

# THE BEND BULLETIN

CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

**Bend Forecast**  
Bend and vicinity — Mostly cloudy today and Friday; occasional light rain; little temperature change; high today 52; low tonight 30 to 35; high Friday 50 to 55.

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## Court Acquits Miners in Contempt Action

### Truman Still Adamant Over Moscow Trip

**By John L. Steele and Edward V. Roberts**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, March 2 (UP)—President Truman said today he favors any move that would contribute to world peace, but that he will never go to Moscow while he is president.  
Mr. Truman added—as he has said many times in the past—that the door is always open here for discussions on any subject.  
He declined at his news conference to comment specifically on a proposal advanced yesterday by Sen. Brien McMahon, D., Conn., that the Atlantic council lay out a program for atomic peace and that the UN assembly then meet in Moscow to consider it.  
Mr. Truman did say, however, that he would cooperate wholeheartedly with anything that would contribute to world peace.  
The president was questioned amid speculation that the administration may yield to congressional demands for new action to assure the world of this government's peaceful aims in world affairs.  
Asked if he would be willing to go to Moscow to talk with the Russians, the president said he would not go to Moscow at all. But he added—as he has said many times—that the door is always open here at any time for discussions on any subject.  
A reporter then asked if his determination never to go to Moscow applied only to the current period of touchy issues between this country and the soviet union. Mr. Truman said firmly he would never go to Moscow while he is president. He said he was putting it as plainly as possible.  
He added, however, that when he quits being president he would like to go to the Russian capital and see the place.

### Officers Have FBI Instructor



Howard B. Patterson of the federal bureau of investigation, Portland, assisted here yesterday with the region-wide police training program held in the city commission room. The Wednesday afternoon meeting, one of a series, initiated a 15 hour project involving the handling of a practical problem in burglary from the initial investigation through final court action. Law enforcement officers were here from the three central Oregon counties. Sgt. L. L. Hirtzel assisted Patterson in handling the class.

### British Labor Will Go Slow On Social Plan

**By R. H. Shackford**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
London, March 2 (UP)—Prime minister Clement R. Attlee told his new socialist cabinet today that he has decided to call a halt for the time being in the nationalization of British industry.  
Attlee made his decision in the face of opposition from the left wing of his labor party and the later danger of a substantial revolt.  
He was believed to have interpreted labor's narrow margin of victory in the general election last week as a sign that the country had had enough nationalization for the present. Labor won a majority of only seven seats over the combined opposition in the new parliament.  
The labor party had campaigned for the general election on a platform promising nationalization of the cement and sugar industries, meat distribution and water supply.  
Attlee's decision means that the new government will make no attempt to carry out that program.

### Bend Group Offers Views At Air Hearing

An exhibit containing the views of Bend and Redmond on West Coast airline's application to provide service to central Oregon, yesterday was presented at a civil aeronautics board hearing in Salem, by a six-man delegation.  
Making up the delegation were Howard W. Moffat and G. W. McCann of Bend, and C. E. Thompson, W. H. Stauffacher, J. C. Brown and Harold Clapp, of Redmond.  
In its application West Coast has asked that it be allowed to replace United Airline service to the mid-state area.  
Harold Clapp, who made an oral statement supplementary to the Bend-Redmond exhibit, said that the central Oregon area primarily is interested in improved air service, regardless of which carrier provides the service.

### Gas Delivery Via Clippers To Be Studied

Indicating that Bend again will consider regulation of clipper delivery of gasoline to local service stations, Mayor T. D. Sexton Wednesday evening appointed a committee to investigate the situation and draw up an ordinance that would bar such deliveries.  
The action was taken at the first March meeting of the city commission.  
Heading the committee will be W. O. Cuthbertson, city manager. Other members will be Ross Farnham, city attorney; Henry Casiday, chief of police, and LeRoy Fox, city fire chief.  
Commissioner W. J. Baer objected, when the matter first was raised, demanding to know whether or not members of the commission were to be consulted. Mayor Sexton assured him that only the appointment of a committee was involved in the preliminary move, and that the commission would have ample opportunity for debate when the ordinance is presented.

### President Truman Expected To Ask Congress for Power To Seize Mines, End Crisis

**By ROBERT E. LEE**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, March 2 (UP)—John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers union was acquitted today of civil and criminal contempt charges growing out of the miners' refusal to call off their strike.  
Federal judge Richmond B. Keech's "not guilty" ruling left the next move in the coal crisis squarely up to the executive branch of the government.  
Barring an unexpected contract agreement, President Truman is likely to ask congress for power to seize the struck mines and thus end a crisis which the president himself today described as a very serious national emergency.  
Keech's ruling apparently upheld the union's claim that the union's officers had done their best to comply with his no-strike order issued Feb. 11.  
Union attorneys contended that 370,000 miners have remained away from their jobs "individually" by their own independent action.  
**Appeal Probable**  
Assistant attorney general H. Graham Morrison said the government "undoubtedly" will appeal the acquittal on the civil charge. It cannot appeal the criminal charge.  
But an appeal would take time, and time is running out in the coal crisis.  
Keech's decision cleared the way for President Truman to take drastic action to get the miners back to work. Barring an early contract settlement—which seems unlikely—Mr. Truman is expected to ask congress for power to seize the mines.  
Many miners have said they would resume digging under a "bona fide" government seizure—with the miners working for the government and the profits going into the federal treasury instead of to the mine owners.  
Up to now, Mr. Truman has said he could take no further action while the case was in the courts. But Keech's action removed that obstacle.  
Only this morning, Mr. Truman told his news conference that the coal crisis now is a very serious national emergency.  
Rep. Eugene E. Cox, D., Ga., told the house today that the coal strike "has developed into an insurrection against the government."  
"I would put it down if it calls for the use of every soldier in the country," Cox declared. "The president has done the best he could in an amiable way... If he needs more power, I'm sure congress will give it to him for the asking."  
**Court Comments**  
Judge Keech summed up his finding this way:  
"It may be that the mass strike of union members has been ordered, encouraged, recommended, instructed, induced, or in some wise permitted by means not appearing in the records." Keech said. "But this court may not convict on conjecture, being bound to act only on the evidence before it, which is insufficient to support a finding of either criminal or civil contempt."  
UMW attorney Welly K. Hopwood (Continued on Page 5)

### Pioneer Dies



John F. Steiwer

### John F. Steiwer Oregon Pioneer, Dies at Age of 94

Portland, March 2 (UP)—John F. Steiwer, 94, son of Oregon pioneers and father of the late Senator Frederick Steiwer, died here last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence W. Walls. He had been seriously ill for the past several months.  
Mr. Steiwer, son of Frederick Steiwer and Susan Looney Steiwer, was born on the Frederick Steiwer donation claim in Marion county, March 20, 1856. He attended Willamette university, and in May 1881, was married to Ada E. May, daughter of pioneers, at Salem. Mrs. Steiwer died in 1909.  
Children born to the Oregon pioneers were Mrs. Elmer T. Connell, Portland; the late Senator (Continued on Page 5)

### Fremont Scout Leaders Meet In Bend, Set Date for Circus

Scout committeemen from three counties of the Fremont district meeting in Bend last night set Saturday, May 20, as the date for the 1950 Boy Scout circus, to be held on Bruinfield in Bend. Following a report from W. M. Romine, Prineville, scout circus chairman, and Lowell L. Hirtzel, chairman for the Bend Kiwanis, sponsoring organization, the committee voted to change the date from May 13 to May 20, Leo B. Herbring, district chairman, announced.

### District 41 School Board Will Condemn

Condemnation proceedings have been launched by board of school district No. 41, Jefferson county and the district boundary board to obtain legal right to land on which it is proposed to erect the new Black Butte school, in the Metolius river area, it was learned here today. The proceedings are against Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Haglund, C. K. Morgret and others, owners of the site sought for school purposes.  
The present Black Butte school has been occupied for some 31 years, on forest service land. Last fall, voters of the district authorized an \$18,000 bond issue for a new school. The district recently was advised that this building must be erected on land owned by the district, not by the forest service. Thus it was necessary for the district to launch a move to obtain a site.  
M. A. Sharp, chairman of the (Continued on Page 7)

### Decision Endorsed

The new cabinet, meeting today for the first time, was understood to have endorsed Attlee's decision to proceed with a policy of less rather than more socialism.  
High on the agenda for today's meeting was preparation of the speech with which King George VI will open parliament formally next Monday. The king's speech traditionally is written by the government in power and outlines its legislative program for the coming year.  
As now envisioned, the speech will not mention nationalization.  
The conservative opposition will raise a delicate point in the subsequent debate by moving an amendment deploring the failure of the government to ask repeal of the act to nationalize the iron and steel industry, effective next Jan. 1.  
Reliable sources said that, as a matter of fact, the government is looking for a graceful way out of the steel act.

### OPINIONS VARY

Salem, March 2 (UP)—Representatives from several Oregon and Washington cities appeared before a hearing by the U.S. civil aeronautics board here Wednesday on whether West Coast airlines should replace United Air lines in Salem and several other cities of the two states.  
Some favored retention of UAL. Others expressed dissatisfaction with present UAL service. Still others said they were neutral as long as their communities get adequate air service.  
The one-day preliminary hearing in Salem was conducted by J. Earl Cox, CAB examiner. United Air lines representatives challenged CAB authority to permit West Coast airlines to establish flights at Salem, Bend and Klamath Falls in Oregon and Bellingham in Washington.  
UAL now services these cities, and UAL attorney Floyd Rett contended that the CAB could not suspend a permanent operations certificate.  
Officials of the West Coast and United Air lines attended the hearing but did not testify. They will go on record with formal testimony later before the federal board in Washington, D.C.  
Largest representations at the hearing here were from Salem, which favored United Air lines, and Klamath Falls, which expressed dissatisfaction with the present UAL service.  
The issue at stake was whether West Coast should be permitted to serve Portland, Salem, Corvallis, Eugene, North Bend, Coos Bay, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend and Redmond in Oregon.  
Salem city manager J. L. Franzen said the capital city is opposed to eliminating UAL from Salem but is not against West Coast operating here, if it does not conflict with United.  
Other witnesses from Astoria and Eugene in Oregon and Everett in Washington favored continuation of West Coast service in their areas. Representatives from Medford and Klamath Falls urged airline service connecting their two communities.  
After the hearing, Cox said the Washington, D.C., hearing originally set for March 13, had been postponed. The hearing probably will be held March 27.  
James Cellars of Astoria said West Coast has served that city adequately for several years. He said Astoria favors extension of West Coast service to Salem and Klamath Falls.  
Harold C. Clapp, representing Bend and Redmond, said they wanted improved air service to Portland, other Oregon communities, Seattle and San Francisco. He said existing UAL service in Bend was not sufficient.

### ALREADY CONSIDERED

Lake Success, N.Y., March 2 (UP)—Sen. Brien McMahon's proposal for a special session of the United Nations general assembly to be held in Moscow already has been considered by top officials of the world organization.  
There was no indication of any decision, but there also was no indication that they have rejected the idea.  
Secretary-general Trygve Lie has been holding conferences with individual members of the security council, including Russia, ever since soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik walked out of the 11-nation body on Jan. 13. Malik's stroll, protesting the continued presence of the Chinese nationalists, began the boycott by Russia and her cominform partners that has all but paralyzed the UN.  
Lie is seeking a way out of the UN's two impasses:  
**Two Impasses**  
1. The east-west deadlock on atomic energy, concerning which McMahon yesterday proposed the Moscow assembly session.  
2. Russia's demand that Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese nationalists be supplanted in the UN by Mao Tse-tung (Continued on Page 5)

### Air Line Hard Hit by Walkout

New York, March 2 (UP)—American Air Lines, largest domestic passenger carrier, operated only 40 of its normal 201 originating flights today and an official of a striking union of maintenance workers predicted that all its planes would be grounded by tonight.  
The company said only that it was doing the best it could to operate despite the walk-out of the 4,600 workers who maintain and service its planes.  
It said it would refuse to negotiate with the union, the Transport Workers (CIO) while the strike is in effect. But it said the strike was a success "from the union point of view."  
William Grogan, international vice-president of the union, said the company could not maintain even its curtailed schedules without "jeopardizing safety."  
"The airplanes can't go long without getting service," he said.  
The line appealed by mail to its striking employes to return to work. It said it had "made gains" in New York and Chicago, but had "lost ground" in St. Louis and Nashville.  
Almost all picket lines were being crossed, however, a check of major cities showed.

### Mercury Holds On Average Here

Despite three nights of subzero temperature, with the mercury dipping to 19 below zero on one occasion, the average February temperature was within one-tenth of a degree of the 48-year normal, 34.2 degrees, observers in charge of the Bend weather station reported today. Comparatively high day temperatures and a week of mild nights brought the February temperature up to the long-time mean after the month got off to a chilly start, with lows of -13, -19 and -17 recorded on the first three nights.  
February was an abnormally dry month, following January with its record snow and heavy precipitation. Total precipitation this past month was only .29 of an inch, compared with 1.34 inches for the long-time mean.  
Bend experienced a temperature spread of 79 degrees in February, data for the 28 days reveal. High for the month was 60 degrees, recorded on two different days, and the low was minus 19. A trace or more of precipitation, mostly in the form of snow, fell on 17 different days.  
Records dating back 48 years show that the warmest February temperature ever recorded in Bend was 76 degrees, in 1924. The lowest was minus 25 degrees, in 1933.

### 2 DIE IN PLANE CRASH

Seattle, March 2 (UP)—A small private plane plunged into Puget sound off Bainbridge island today fatally injuring two brothers who were en route from Seattle to Port Angeles, Wash., on a business trip, the coast guard reported.  
The dead were identified as Gene and Earl W. Sutherland. The brothers were believed to be the only occupants aboard the ill-fated aircraft.  
**MOFFAT TO SPEAK**  
Howard W. Moffat, Bend chamber of commerce manager, will be guest speaker tomorrow evening at a meeting of the Tumalo grange, Vern Hartford, grange lecturer, announced.  
The meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock.  
Motion pictures on the atom bomb test at Bikini also will be shown, Hartford said.

### Building Permits Amount to \$34,875 During February

Estimated value of buildings for which permits were issued in February is \$34,875, compared with \$17,450 in the frigid February of 1949, data compiled by City recorder Leona Carrier today show. Thirteen building permits, several for construction of residences, were issued in February. The permits also included one for renovation of the front of the Bend Hardware Co. building, at the corner of Bond and Minnesota. Work on that building includes replacement of a broken plate glass window, removal of a marquee, installation of a ceramic tiling and painting of the front. A. Wilson Benoit has the contract.  
Permits issued in February also cover a number of garages and building repair jobs. Persons to whom permits for construction of dwellings were issued here in February and the estimated cost of the work follow:  
Milo O. Wood, \$6,000, East Second and Kearney; Frank Laursen, \$7,000, Hawthorne and East 4th; \$6,000, Walter and Robert E. Marken, Revere, in Wiestoria addition; \$5,000, Charles Viergas, Lafayette and East 9th.

### Potato Ring Rot Found, Controlled

A case of ring rot in a central Oregon potato crop recently was detected in a very small lot in the mid-state area, according to a report from W. R. Stanard, district supervisor for the federal-state inspection service.  
Stanard stated that quarantine regulations and inspections for their clean up have been followed and completed.  
Since ring rot regulations have been in effect in this area, constant observation has been made to make sure that this disease is kept under control, he added.

### Confusion of Ideas Over Bend Blood Unit Explained

Some confusion and conflicting ideas regarding the blood program planned for Bend have been noted in the community as the 1950 Red Cross roll call gets underway, Jack Halbrook, publicity chairman for the campaign, reported today. He issued the following statement:  
"First of all, the present Red Cross campaign has nothing to do with the blood donor program. The campaign now in progress is the regular campaign for funds. The announcement that Bend has been selected as a blood sub-center was made to call attention of residents of Deschutes county to one of the activities they are supporting when they make their contributions.  
"The blood donor program is a campaign unto itself and will be handled by B. A. 'Dutch' Stover. As soon as refrigerator facilities are available, which will be in the next month or two and long before the new hospital is completed, arrangements will be started to sign up blood donors.  
"When 500 people have been signed, the bloodmobile will come here from Portland with a trained staff to collect the blood which will be taken to Portland for typing and classification. The blood will then be sent to Bend for storage and use as needed.  
"Portland is one of 28 regional centers in the United States, and has all the laboratory equipment necessary for testing and separation. Under the national blood program, Bend becomes a smaller center, or sub-center, where blood will be stored to make it more readily available.  
"If further questions should arise, information may be obtained by calling the local Red Cross headquarters, telephone 467, Halbrook said.  
The 1950 Red Cross roll call was formally launched in Deschutes county yesterday, with Harold Aspinwall, Bend, as roll call chairman. In Bend, volunteers are signing members in downtown Bend. Women will assist in the residential districts, with Ben Hamilton to be in charge of industrial plants.  
Rev. Robert Nicholas is chairman of the Deschutes county chapter of the American Red Cross.

### Prosecution Rests Today In Dr. Sander Murder Trial

**By H. D. Quigg**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Manchester, N.H., March 2 (UP)—The prosecution rested at 2:01 p.m. (EST) today at Dr. Hermann N. Sander's mercy murder trial, and the defense moved immediately for a directed verdict of acquittal.  
The all-male jury—12 men and an alternate—was taken from the courtroom at 2:03 p.m. and Superior Judge Harold F. Wescott began hearing arguments on the defense motion.  
The defense had brought two large cases of law books into the courtroom to back up its motion for a directed verdict.  
The motion was based largely on two points:  
1.—Failure of the state to establish a corpus delicti, meaning specifically that the death was of a felonious nature.  
2.—Failure of the state to show that the air and not cancer killed Mrs. Borroto.  
When court reconvened after the luncheon recess, County solicitor William H. Craig rose and said:  
"The state rests, your honor."  
Through its 16 witnesses the state had attempted to prove:  
1.—That Dr. Sander injected 40 cubic centimeters of air into the veins of cancer-doomed Mrs. Ab-

### REA Gets Line Right-of-Way

The Deschutes county court yesterday granted right-of-way to Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., to construct a 23,000-volt transmission line, largely on county property extending north of Petersen's Rock gardens to Cline Falls, and west some eight miles along the Redmond-Sisters highway.  
It also was disclosed at the court meeting that the county road department expended a total of \$12,486 in snow clearing operations this winter.  
Among other business, the court authorized payment of current county bills.  
Present for the session were C. L. Allen, Judge; A. E. Stevens and E. E. Varco, commissioners, and George McAllister, roadmaster.

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