



CONTROVERSIAL SCENE—Asst. Santa Fe Police Chief Fernando Mier surveys the controversial Escuela Colegio Tonantzin which was the scene of a gun battle with law enforcement officers Monday night. The school was established last June on the former Our Lady of Victory Convent. (Photo by B. Ronald Gallegos)

Residents protest Agua Fria school

By JACK HANDEY

Words, not bullets, split the sultry air in the community of Agua Fria last night. The words which seemed to ricochet the most were "Get them out."

"Them" referred to a group of militant Chicanos who had been operating a school in an old convent in the village. The former convent was the site of a gun battle Monday night which resulted in four persons wounded.

An overflow crowd of Agua Fria residents met at San Isidro Church and vowed to stand together and take legal action to rid the community of the militant Chicanos. The group also blamed much of the situation on Archbishop James Peter Davis, who was reported to be away on a retreat for a week.

"Very conveniently, he happens to be out of town, said Jose Gonzales, president of the Agua Fria Church Council.

Davis was chided throughout the meeting for reportedly approving the takeover of the old Santa Maria Convent by the militants, known as El Comité de los Barrios Unidos. "We need a new archbishop," said a girl in a striped shirt, her comment drawing a round of applause.

The Agua Fria residents selected 10 leaders to work with District Attorney Joe Castellano to close the school legally.

However, a major question mark in any forthcoming action is ownership of the convent. Representatives of the school, Escuela Colegio Tonantzin, say it was given to them. Another report emanating from the archdiocese in Albuquerque is that the property is being leased to the group. And yet another source says the lease was drawn up but not signed by Davis.

"We're not sure," said Castellano yesterday.

The school was formerly the home of Fred Grilli until it was made into a convent in the early 1950s, a spokesman for the Santa Fe Archdiocese said yesterday.

Miss Garcia said the school had received letters of endorsement by Gov. Bruce King, U.S. Gov. Roberto Mondragón, State Sen. Alex Martinez, D-Santa Fe, and Charmaine Crown, director of the Consumer Protection Division of the state attorney general's office.

Some of the 17 persons arrested following Monday night's three-hour gun battle were instructors at the school, according to Miss Garcia. She declined to say which ones were instructors.

Ricardo Maes, who said he was an ex-instructor at the school, said a committee of various organizations will carry out its own investigation of the incident. The organizations named were the Black Berets of Albuquerque, the Chicano Peoples Health Corps of Albuquerque, Co-op de Conocito, La Clinica, El Grito, Los Padres from the Catholic Church and Juan Jose Pena.

Castellano said last night that the convent is the object of a "continual search" for which a warrant hasn't been issued. He said a warrant wasn't necessary because of the "probable cause" and "hot pursuit" aspects which surrounded the shooting spree.

The district attorney said that if officers give up the search and leave, a warrant will have to be issued to re-enter the property.

Miss Garcia said the school survived on "private foundation" monies and through donated time by teachers. She said it hasn't been accredited.

She indicated that some stipulation had been placed on the school, that if it were to die it would revert back to the archdiocese. But she said, "The school is going to keep on going, whether it keeps on going here, or in the hills of Santa Fe, or in the hills of Santa Fe."

El Comité de los Barrios Unidos is reported to have been started last fall. One of its main causes was seeking revenue sharing funds to supplement cuts in federally-aided social programs. "They didn't get anywhere," one source said.

Ehrlichman indictment?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman has been indicted by the grand jury investigating the break-in of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, the Los Angeles Times and Washington Post said today.

The newspapers said Ehrlichman, who was White House adviser on domestic affairs, was indicted secretly Tuesday along with former Ehrlichman aide Egil Krogh Jr.; David Young, a former aide to Henry A. Kissinger, and convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy.

The newspapers said they had learned Ehrlichman also had been indicted on a perjury charge.

The Post said the four men were named in burglary-conspiracy charges. The Times did not specify the other charges, but said they were in connection with the break-in. Sources for the stories were not cited.

There was no immediate official comment on the Times' story. After the sealed indictments were returned, an aide to special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox said they could threaten Cox's Watergate investigation.

Superior Court Judge James G. Kolis, who received the indictments late Tuesday, ordered the documents sealed until at least one of those indicted surrenders to authorities. Names and charges stemming from the probe were to be released immediately afterward.

Kolis also ordered that arrest warrants not be issued until next Tuesday to give the indicted a chance to surrender on their own. He set bond at \$500 for each person indicted.

Cox's aide, James Doyle, said the Watergate prosecutor could be expected to issue a statement today about the effect of the indictments on his investigation. "They've got a small piece of a much bigger thing," Doyle said.

Sources close to the grand jury previously had said that Ehrlichman, Krogh, Young and Liddy were possible targets for indictment in the probe. Dist. Atty. Joseph Busch declined comment on that report.

Ehrlichman's local attorney, Joseph Ball, said he had not heard whether his client had been indicted. "I don't know anything about it," he said.

Sources said the 18 grand jurors filed into court at 6 p.m. EDT after spending most of the day hearing a replay of Ehrlichman's testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee about the Ellsberg break-in. The jurors reportedly also had been shown three White House interceptive memorandums.

Hill AEC security force receives pay grade hike

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Atomic Energy Commission Protective Force Security Inspectors at Los Alamos have been raised to a higher pay grade, AEC officials confirmed today.

AEC Administrative Support Chief Larry Smith said the upgrading, announced to AEC employees August 21 and retroactive to August 19, will mean annual raises of from \$500 to \$900 for the Protective Force officers.

U.S. Representative Manuel Lujan commented that he is "happy to see" that the officers were upgraded. Lujan's remark came in an August 21 letter to America's Federation of Government Employees, local 2118, President Ted Weisgerber.

Weisgerber is a Protective Force Security Inspector.

The grade change, from GS-5 to GS-6, affects only Los Alamos Protective Force personnel, according to AEC Area Manager H. Jack Blackwell. The force guards other AEC installations.

The upgrading is based on an AEC review which cited "special hazards" faced by security inspectors. In an August 24 memorandum to the personnel office of the AEC Albuquerque Operation Office, AEC Director of the Personnel Division George Maharry wrote that the hazards include "nuclear and radiation hazards, chemicals, high pressure gases, high voltage electrical sources and high explosives."

Maharry wrote that the hazards have "no parallels" in the standards for the GS-6 grade.

Blackwell said the AEC grading review resulted from a Los Alamos Area Officer request one and a half years ago for the upgrading.

Calling the change "well-deserved" in view of the increased responsibility of the job over the past several years, Blackwell said the length of time the AEC considered the request resulted from the commission's need to "examine carefully anything that can have an impact on the entire AEC."

According to Assistant Area Manager Kenneth Brazier, inspectors were demoted from GS-7 to GS-5 in 1953.

In the new grade, security inspectors may receive an annual maximum of \$11,146 and a minimum of \$8,572. The GS-6 maximum is \$10,007 and the minimum is \$7,694.

Palestinians take Arabian embassy

PARIS (UPI) — Three armed Palestinian guerrillas took over the Saudi Arabian embassy with an undetermined number of hostages today and demanded the release of guerrillas jailed in Jordan and an airplane to take them out of France.

Police said the guerrillas issued a deadline of 5 p.m. (noon EDT) to be given the plane.

Two shots were fired as the men burst into the embassy. An embassy employee was injured when he jumped from a second story window, but there were no reports of casualties from the gunfire.

Hundreds of armed police wearing helmets and bulletproof vests, including a team of sharpshooters from the anti-terrorist squad, surrounded the graystone embassy building.

There was no indication what action the guerrillas planned if the deadline was not met. Nor was it known whether they intended to take their hostages with them. Police made no move to storm the embassy while the Kuwaiti ambassador negotiated with the guerrillas. The Saudi Arabian ambassador was in Algiers.

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Hughes registration questioned

The voter registration of former POW and gubernatorial candidate James Lindbergh Hughes, of Santa Fe, is being questioned.

Candidates for governor must be state residents for five years preceding an election. Voter registrations are used to certify residency.

Hughes, a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for nearly six years before his release early this year, announced recently he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor next year.

He said Tuesday he had been registered as a New Mexico voter in 1967 by his wife, Darthy, through a power of attorney while he was a POW.

The state Constitution says that military men serving outside the state are acknowledged as residents of the state while in the service.

The Hughes family had moved to Santa Fe about the time Hughes went to Southeast Asia.

The former Air Force colonel, who retired from the service this past week, said he had learned that someone had been investigating his registration.

"I became concerned as to the legality of the registration. I went to my lawyer who joined me in going to see the secretary of state. She said she is going to accept the letter of my request and will then administratively refer it to the attorney general for an opinion," Hughes said.

Colonias de Santa Fe testimony ends

Testimony ended in U.S. District Court yesterday on a Colonias de Santa Fe case which is expected to help determine the extent of state jurisdiction over non-Indian leasing and subsleasing of Indian land.

Paul Bloom, counsel for the State Engineer's Office, gave a different version. Bloom said that he had concluded,

together with Santa Fean Walker Kegel, at the time.

from a deposition given by Campos, that the site was chosen "because it was out of the reach of state jurisdiction... and there would be no fuss with the state engineer over water."

The State of New Mexico, in the case argued before Judge Howard Bratton, sought to show that the developers of Colonias, a development on Tesuque Indian land, have circumvented state regulations.

The suit was filed against the developers—Sangre de Cristo Development Corp.—and Rogers C.B. Morton, U.S. secretary of the Interior.

Sangre de Cristo Development Corp. has a 99-year lease to develop up to one-third of the land of the Tesuque tribe.

The court testimony yesterday provided two versions of how the developers had settled on the Tesuque site, north of Santa Fe.

Fred Standley, a former state attorney general, said that the site had been chosen by Santiago E. Campos, now a Santa Fe District Court judge, as a golfing site.

Standley said that Judge Campos concluded that Santa Fe was the largest resort community with one golf course.

"He is an avid golfer. So, at that time, he undertook to locate a site for a golf course. "That is what precipitated the first contact with the pueblo," Standley said. Standley and Campos were law part-



RARE GRASS—You wouldn't know it to look at it but that's a rare breed of grass that local Soil Conservationist Ben Creighton is handling. Creighton identified the grass as "sacaton" which, according to the textbooks, isn't supposed to grow in this area. It does, nonetheless, come up in small clumps in the El Guique area northwest of Espanola. (Photo by Johnnie Martinez)

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