

# BENDER PROPOSES SPENDING CUT

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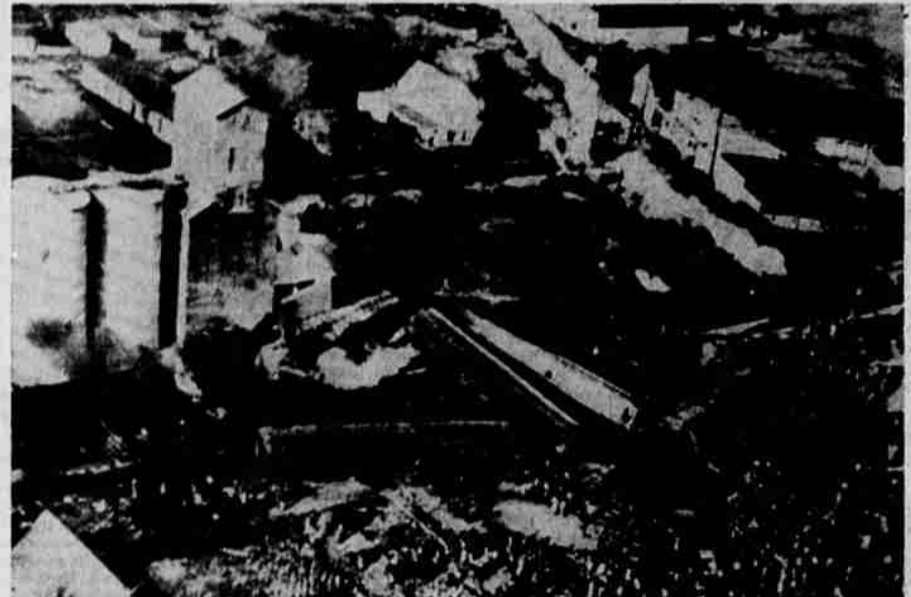
## Herald and News

**WEATHER**  
Max. (Jan. 27) 35 Min. 19  
Precipitation last 24 hours .77  
Stream year to date .47  
Normal .65 Last year .54  
Forecast: Showers today, tonight and Wednesday.

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# Indiana Train Wreck Kills Four

## Air Shot Of Train Wreck



WALTON, Ind., Jan. 28—This is an air view of the wreckage of a Pennsylvania line's passenger train which was derailed here yesterday. Hundreds of curious spectators watch clean-up operations. —AP wirephoto.

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
THE mission village that grew up to be the city of San Francisco was founded near the tip of the peninsula. It was named Yerba Buena by its Spanish discoverer. Yerba Buena means good herb. The good herb that suggested its name was a little aromatic plant that grew in such profusion as to attract the attention of the pioneering Spaniards.

They came from San Diego, and it was a long and hazardous and wearing trip. Other parties exploring northward by land had turned back because of the perils of the journey—the chief of which was HUNGER.

Traveling today through the rich Salinas valley and the other fertile valleys along the Camino, it is hard to imagine that starvation was once an ever-present danger along this now famous and fruitful route.

THAT thought leads us off along an interesting line of reflection.

Why was this land, now so lushly productive, then so nearly barren, especially in the summer, that men and animals alike grew thin with hunger when traversing it?

The answer is simple and plain—and a little brutal: The Indians, who were its only human inhabitants, were too unambitious, too ignorant, too inefficient to DEVELOP ITS POSSIBILITIES.

It became lush and productive only when the superior genius and willingness to work of the white man were applied to it.

THEREIN (so far as any attempted justification may be concerned) lies the whole story of the white man's "imperialism," which now is such a discredited institution throughout the world.

If one chose, quite a case could be made for the thesis that the so-called inferior peoples have benefited, ECONOMICALLY, from their conquest by the so-called superior peoples.

The weak spot in the thesis, of course, lies in the fact that there is a difference between cold economic benefit and PERSONAL LIBERTY to do as you please instead of having to do what somebody else TELLS you to do.

THESE California Indians who were conquered and "civilized" by the Spanish whites were by all accounts only one step above animals. They lived on roots and herbs and acorns. The rigors of the life they led were such that they died young.

Which, from our materialistic modern viewpoint, may have been just as well. By our standards, their lives were certainly not glamorous enough to make longevity attractive.

But what of THEIR viewpoint? THEY gave the answer to that question themselves. Even after experience enough under their Spanish masters to make it plain that, CONQUERED, their stomachs were fuller than

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**ROTARY FOUNDER DIES**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (AP)—Paul P. Harris, who in 1905 organized the first Rotary club and whose work in the organization which became world-wide won him numerous honors from citizens and governments, died last night after a long illness. Harris, a Chicago lawyer, was 78.

## Tax Forum Slated For Wednesday

Sales tax arguments—pro and con—will be brought out into the open tomorrow as members of the Klamath County chamber of commerce meet to hold a forum on the subject which is one of the biggest pieces of business currently before the state legislature.

One of the results of the forum, to be held in the Willard dining room at noon, will be to cement the chamber's stand toward the proposed tax.

Chamber Secretary Charles Stark said that probably two speakers will give views on each side of the question, but that the idea of the forum was to bring the arguments for and against the sales tax into the open, and not to try to sell anyone on the idea of favoring or opposing the tax.

After the meeting, Stark said, a ballot will be put in the mail to each chamber of commerce member to allow a secret voting on the proposed tax, for or against.

The result of this poll will determine the stand of the local chamber of commerce on the sales tax question and will be communicated to Klamath county members of the state legislature.

Stark said that speakers for the tax would be Jim Southern of Alturas, former Klamath Falls business man, who will explain how the tax works in California, and a representative of the Klamath realty board.

On the negative side of the question will be F. W. Winseman, who has been in business in California and is opposed to the tax, and a representative of local organized labor.

Morton Tompkins, master of the Pomona grange, has been asked to speak at the meeting, but declined. Tompkins has been opposed to a sales tax, while granges in this area have been generally in favor of it.

## British May Evacuate Women

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones told the house of commons today British women and children might be removed from Palestine to protect them from extremist violence.

A concentration of British civilian personnel also is "under active consideration," the colonial secretary announced.

He said the government meanwhile would continue to give unreserved support to Palestine civil and military authorities in efforts to end what he said was a reign of "terrorism."

## Missing Plane Found, 2 Dead

YAKIMA, Jan. 28 (AP)—The three-day search for a missing Oregon flier and his passenger ended late last night when the twisted wreckage of the light craft, its occupants pinned inside, was found on the crest of 2,000-foot Simcoe ridge, 12 miles southeast of Harrah, Wash.

Bodies of the two men were removed from the plane and brought to Yakima.

Search for the two men—Donald F. Williams, 29, and Warren Stelzer, both of Eugene—was begun Saturday when the plane failed to arrive in Eugene after taking off in bad weather at Yakima.

Location of the plane indicated it had crashed only a few minutes after leaving the Yakima airport.

The wreckage was found by Harvey Hargreaves, Ed Gordon and Carl Marler while the trio were driving through the area.

## Enlisted Wacs In Japan Get Green Light On Civvies

TOKYO, Jan. 28 (AP)—Enlisted Wacs, the Cinderellas of Japan because they have to be in bed by midnight while their officer and civilian sisters continue to dance and play, brightened up today when the army said they could wear good old civilian clothes on week-ends.

## Rifle Shot Halts Holdup

A rifle shot may have broken up an attempted burglary at the Depot cafe early this morning, and M. A. McClung, dishwasher at the cafe, told city police he thinks he might have hit the intruder.

McClung said that he was sitting in a room at the rear of the cafe, Spring and Oak, and heard someone trying to break in the back door about 3 o'clock this morning.

He said that he grabbed a 25-20 rifle, stepped to the door and saw a man, who saw him at the same time and ran away toward Spring street. McClung said that he stepped out of the building and fired one shot at the retreating figure and may have hit him, but the man got away.

McClung waited for about a half-hour before calling police who searched the vicinity and were unable to find the prowler or any bloodstains to verify McClung's marksmanship.

## Wire Roll In Switch Crash Cause

By MERRILL SWEDLUND  
WALTON, Ind., Jan. 28 (AP)—The death toll of yesterday's wreck of the Pennsylvania Railroad Union passenger train was revised to four today after a thorough examination of a battered day coach of the eight-car train.

A bale of fencing wire jammed into a switch caused the wreck Indiana state police said.

State police and wrecking crews had reported seeing two bodies in the coach in the darkness, but shortly after daylight it was determined the only dead were the locomotive fireman and three passengers whose bodies had been taken out in the night.

Score Injured  
Nearly a score of persons were injured, one of them seriously.

Dr. M. B. Stewart, Cass county coroner, said an inquest would be held at 9 a. m., Friday and that 22 witnesses, including state police and railroad officials, had been summoned.

State Police Lt. John R. Fisher and A. F. McIntyre, Pennsylvania superintendent, said that the roll of wire was found jammed into a switch and that caused the wreck.

Several rolls of the wire were stored in piles along the railroad track at the scene of the wreck, Fisher said.

Apparently one of these either fell or was placed on the track and we want to know which," Fisher said.

Source Sought  
"The bale of wire found in the switch was the cause of the wreck," Fisher added. "It was either placed there deliberately, perhaps the work of a prankster or a crank, or it was dropped there by some one stealing the wire."

The roll of wire was about two-feet across and weighed around 400 pounds.

W. W. Patchell, of Chicago, general manager of the western region of the Pennsylvania, said that the federal bureau of investigation is working with state police.

A roll of wire is missing from the stock along the track and "it is presumed to be the one found wedged in the switch," said Patchell.

The identified dead are: C. A. Wisler of Richmond, Ind., fireman and passenger; Miss Kathryn Marie Kingery, 25, Kokomo, Ind.; Walter Pischke, Kokomo; H. G. Perkinson, Anderson, Ind.

## Kidnaped Men Freed By Jews

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28 (AP)—Two Britons kidnaped this week as hostages by an underground organization were reported tonight to have been released.

The Jewish agency announced it learned that H. A. I. Collins, Jerusalem banker abducted Sunday night, had been set free somewhere in the Jerusalem area. Police were searching the roads for him.

It was reported unofficially from a Tel Aviv government source that Judge Ralph Windham, of the district court of Tel Aviv, kidnaped from his courtroom Monday by an armed band whom police identified as Jews, had been freed in that all-Jewish city.

A car drove up before a motion picture theater in Tel Aviv, a box rolled out and Windham stepped from the box, according to this account.

## House Gives Truck Bill Big Margin

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.  
SALEM, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives, with only three dissenting votes, passed and sent to the senate today the bill to make permanent the temporary wartime length and weight limits for trucks operating on state highways.

The bill permits operation of trucks up to 60 feet in length and weighing 72,000 pounds, compared with 50 feet and 54,000 pounds before the war.

There was no debate on the measure, which has caused much rancor and extended argument during the past four legislative sessions.

Voting against the bill were Reps. J. E. Bennett, Portland; Giles L. French, Moro; and Joseph E. Harvey, Portland.

Explaining the bill, Rep. Burt K. Snyder, Lakeview, chairman of the house roads and highways committee, said it would remove trade barriers by making Oregon conform to the other western states, and that it would prevent unnecessary damage to highways because of its formula limiting the weight on each axle to 18,000 pounds.

Snyder said the bill would be of great benefit to eastern Oregon, which he said has inadequate transportation.

Rep. Herman Chindgren, Molalla, said he was voting for the bill in "the belief that the proponents of the bill will bring a bill in this legislature to make these moguls of the road pay their just share of the cost of the roads."

## 11 Men Die In Fiery Crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 28 (AP)—Engine trouble was officially advanced today as the likely cause of a B-29 superfortress crash which carried 11 men to fiery deaths at the army's Kirtland field.

Laden with secret equipment, the big ship wavered on the takeoff, climbed no more than 200 feet and cracked up in a narrow arroyo yesterday just south of the field's mile and a half-long main runway.

It blazed fiercely as fuel tanks broke open but did not explode. Several of the dead were found with arms upflung as if for protection. Portions of the plane, none larger than the engines and pieces of the wings, were strewn 175 yards down the gully.

One member of the 12-man crew, T/Sgt. Francis L. Podlesky, 33, of Albuquerque, survived, thanks to rescue by a pair of GI firefighters. Hospital attendants said he had a good chance of recovering from burns.

## Snow Covers Basin Again

Klamath enjoyed brief respite from winter's blast but again today felt the sting of a bitter north wind and a blast of snow which whipped this area the past 24 hours.

Mercury slipped to 19 degrees at 6 o'clock last night and it started snowing at 12:30 a. m. today. Snow was general throughout the southern section of the state and a particularly heavy fall in portions of Josephine county blocked highways and forced closing of two county schools today.

Snowplows and sanders were busy working in the Mt. Sexton grade country north of Grants Pass.

The storm came in from the Pacific, shifted southward today and gave southern Oregon the brunt of its force, the weather man said. Road sanding crews were in operation throughout the mountain passes and new snow was reported as Odell lake on the Willamette pass, Sun mountain and The Dalles-California highway, and four inches fell on the Green Springs highway. Chains were advised by the state highway department.

Colder temperatures for this area were forecast by the weather man.

## Asks Slash Below 1932 Figures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP) Rep. Bender (R-Ohio), proposed today that congress slash spending for "normal government functions" 25 per cent below the 1932 outlay.

"I want to do what President Roosevelt promised to do in his first campaign for president," Bender told reporters he announced that he is preparing legislation to carry out this latest economy suggestion.

Roosevelt Statement  
(In a campaign speech on October 19, 1932, at Pittsburgh, Mr. Roosevelt said spending for the "business of government" rose from \$2,187,000,000 in 1927 to \$3,168,000,000 in 1931. Terminating this "reckless and extravagant pace," he added: "I shall approach the problem of carrying out the plain precept of our party which is to reduce the cost of current federal government operations by 25 per cent.")

Bender did not make clear immediately how much of a saving his proposal might effect if adopted.

Total Spending  
Total government spending in 1932 amounted to \$4,848,000,000. But of that amount only \$2,641,000,000 is listed under "civil and miscellaneous" expenditures—that is exclusive of defense, pensions and interest on the debt.

President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget for next year includes only \$1,427,000,000 for "general government" but some \$13,700,000,000 is allotted for items other than defense, veterans and the debt.

It was Bender who, at the outset of the first GOP-dominated congress in 18 years, sent each republican member a new broom bearing this tag: "Here's yours; let's do the job."

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.), house democratic leader on fiscal legislation, said he will cooperate in cutting the budget so long as the reaction "does not militate against the efficiency of government."

## Girl Witness To Argument

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—Police said today a comely brunette friend of a club operator charged with murder had told of witnessing a prolonged argument and fight that preceded the death of Ship's Captain Frank B. Tatum.

Detective Chief James Purcell reported the statement by Miss Sybil Willard was the "most sensational information" obtained in the week-long investigation.

She has been placed under \$1,000 bond and will be a state's witness. Purcell said the girl's statement said Tatum and Patrick Raymond (alias O'Day) had exchanged punches while arguing across the bar the afternoon of Jan. 14. Finally, their blows developed into a savage fight in which Raymond's aides became involved, Purcell said.

Raymond, John Snyder, 20, and Harold Sehorn, 25, are charged with murder and accused of fatally beating the Billerica, Mass., ship captain and tossing his body from a 50-foot cliff in suburban Portland.

Purcell said the girl reported Tatum was groaning while apparently unconscious on the floor and that Snyder and Sehorn carried the captain from the club.

## Plane Safe In Weird Accident

MILL CITY, Jan. 28 (AP)—Two Salem men landed safely here yesterday after gliding 10 miles over the rough, northwestern country where their airplane dropped a propeller.

John Lamb, pilot, said he was at 8000 feet when the propeller flew off and their long search for an emergency landing field ended just east of here. Damage to the plane was slight.

Lamb and Roy Madsen, on a business trip to Bend, were not injured.

## Bad Weather In Antarctic Holds Up Flight Of Planes

LITTLE AMERICA, Jan. 27 (Delayed)—(AP)—Bad weather here and near Scott Island, 600 miles to the north, forced another delay tonight in plans for a flight of six carrier transport planes to this Antarctic base.

The planes, aboard the carrier Philippine Sea, have been poised several days for the flight.

While unfavorable weather was forecast for Tuesday, a break was a possibility Wednesday.

The icebreaker Northwind which left Little America recently for a meeting with the carrier now is forced back through the ice pack. Admiral Cruzen, expedition commander, said it will halt midway to act as a reference point for the planes and also as a rescue ship in case of any mishap.

## Victims In Armed Holdup



Ray Malatchi, manager of the Oregon Food store on Oregon avenue, opens the door to the back room where armed stickup men shoved him and Billy Joplin, 16, right, his employee, during holdup Monday evening. By peering through the keyhole of the door after the robbers had gone, Malatchi asked help of a little girl customer who released them.

## Armed Bandits Stick Up Grocery Store

Two young unmasked bandits, one of them armed, stuck up the manager and an employee of the Oregon Food store, 1749 Oregon, about 8:15 last night and got a way with an undisclosed amount of cash after locking Ray Malatchi, store manager, and Billy Joplin, 16, clerk, in a back storeroom.

The bandits took the entire day's store receipts except checks, and Malatchi estimated the amount as between \$500 and \$600.

The store manager told police that one man, described as about 30 years old, dark-skinned and handsome, dressed in dark pants, dark hat and khaki jacket, walked into the store while he and Joplin were alone in the building.

This man came to the rear of the store, pulled a revolver out of his jacket pocket and pointed it at Malatchi. The other bandit, described as a blond, about 28, wearing a green cloth jacket, khaki pants and bareheaded, followed his partner into the store and went over to the cash register, near which Billy Joplin was checking invoices.

Joplin said that he believed this man was also armed, and that the man told him to go to the rear of the store, where the dark-skinned man told them both to get "into the meat cooler."

The cooler was locked, however, and Malatchi and Joplin were driven into the storeroom. The bandit with the pistol stood guard over them in the half-open doorway, police said, while the blond man opened and looted the cash register.

Then Malatchi and Joplin were locked in the storeroom, the door secured by a bolt, and the men left.

## Armed Bandits Stick Up Grocery Store

By that time the bandits had gone.

Mary Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McNabb, 718 Roseway drive. She said she did not see the holdup men.

Police have located one other witness to the robbery. Joe Watts, 1503 Oregon, was coming to the store, police said, and saw one man come out of the building and run to a car parked about 100 feet away on Oregon avenue. Then the other man came out and stood looking up and down the street momentarily before he got into the car.

Watts went on to the store, getting there just as Malatchi and Joplin were being released from the storeroom. Learning that the place had just been robbed, he ran back out front and saw the men whip their car around in a U turn and drive back toward town.

He was unable to describe the car.

The bandits apparently were in the store about 10 minutes, and the blond man had no trouble opening the cash register. He took currency and change, but no checks. Malatchi told police that he was unable to set a definite amount of money as lost until he checks his receipts.

Joplin, still nervous, told a Herald and News reporter this morning that he believed both of the men were armed and that one of them had on marine corps trousers and jacket. The boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Joplin, 1827 Oregon, and has been working at the store after school.