

Commercial Road Plans Launched

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A Democratic national committee official who didn't want to be identified by name said that as a result of the Parks statement he thinks Eisenhower is

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Gandhi Begins New Fast In Peace Effort

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi started a life-endangering fast for communal peace in Delhi and India today.

The Indian patriot and prophet of non-violence, frail and 78, rejected last-minute appeals from Hindu, Sikh and Moslem delegations that he give the people 15 days to restore peace before beginning his fast. He received them in the garden of a millionaire friend's home here.

"You must prefer Gandhi or lawlessness. You can't have both," delegation members said he told them. They added he asserted life had no value nor attraction without peace and love.

Shortly at 11 a.m. Gandhi pointed to the remnants of his breakfast of goat's milk and vegetables, from which he had been eating sparingly, and said, "Take it away. It is mine."

He timed the start of the fast exactly with his watch. He then rinsed his mouth with water and held a brief prayer service for his assembled friends and others, reading selections from the Mohammedan Koran, the Christian Bible and the Hindu Vedas on religious tenets.

He asked the people, including the Hindu, Sikh and Moslem delegations, to leave him then, and he went indoors to follow his normal routine of reading mail, dictating messages to his followers and closely studying current events in newspapers.

Death Means Slaughter

In undertaking his fast, Gandhi said "I will die when and if I am satisfied that there is a reunion of the hearts of all communities, brought about without any outside pressure, but from an awakened sense of duty."

Noting the mention of death in Gandhi's public announcement of his plan, some disciples said they

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Funds Listed for Foreign Aid, Universal Military Training Principal Targets of Attack

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Republicans set out today to chop some \$5,000,000,000 out of President Truman's \$39,669,000,000 budget for the year starting July 1.

The foreign aid program appeared likely to be the main target of the money saving drive.

A \$5,000,000,000 slash was the tentative goal set by Chairman Taber (R-N.Y.) pending a meeting of the Senate-House Budget Committee to go over details of the unprecedented peacetime spending estimate Mr. Truman sent to Congress yesterday.

While Taber declined to specify just what items most likely would be singled out for cuts, he noted that the President's estimate of annual foreign aid outlay during the year and his requests for funds to finance other projects not yet authorized by law run well over \$5,000,000,000.

Items Singled Out

For example, he said, the President wants half a billion dollars to finance universal military training legislation, which Congress has not enacted and which some of its top leaders expect it to put aside for at least another year.

Taber pointed out that while the Marshall plan for European recovery contemplates a \$6,800,000,000 appropriation for the first 15 months, the budget says only \$4,000,000,000 of that sum will be spent during the 12 months starting July 1.

Tax Cut Is GOP 'Must'

And, Taber added, "The President's proposals for huge outlays for education, social welfare and housing, just to mention a few, seem way out of line even if Congress does authorize these

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AMERICA'S DOC—Dr. Archer C. Sudan, who gave up university teaching 21 years ago to practice medicine in the mountains of Colorado, is the first winner of the American Medical Association's annual gold medal for the "family doctor." Now president of the Colorado State Medical Society, he received the award at the organization's mid-winter session in Cleveland, O.

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44 Murders Told By Doomed Negro

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The number of murders which Jake Bird, the axe-swinging transient who is scheduled to die on the gallows Friday morning, confessed he committed or could "clear up," increased to 44 today—11 of them confirmed.

Pierce County prosecuting Attorney Patrick M. Steele revealed in a 176-page transcript and a letter to Governor Wallgren the 46-year-old Negro's latest tale of trail of blood reaching from New York to Los Angeles and extending back to 1923.

The letter and the lengthy manuscript revealed that:

1. Eleven of 12 murders previously confessed by the doomed man had been confirmed; he claims direct part in or responsibility for 18 other slayings; that there are 14 more murders he can solve, but in which he did not participate.
2. The twelfth original confession given to Undersheriff Joseph Karpach two weeks ago—the June, 1928, murder of Harvey Boyd, at East Omaha, Neb.—is believed on the basis of available information, to be a falsehood. Clarence Lukehart has served 19 years of a life sentence in the Iowa state penitentiary for this crime.
3. Steele has recommended to Governor Wallgren that Bird's execution at Walla Walla penitentiary for the murder here last Oct. 30 of Mrs. Bertha Kludt should "be carried out as scheduled" at 12:05 A. M. Friday. Bird has frankly expressed the hope that his confessions would lead to executive clemency.

The killer had one hope remaining that his life would be extended, however, as the Walla Walla firm of Tuttle and Luce yesterday petitioned the state's supreme court to hear an appeal and order a stay of execution.

Daniels Continues in Coma; Death Impends

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Joseph Daniels, last survivor of President Woodrow Wilson's World War I cabinet, continued in a coma today induced by pneumonia and other complications.

Dr. Hubert Haywood said the 85-year-old publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, who served as Secretary of the Navy in the Wilson cabinet, has been falling steadily and there is no reason to expect him to rally.

Daniels has been critically ill for more than a week.

One Killed, Five Injured In Train-Auto Collision

MIDDLETON, Ind., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A woman was killed, five others were hurt and the locomotive and six cars of a Pennsylvania Railroad train were derailed as the train struck an automobile here early today.

Madeline Simpkins, 38, of New Castle, Ind., riding in the car, was killed. The driver, J. R. Leveridge, about 35, of New Castle, was hurt as were four of the train's passengers.

Barge Going Down After Hitting Rock

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A self-propelled army barge, believed to have nine crew members aboard, sent its own urgent distress call today after apparently hitting a small island south of the Alaska peninsula while en route to the rescue of crewmen of another grounded ship.

District Coast Guard headquarters announced the 86-foot ESP-1927 (barge, self-propelled) had radioed that it was sinking about 40 miles southwest of Cold Bay, which is near the end of the Alaska peninsula.

The Coast Guard reported the cutter Cedar had been diverted to the barge's aid from its rescue mission to the Aleutian Mail, which grounded early yesterday on the southwest tip of Unimak Island, the first in the Aleutian chain.

Eleven crew members of the Aleutian Mail were reported in "no immediate danger."

The self-propelled barge, one of the ugly ducklings of the military fleet, was en route to assist in picking up the crewmen of the Aleutian Mail when it ran into trouble.

Gov. Hall Urged to Save Henderson From Death

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Governor Hall was asked today to commute to life imprisonment the death sentence of Wardell H. Henderson, 25, due to die in the state's gas chamber Jan. 23.

Irvine Goodman, attorney here for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said 100 Portland attorneys had signed the plea sent the governor.

Henderson was convicted of murdering Walter Poole, Vaport, on Christmas eve of 1945 and stealing Poole's automobile. Henderson denied the slaying.

Attorney Goodman said Henderson's previous record was good, that the jury foreman had recently urged clemency and that the conviction was made on circumstantial evidence.

Mrs. Claire A. Argow, executive secretary of the Oregon Prisoners Association, said a number of other organizations had petitioned the governor to commute Henderson's sentence to life in prison.

Sports Fishing Rules Up To Game Board, Decision

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A ruling of the state attorney-general has left sports salmon fishing regulations in the hands of the State Game Commission, the Commission said yesterday.

The Commission, which issued tentative 1948 fishing regulations last Saturday, said Attorney-General Neuner ruled that a bill passed by the last Legislature did not give the State Fish Commission authority to regulate sports salmon angling.

The bill mentioned gave the Fish Commission authority to regulate salmon angling with the concurrence of the Game Commission.

Its title, however, only authorized the Fish Commission to regulate late commercial fishing, and Neuner's opinion held that the Fish Commission could not regulate sports angling when that was not stated in the title.

Sportsmen's groups, which wanted salmon angling to remain under the Game Commission, had fought the measure during the last legislature.

Budget Itemizes Funds for Umpqua Flood Control Jobs

Approval of a \$116,000 budget estimate of the Army Engineers for flood control projects on the Umpqua River and its tributaries, was announced in Washington, D. C., Monday by Rep. Engel (R-Mich.) chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee handling funds for waterways projects.

Engel emphasized that the estimate is only a recommendation and subject to revision by the Appropriations Committee and Congress. The Umpqua projects were included in a list making up the \$547,000,000 budget estimate of the Army Engineers for flood control and rivers and harbors construction.

County Judge D. N. Busenbark said today that the budget estimate would probably include a flood control project at Corn Ford, where a small island would be removed from the river, and erosion control measures at Melrose, where reventments would be built.

Other Army Engineer projects have been surveyed in Garden Valley, Dillard, and in the Cow Creek Canyon, Judge Busenbark said. Several projects have been discussed for the Lower Umpqua area, he added.

For the projects at Corn Ford and Melrose, the County Court was asked to secure rights-of-way over private property, so that Army Engineer equipment could gain access to the project sites. In the Lower Umpqua area, the Port of Umpqua Commission was requested to secure the rights-of-way.

A flood control project at Winston, south of Roseburg, was abandoned because the County Court could not secure from the property owners a donation of the right-of-way, Judge Busenbark said.

Fugitive Youth Nabbed in Chase

BEND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Leonard J. Michelson, 25, of Bly, Ore., was nabbed in a chase today by state police in the Squaw Creek area following a chase from Lebanon to Sisters.

Police Sgt. L. L. Hirtzel said Michelson smashed through a tree early yesterday morning, escaped unhurt through a barrage of shotgun fire, and then abandoned the automobile near Sisters.

Police said the Bly resident was charged with breaking a Lebanon jewelry store window Sunday night, and fleeing when the store owner appeared.

Michelson surrendered to police in the woods north of Sisters. He was unarmed and did not resist arrest, police said.

Sgt. Hirtzel said the prisoner was held for authorities of Linn and Multnomah counties. In the latter he was wanted on a car theft charge.

Use Chains on Mountain Roads, Motorists Advised

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—All Oregon highways were open today, with mountain roads so slippery that chains were advised the State Highway Commission said today.

Temperatures took a nosedive as the first sub-zero temperature of the season was reported. It was 3 degrees below zero at Austin, in Grant County on the Central Oregon Highway.

There still were several sections of one-way traffic on western Oregon roads. They were caused by slides in last week's floods and heavy rains.

Willamette Area Flood Damage Is \$11,800,000

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The recent Willamette valley flood left damage totaling an estimated \$11,800,000 in its wake, Col. O. E. Walsh, district army engineer, reported here.

The estimate was made at a session of the Benton County Willamette basin project committee.

Col. Walsh said the two completed dams in the valley project had prevented an estimated \$1,017,000 in damage during the past week's flood. He added that completion of the 16-dam program would reduce upper valley damage by 70 per cent. The area below the mouth of the Long Tom River would see flood damage reduced by 55 per cent, he said.

Five Killed, Four Hurt In Airliner Crash

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—An Eastern Airlines plane with nine persons aboard crashed on the outskirts of Washington during a rainstorm early today, killing five and injuring four.

The dead were identified by the airlines as:

- S. M. Warner of Clinton, S. C., who boarded at Greenville, S. C., for Washington.
- W. A. Morehead of Clinton, Greenville, S. C.
- L. A. Brandt (address), Atlanta for Newark.
- Capt. Paul Saltanis, pilot and Ralph B. Sansbone, Jr., co-pilot.

The plane, enroute from Houston, Tex., to Boston, plowed into a grove of trees on the Maryland side of the Potomac river a few miles from the National Airport shortly after reporting it was coming in for a landing.

The twin-engine DC-3 was demolished, but there was no fire. Eastern airlines said the cause had not been determined, adding that the pilot checked with EAL by radio at 4:27 a. m., but failed to make contact with the airport control tower later as scheduled.

The dead were three passengers, the pilot and co-pilot. Three injured passengers and the flight attendant were taken to Casualty Hospital in Washington.

Rain, slush, and muddy roads in the area hampered police and others in rescue work.

Jews Attack Arab Sniping Posts

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Jewish demolition squads attacked Arab sniping posts on the outskirts of Jerusalem today and a Jewish spokesman hinted a dynamic assault may be staged in Jerusalem's old city to lift an Arab siege of 1,500 Jews.

The Jewish anti-sniper raid centered on the Shikhi Jarruh quarter, where Arab gunmen have choked off traffic between Jerusalem and Jewish institutions on Mount Scopus. The Jews, attacking with gasoline bombs and grenades, fired a three-story house and damaged 16 others, after warning occupants to flee.

New violence erupted in the area of the port city of Haifa, where one Jew was killed when a large party of Arabs attacked Jewish laborers. Police engaged the attackers, who were believed to have suffered casualties.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said a "big bang" would be the likely outcome if Arabs persist in their siege of the 1,500 Jews in Jerusalem's old city. The Jews have been virtual prisoners since New Year's Day.

Funds Allotted to Save Columbia Salmon Runs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A \$1,450,000 appropriation to start a five-year \$13,000,000 salmon preservation program for Lower Columbia River tributaries was listed in President Truman's rivers and harbors request to Congress.

The fund would be transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the program to be sponsored jointly by the federal government and the states of Washington and Oregon.

The plan would attempt to establish and restore salmon runs in the Columbia and tributaries below the projected McNary dam site.

Sex Murderer of Girl Confesses His Crime

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A 5-foot 4-inch filling station attendant told Baltimore police last night he killed eight-year-old Sheila Ann Tuley with a kitchen knife in Cleveland New Year's day when she resisted his advances. He was ordered back to Cleveland today to face a murder charge.

"She began to scream and I lost my head," Harold Beach, Jr., 23, recounted in a police headquarters room.

Asked if he understood what he had done, Beach shrugged his shoulders, grinned wryly and replied:

"The most I can get is death—so what?"

Student 'Most Likely to Succeed' Admits Arson

SELINGROVE, Pa., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A Susquehanna freshman, who had been voted "most likely to succeed" on his graduation from high school, is charged with twice setting fire to the college administration building to avoid attending classes.

The student, Joseph Sladek, Jr., of Wildwood, N. J., was held for Snyder County Court yesterday after pleading guilty to arson charges before a justice of the peace.



TAKING CHILL OFF THE MILK—Mrs. Barbara Woodhouse fits an overcoat on one of her cows during a cold spell in Stoke Mandeville, England. Mrs. Woodhouse claims if cows are properly dressed for the weather, they give more milk. When it rains, her animals wear raincoats, and if it's cold, they wear specially fashioned jute and wool-lined coats like one above.

County Court Will Join In Report to be Given Legislative Committee

Plans for a coordinated report covering proposals for development of a commercial road between Roseburg and Reedsport were discussed today at a meeting of a Reedsport Chamber of Commerce delegation with members of the county court and representatives of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. A report will be presented at a meeting to be held at Coquille Jan. 22, at which time the legislative interim committee studying state highway needs will entertain studies and recommendations from county courts, cities, and interested groups and persons.

Agreement was reached at today's conference on salient features of the report, which will recommend raising standards of the Sutherland-Elkton route, by way of Dodge Canyon, and improvement of the Scottsburg-Reedsport section of the Drain-Reedsport highway to provide a water grade commercial road to tidewater.

The Sutherland-Elkton road already is on the state secondary highway route and authorization has been given for improvements totaling approximately \$400,000. The report will ask that the State Highway Department consider the road from Sutherland to Reedsport as a whole, for developments as a commercial route, and that improvement be integrated with the purpose of providing a road capable of handling heavy truck traffic.

Reedsport is asking immediate improvement of the Reedsport-Scottsburg section, where many danger spots exist. It is pointed out that the road, much of which is carved from solid rock, is so narrow, and has so many hanging points, that buses and freight trucks are forced out of their proper lanes of traffic. The sum of \$150,000 has been authorized, it was reported, to eliminate some of the more critical hazards, but it is estimated another \$100,000 will be required to complete the job.

The report to be submitted jointly by the Reedsport Chamber of Commerce and county court, with approval by the Roseburg chamber, is expected to urge improvement of the Reedsport-Elkton section of the Drain-Reedsport highway on plans made in 1934. Estimated cost is \$1,250,000.

The county court will urge immediate improvement of the Sutherland-Elkton section to primary standards. The highway department will be asked to consider relocation of the Bullock Bridge-Elkton section by way of the Mitchell canyon route, which it is claimed, would make a water grade possible throughout the entire distance, eliminating virtually all adverse grades.

Traffic Heavily Upped

The Reedsport delegation, which included Alden Paul, president of the Chamber of Commerce; John Skalauren, W. A. Burdick, and Jack Diehl, reported that traffic on the Drain-Reedsport road has increased recent years. The 1934 survey was made and said the bulk of this increase is in truck and bus traffic.

The great number of logging trucks, freight trucks, tankers and buses makes the road dangerous for travel, it was explained.

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Slaying of Missionaries Starts Exodus in China

HANKOW, China, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The wanton slaying of two American women missionaries and a Finnish medical missionary by "bandits" 150 miles northeast of this Central China city last week has set off a mass evacuation of foreign religious workers.

The movement is similar to that of 1927, when 6,000 missionaries left the interior of China to escape a wave of anti-foreign violence.

Various mission officials here are completing plans to remove by plane about 300 members of missionary families from areas most closely threatened by Communist troops.

Other missionaries in areas less immediately threatened are being urged to seek safety in Hankow.

Survivors of Burned Funeral Transport Saved

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—All 46 survivors who abandoned the Army's flame-sept funeral train after Joseph V. Conroy was slain today aboard a two-car vessel after a dramatic rescue from lifeboats in which they had tossed for 11 hours in raging North Atlantic seas.

Rescue of the 46—the Connolly's 45 crewmen and its lone passenger—was completed last night after an all-day air and sea search for the survivors who abandoned their blazing ship in a northeast gale some 900 miles east of New York.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rainswater

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AMBASSADOR (to Britain) Lewis Douglas tells the senate foreign relations committee that the United States "may" receive through loan repayments up to 2 3/4 billions of the 6 3/4 billions proposed for the first 15 months' operation of the European recovery program (better known as the Marshall plan).

HOW? Well, if the Marshall plan works the countries of western Europe WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO PAY THEIR DEBTS WITH.

That in a nutshell is what we are trying to accomplish through the "plan."

BUT paste this in your hat: The bulk of repayment (if any) will come IN GOODS. That is to say, the western Europeans will swap what they have that we want for what we have that they want.

That is healthy trade.

WE have been isolationist in our trade ideas. We've wanted to sell always and buy never.

That was all well enough when we were a little girl growing up. But WE'RE A BIG GIRL NOW, and have to face the realities of life.

One of the prime realities of international business is that trade

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Poultry Increase Desirable If Feed Available, Douglas Producers Told By Bennion

Because an acute feed shortage faces Oregon poultrymen, the government is asking for a 7 per cent reduction in production of chicks and 12 per cent reduction in poulters, Noel L. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State College, told a gathering of Douglas County poultrymen at the Knights of Pythias hall yesterday.

The feed shortage, combined with the state's greater population, has contributed toward the high cost of production for poultry and turkey producers generally.

"The most significant thing in poultry," he pointed out, "is that the state has changed from a large exporting area to a large importing area, in a period of from 10 to 15 years.

"This year, the Pacific Coast consumed 30 per cent more eggs than were produced and Oregon consumed 15 per cent more eggs than were produced. There is generally a good outlook for the poultry industry here, and room for expansion," he said.

Head Federal Goals

Bennion pointed out that with the state facing an acute feed shortage, poultrymen should "keep in mind" the federal goals. "If feed is available," he said, "an increase in production is desirable."

He said that poultry prices are expected to rise above average

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