, Carlucci added, but whether that rhetoric reflects an underlying change in their position he couldn't tell.

Carlucci listed arms control as one of his initial top three priorities, describing the other two as maintaining a strong military force in the face of budget cutbacks — even if it means the actual size of the military has to be reduced — and continuing to reform the Pentagon's weapons-buying procedures.

"Defense contractors should realize that recent budget cuts mean somebody's going to have to feel the pain," he said. Carlucci also said there would be no reduction in the size of the U.S. naval force in the Persian Gulf unless the threat of Iranian attacks on commercial shipping dissipated.

He promised there would be no purge among the Pentagon's top

staff despite last week's forced departure of Frank Gaffney, an avowed hard-liner and Weinberger's top arms-control expert.

The new defense secretary told reporters he saw no point in trying to contrast his style with that of Weinberger.

"But like everybody, I have an entirely different approach to, say, how you negotiate with Congress," he said.

Weinberger adamantly refused to negotiate cuts to the defense budget during his tenure.

"Once it becomes clear that the Congress has a different set of priorities," Carlucci said, "or if they are going to cut the budget, as undesirable as that might be, then I would be prepared to work quietly with them to do that."

## Second earthquake in California injures 44

WESTMORLAND, Calif. (AP) — The second powerful earthquake in 12 hours jolted towns near the Mexican border Tuesday, knocking trailers from foundations, buckling walls and roads and injuring at least 44 people.

The traffic deaths of a Mexican woman and her son were blamed on

the first quake, which hit Monday night.

But experts said this sparsely populated farming region got off relatively easily from the twin quakes, which registered 6.3 and 6.0 on the Richter scale, each stronger than the quake that hit Los Angeles last month.

Power was temporarily out in 65,000 homes and businesses, fires flared in the border town of Mexicali and police were called out on both sides of the border to prevent looting.

The 5:16 a.m. quake, which measured 6.3 on the Richter scale, was centered about 14 miles west of the

town of Westmorland, at the tip of the Salton sea 90 miles northeast of San Diego, scientists at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena said.

A 6.0-magnitude quake shook the area at 5:54 p.m. Monday. Tuesday's quake was felt as far away as Phoenix, Ariz.

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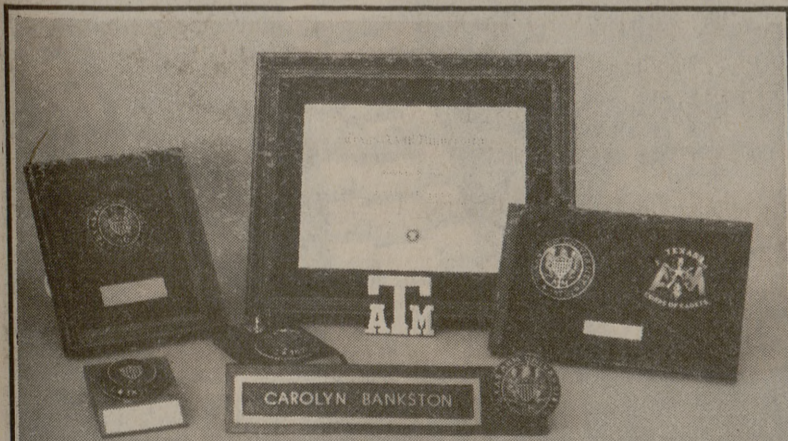
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