Mohandas Gandhi Falls to Assassin's Bullets; India's Ancient Religious Hatreds Flare Anew

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ots Grip Bombay Nation Mourns

DELHI—(UP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi was assassi- iday by a Hindu extremist whose act plunged India w and fear.

g broke out immediately in Bombay.

8-year-old Indian whose people had christened him hatma" (Great Soul of India) died at 5:45 p.m. EST) with his head cradled in the lap of his ld grandaughter, Mani.

Garden

half an hour before, a Hindu fanatic, Ram Naturam, ed three bullets from a small caliber revolver into frail body, emaciated by years of fasting and

hi was shot in the luxurious gardens of Birla House esence of 1000 of his followers whom he was leading tle summer pagoda where it was his habit to make ing devotions.

Forgiveness

d as always in his homespun, sack-like dhoti, and leaning a staff of stout wood, Gandhi was a few feet distant from when the shots were fired.

crumpled to the ground instantly, putting his hand to his in the Hindu gesture of forgiveness to his assassin. Three netrated him at close range, one in the upper right thigh, abdomen and one in the chest.

Late"

ke no word before he died. A moment before he was shot some witnesses believed he was speaking to the assassin— late."

assin had been standing beside the garden path, his hands ms together before him in the Hindu gesture of greeting. en his palms he had concealed a revolver. He fired a fourth attempt at suicide but the bullet merely creased his scalp.

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hots from the pistol sounded like a string of firecrackers and it was a moment before Gandhi's devotees realized d happened. Then they turned on the assassin savagely and ve torn him to bits had not strong police guards intervened and drawn bayonets.

hi quickly was borne back to Birla House and placed on a ch his head in his granddaughter's lap. Within a few mo- e spoke to the stricken throng, among them Pandit Jawaharlal remier of India: "Bapu (father) is finished."

Mani rose and sat cross-legged beside the body of the man e was forfeit for the cause of peace and humanity and be- hant the 2000-year-old verses of the Bhagavth Gita, the ripture.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hindu leader, who fought British rule of India with fasts and bedience and finally saw the subcontinent split into inde- dominions, was shot down at prayer meeting in New Delhi. ands of Indians wept. There was worldwide concern at the y of renewed violence between Moslems on the one side os and Sikhs on the other. Only two weeks ago the 78-year- had fasted for five days in an effort to ease the com- ation. He ended the fast on the promise of leaders to work

officials in New Delhi said Gandhi was slain "for political because some persons did not agree with his appeals against

's chief delegate to the United Nations called the assassina- biggest disaster which has overtaken our country." Issues India and Pakistan, her Moslem neighbor, are before the urity Council.

Minister Attlee of Britain arranged a broadcast Friday obably to appeal to India and Pakistan to put aside thoughts The countries remain as dominions of the British govern- t to all intents are independents.

news shocked London and Washington.

itish official said almost anything might happen in India be- the shooting. The official, who spent many years in India, horities there would have to move fast to keep the situation

k God the assassin was not a Moslem, or all hell certainly eak loose," he said.

dent Truman, grieved over the assassination, was said to he Indian leader's death as "a tragic loss to the whole world." idential Secretary Charles G. Ross said the President is draft- tement to be made available later in the day.

ston Churchill said of the assassination: n shocked at this wicked crime."

rchill's seven-word statement was issued through his Con- e party's headquarters. Churchill many times has attacked ee government's handling of the Indian situation, and warned granting of dominion status to India and Pakistan would lence.

"He has changed the face of India, given pride and character to a cringing and demoralized people, built up strength and consciousness in the masses, and made the Indian problem a world problem."—Nehru.

MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI—The Mahatma (Great Soul) of India fasted 10 times for his people. Three of them lasted 21 days. Here's the list:

Survived Ten Major Fasts, Slain in Work for Peace

1. Mar. 1918—3 days. To force mill owners to accede to the workers' demands.
2. Nov. 1921—5 days. To pacify Bombay rioters over a visit of the Prince of Wales (now Duke of Windsor).
3. Sept. 1924—21 days. To heal a breach in the Congress Party between Home Rule and Non-Cooperation factions.
4. Sept. 1932—7 days. To protest Ramsay MacDonald's grant of separate electorates for Untouchables under the proposed constitution.
6. Aug. 1933—7 days. While in jail, because the British would not let him write for the newspapers.
7. July 1934—7 days. As a public penance for an attack on a party of Satanists.
8. March 1939—4 days. To bring settlement of dispute over constitutional reform in the state of Rajkot.
9. Feb. 1943—21 days. To protest his confinement behind barbed wire in the palace of the Aga Khan.
10. Jan. 13, 1948—5 days. To restore communal peace in India.

The Mahatma announced two of these as "fasts unto death," and attracted world attention. In addition he began several minor fasts, breaking one of 24 hours over strife in India on his 78th birthday, last Oct. 2.

French Money Program Clears Legislature

Free Gold Bill Passes One House

PARIS—(U.P.)—The National Assembly late Friday adopted a government measure establishing a free gold market and authorizing the conversion of foreign holdings.

The assembly approved the gold and conversion measure by a vote of 324 to 226. The vote formally ended a hot dispute which arose when the government announced its program to devalue the franc.

PARIS— (AP) —Both houses of France's legislature approved Friday the government's bill withdrawing all 500-franc notes from circulation.

The Finance Ministry announced that everyone holding the 5000-franc notes will be repaid. The announcement said the operation was not "an expropriation." An official source had indirated earlier that some of the bills might be confiscated as a blow at the black market if holders could not explain their possession.

Bill Edges Through

Premier Robert Schuman's drastic money program cleared another hurdle when the Council of the Republic ratified by a vote of 167 to 126 the bill abolishing the 5000-franc note as legal tender. Earlier the National Assembly approved the bill 308 to 288 after an all night debate. The Premier had staked the life of his two-month-old coalition cabinet on his program.

About 66,000,000 of the 5000-franc notes were in circulation, valued at $1,540,000,000 at the new rate of 214 francs to the dollar.

"There is not and will not be any withdrawal of other notes of the Bank of France," the Finance Ministry announced.

Another administration bill, to free the gold market, hopped a preliminary hurdle. The Assembly turned down the unfavorable recommendation of its own finance commission. The tally was 328 to 240.

Reds Charge US Violation

Navy in Italian Water Held Breach of Treaty

LONDON —(AP)— The Moscow radio said Friday that Russia has formally charged the United States with violating the Italian Peace Treaty by sending U. S. warships to Italian ports.

The broadcast said Alexander S. Panyushkin, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, had sent a protest note to Secretary of State George C. Marshall Wednesday.

(In Washington, the State Department had "no comment.")

The radio said the Soviets also sent the note to the French government "with a request to make its contents known to the allied and associated powers which had signed the peace treaty with Italy."

It was the second such protest this week. Thursday Russia complained to the U. S. and Britain over the proposed reopening of Mellaha Air Base in North Africa. This protest also charged violation of the Italian Treaty.

Claim Politics

The broadcast said Russia contended American warships are visiting Italian ports to support the government of Premier Alcide De Gasperi. The government has been under fire from Italian Communists for some time.

The announcer said the visits constituted a breach of the treaty, which provided for withdrawal from Italy by Dec. 15, 1947, of all armed forces of the Allied powers.

Provisions

(The treaty says "all armed forces of the allied and associated powers shall be withdrawn from Italy . . . not later than 90 days from the coming into force of the present treaty." The pact went into effect Sept. 15.)

The U. S. Aircraft Carrier Midway, three cruisers and 10 destroyers have anchored off some Italian ports, including Naples and Taranto. They constitute part of the Mediterranean Fleet.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A second Russian protest against American military moves in the Mediterranean has been received by the State Department.

Officials said Friday the note is under study, but did not disclose what it says.

NORFOLK, Va.—(AP)—Approximately 1000 United States Marines will be sent shortly to the Mediterranean, fifth naval district headquarters announced Friday.

The Marines, the announcement said, are "replacements" and "will not augment the total number of Marines now in the Mediterranean area."

Vet Memorial Bonds on Sale

A special bond sales committee of 45 veterans met Thursday at the Eugene Hotel for a kick-off luncheon before going out to start sale of $50,000 in bonds for completing and equipping the new Veterans Memorial Building.

The 45 veterans who attended teamed up in pairs, and will give their first reports on sales Thursday, Feb. 5, at noon in the Eugene Hotel Bamboo Room.

All signed checks for some of the 20-year, three per cent first mortgage bonds before leaving the meeting. The final report luncheon will be Thursday, Feb. 12, at the same time and place.

Clarence Urey, president of the board of directors of the Veterans Memorial Assn. of Eugene, Inc., gave a short talk at the luncheon. Talks were also made by Clarence Lombard and Ed Boehnke, of the finance committee, and Ed Bailey, attorney for the association.

The teams will contact 180 individuals and firms in an attempt to sell the bonds.

Treasurer Says Other Agencies May Need Funds

Scott Answers Hall's Proposal

SALEM — (AP) — State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, answering Governor John H. Hall's proposal to use income tax surpluses to construct buildings for the university and state colleges, urged Friday that needs of all other agencies be considered before any of the surplus is spent.

He said the surplus, now $30,000,000, might reach $50,000,000 next year.

Referring to other demands on the surplus, Scott said state employes need $3,000,000 a year in salary raises, counties and cities want $25,000,000, old age pensioners want more money, state institutions need more buildings, public schools need buildings, the general fund needs $5,000,000 to wipe out its deficit, and the highway commission needs $300,000,000.

"It would seem sound policy, first, to take inventory of them all, and then to make judicious allocations, based upon conservative expectations of future revenues," Scott said. Otherwise, some needs crowded out will make bad problems later. If future surplus should accrue, it can be similarly applied.

"It is a truism that money goes fast when spending begins. Fast spending may bring shortage in recession hard times. . . big booms don't go on without reverses, and this boom surplus won't keep on growing."

He said the surplus is not idle, because it is drawing $25,000 a month interest.

Scott also said that before the surplus is spent, it first must be determined if it would be constitutional to use it for any purpose other than for reduction of property taxes.

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Directors Endorse

Endorsement of Governor John Hall's proposal that surplus income tax collections be diverted for construction at State System of Higher Education schools was recorded Thursday night by the board of directors of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Meat Lobby Fights Rationing

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Meat men told Congress Friday they will cut down production if it restores meat rationing.

Mark W. Pickell of Naperville, Ill., testified before a Senate subcommittee, that midwestern livestock feeders already are "jittery" because of the "threat of chaos caused by rationing."

Rationing, he said, would cause feeders to dump hogs and brood sows and would reduce Americans to a diet of "parched corn and boiled hay."

The subcommittee is considering a meat rationing bill by Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt).

With the House debating tax reduction and the Senate discussing the St. Lawrence Seaway project, there were these other developments:

First bite—The House Appropriations Committee cut $56,215,313 from President Truman's request for $1,047,798,864 to run 19 independent government agencies.

Rents—Sen. Francis J. Myers (D-Pa) called for extension of rent controls at least to June 30, 1949, maybe further.

Used cars—Oliver W. Wood asked Congress for price ceilings on new and used cars.

Synthetic fuel — Bruce K. Brown, chairman of the National Military Petroleum Advisory Committee, told a House subcommittee that the cost of forcing synthetic fuel production for wartime use would be "fantastic."

Better bombs—The House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee said this country must stay "far ahead" of the rest of the world in production of atomic bombs.

Stalemate Still Seen on Pay

Charles Crary, Medford, business manager for Electricians' Union Local 659 (AFL) in Eugene, said in Portland Friday he could see no prospect of change in the contract stalemate which has halted inside electrical installation work in Eugene since the first of the year.

Associated Press said that Crary, in Portland for a routine conference, said the union and Eugene contractors had been unable to agree on a wage scale. He said last year's scale at Eugene was $1.70 an hour, 17 and one half cents lower than the prevailing scale in Oregon.

This year's scale in surrounding cities is $2, he said, and that sum was asked. When Eugene contractors did not meet it, electricians went to work elsewhere. Crary said so far as he knew all Eugene electricians were employed.

The union has made no effort to re-open negotiations, he said, and has no plans to do so.

CROP REPORTS DUE

Deadline for crop conservation practice reports is Saturday, Jan. 31, Lane County farmers were reminded Friday. The agriculture conservation office in Eugene is accepting the reports.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, foggy Friday night and Saturday morning, but clearing Saturday afternoon. Oregon, scattered showers in northwest Friday; fair but with low clouds in west Saturday; cooler; gentle to moderate northwesterly winds off coast.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Thursday, 48 degrees; low Friday, 30 degrees; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m., .08 inch; total for month, 8.22 inches; normal for month, 5.42 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 1.20 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., North 6; prevailing Thursday, South 5.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Saturday, 7:31 a. m. and 5:21 p. m. Sunday, 7:30 a. m. and 5:22 p. m.

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Saturday				
High	4:30 a.m.	8.9 ft	4:49 p.m.	7.0 ft
Low	10:50 a.m.	1.4 ft.	10:51 p.m.	1.8 ft

TOSSING IN A COIN is Francine Shrode, of the 1947 Pageant princesses. The big horn on Willamette St. collects for the March of Dimes, annual anti-infantile paralysis campaign which officially winds up in Eugene Saturday. (Wiltshire photo and engraving).

Essay Contest to Continue; Drive for Dimes on Last Lap

The March of Dimes essay contest was paying off Friday as dozens of persons throughout Lane County filled the contest folders with two dollars each and mailed them to headquarters for the anti-polio drive.

The March of Dimes campaign in Lane will close officially Saturday, but the essay contest has been extended to Feb. 8 and headquarters at Broadway and Pearl St. will remain open at least an extra week.

Instructions

Instructions for the essay contest are contained in the folders which were mailed to many Lane residents at the opening of the campaign. Persons who did not get folders may obtain them from March of Dimes headquarters, from the banks, or from booths in numerous downtown stores.

Although it has been called an "essay contest," it requires only the writing of 25 words or less on the subject: "Why I joined the March of Dimes."

Three household items for the kitchen and laundry have been offered as prizes by local merchants.

Receipts

A typical day for the receipt of March of Dimes essay contest folders was Wednesday, with returns as follows: Eugene, $265; Springfield, $56.10; Veneta, $10; Cottage Grove, $23; Junction City, $3; Florence, $2; Creswell, $3.70; Coburg, $7; Goshen, $2; Horton, $5; and Lowell, $2. Campaign officials said similar contest returns are arriving daily.

Friday's total gross income was $6354.89, an increase of $352.50 over the previous day.

Mornings Still Cool

Colder Friday morning temperatures than were expected gave Eugene its 18th day this month of sub-freezing temperatures, the weather bureau reported. Low was about 30 degrees. Little more rain is expected in the next 48 hours, but there will be fog morning and evenings.

Bus Permit Signed

SALEM —(AP)— Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg signed an order Friday granting a permit to Oregon Motor Stages to provide bus services in the suburban areas of Eugene, Springfield and Salem.

se: Can't Have Your Cake, Eat It Too

esterners Work for Flood Controls

By BILL DEAN

miniature steamroller for reclamation and flood projects was underway after two Oregon congres- delegates Thursday gave it al push.

Harris Ellsworth (R- aked a House subcom- handling appropriations od control work to ap- $19 million more for the rite Basin project than nt Truman budgeted.

t concurrently, Senator L. Morse (R-Ore) declar- em reclamation and flood projects stand no chance g "necessary appropria- Congress follows the pro- Republican leaders.

n Need

Morse and Ellsworth on the need for $15 million ridian Dam—or $8 million n Mr. Truman budgeted. Morse—in a telegram to the -Guard—added that he nded a conference of Re- leaders at which Chair- dges (R-NH) of the Sen- ppropriations Committee nded drastic cuts in west- jects.

d Cuts

re is no hope of securing essary appropriation for ern projects, including ntrol on the Willamette, amount we should have if ow the budgetary program n, Knutson and Bridges," said.

(R-Ohio) is Senate Repub- der and Knutson (R- is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and author of a bill to slash income taxes $6½ billion.

Will Oppose

Morse Wednesday said he would oppose the tax bill—now under debate in the House—because any reduction in federal revenue would kill any chance of expanding the appropriations for western projects.

"The prospects of obtaining increased appropriations are not good in view of the effort that is going to be made in this session of Congress to drastically cut the budget and vote a large tax reduction," Morse declared.

In Western Bloc

Morse and Ellsworth, along with other members of the Oregon congressional delegation and senators and representatives from other western states, form a bloc giving organized support to western reclamation, power and flood control projects.

Last year this bloc was instrumental in restoring, and, in some cases, increasing presidential requests for western projects, after an economy-minded Congress had slashed them.

Recalls Floods

Ellsworth asked the increase in appropriations, he said, in view of floods three weeks ago which took five lives and did $11,800,000 of property damage.

For Meridian Dam, Ellsworth asked $15 million, including the $7 million asked by the resident. He said that is the amount which the Corps of Engineers say can be spent "efficiently" on the work in the year.

For the same reason, he asked $11,500,000 for Detroit and $6,024,000 for Dorena (enough to complete the Row River dam). The budget would provide $3,500,000 for each.

He also asked money for bank control and revetment construction on the main stream and tributaries, and to complete appropriations for the Amazon project.

To aid shipment of lumber from the coastal area, he asked $5 million for development of Coos Bay harbor instead of the budgeted $2 million; an additional $100,000 for the Umpqua harbor, and $295,000 for the harbor at Brookings on the Chetko River.

Plane Disaster

Two Aircraft Sighted in Alps

FRANKFURT, Germany — (AP) —U. S. Air Force headquarters reported Friday the sighting of plane wreckage in the lower French Alps, and said another plane, presumably a B-17 in the search party, had crashed 20 miles east of the wreckage.

The first plane was believed to be a DC-3 transport which disappeared Tuesday while enroute from France to Italy. It carried three American women and five children, dependents of U. S. soldiers in the Trieste area.

The wreckage of this twin-engined craft was sighted 12 miles northwest of Digne, France, the Air Force headquarters at Wiesbaden reported.

One of the pilots in the search party said he had seen the second plane crash and explode. It appeared to him to be a Flying Fortress (B-17).

Ground crews started immediately for the wreck scene.

The missing plane took off from Istres Air Base near Marseille, France for Udine, Italy, Tuesday on what was to have been a three-and-a-half hour flight.

The women and children passengers had arrived by ship Saturday at Bremerhaven, Germany, from the United States. They were on the last lap of their trip to Trieste.

British Air Hero Believed Missing

LONDON — (AP) — Sir Arthur Coningham, British air hero of World War II, is believed to have been lost with 28 other persons Friday aboard a British commercial plane en route to Bermuda.

The plane was eight hours overdue at the island outpost. British South American Airways said hope for its safety looked black. The ship was a British-made Tudor IV.

Severe Weather

The plane left London Tuesday, stopping at Lisbon and the Azores. It was delayed at the Azores by "extremely severe weather," the airline announcement said.

Most of the passengers were British. The airline said there were at least 23 passengers and six crewmen aboard.

Sir Arthur retired last November.

North Africa

In World War II, he worked with the British Eighth Army in North Africa and formed the first tactical air force in French North Africa in 1943. He also took part in Italian operations. He was born in Brisbane, Australia, 53 years ago.

A spokesman for the BSAA said the plane was not full and some of the passengers might have got off when it stopped at Lisbon and the Azores on its westward passage.

Ingham Keeps Job

C. W. Ingham, Marcola, Friday was reelected president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., Associated Press reported.

Truman to Speak

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—(AP)—President Truman will speak over all networks at 8:54 p. m. (PST) Friday night in behalf of the annual March of Dimes campaign.

ey a Mother

TA MONICA, Calif. — (AP) ley Temple, who not so ago was a famous movie tar, became a mother Fri-

e Husband John Agar pac- waiting room. Shirley gave a daughter. Dr. William ldbury said both were do-