

# GOP'S SLATE BIG BUDGET CUT

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AT New Delhi, in strife-torn India, frail little Mohandas K. Gandhi finishes his goats milk and vegetable breakfast this morning, rubs his mouth with water, holds a brief prayer service and begins a fast which, he says, "will end when and if I am satisfied that there is a reunion of the hearts of all communities (in which was formerly India), brought about without any outside pressure, but from an awakened sense of duty."

He adds:

"DEATH for me would be a glorious deliverance, rather than that I should be a helpless witness of the destruction of India. . . . That destruction is certain if Pakistan insures no equality of the status and security of life and property for all professing the various faiths of the world, and if India copies her."

WE of the cynical, industrial west don't understand Gandhi. We don't understand India and its people. So we've always poked fun at Gandhi.

Let's not make wisecracks now. Let's wait and watch. If, through faith in the sincerity and the unselfish purity of purpose of one leader, Hindu India and Moslem Pakistan should cease their communal warfare and go to work to build a brighter future for all their people, it would be a modern miracle.

We need such miracles of leadership.

IN the little town of Bellmets, Pa., a Susquehanna university freshman, who as a high school senior had been voted by his classmates as "most likely to succeed," is charged with twice setting fire to the college administration building to avoid attending classes. He pleads guilty to the charge.

Well, he succeeded in raising a lot of hell, didn't he?

"Success" depends on your definition of it.

IN Detroit the authorities pick up an army photographer who confessed that he deserted last May because he was bone-weary of the "utter monotony of taking pictures and working with cameras day after day." When he was arrested, he was WORKING AS A PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT!

Screwball!

Not necessarily.

The army just failed to make his work interesting.

INTEREST in one's work is one of the mainstays of human happiness and efficiency, and the employer (even the army) who fails to make the job as interesting as possible for all workers is missing a bet.

IN Athens (Greek capital) Dwight P. Griswold, who is chief of the American mission to aid Greece (with 300 million U. S. dollars) reports today that the Greeks have agreed to impose governmental controls on bank credit and to take other action to "help themselves."

That is encouraging. It's pretty hard to help anybody who isn't willing to do something to help himself.

THE same dispatch reports other and less hopeful developments in Greece. An "authoritative source" in Athens says large sums of money have been loaned by banks (what banks not stated) to Greek industrialists for productive purposes, but the loans, instead of being repaid, are being used for SPECULATIVE purposes.

In Greece, as elsewhere, the lure of quick and easy money often outshines the safer progress that is achieved by hard, PRODUCTIVE work.

**Ice Skating Still Not Safe**

Ice skating fans still are not assured of a safe place to skate. Recreation Director Sam Smith said today that his office was flooded with calls from people wanting to know "how skating is?"

The canal may be safe within a day or two if the nights stay cold and it doesn't get too warm during the day, Smith said. The pond across from Moore park is definitely not safe, Smith said, although there is a light coating of ice.

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The consultations with the British and Jews will bring the commission

**WEATHER**

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# General and News

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## Hitchcock Seeks Senatorial Toga

### Army Barge Reported Sinking In Alaskan Waters After Answering Distress Signal Of Second Ship Aground In Aleutians

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 BHP 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 message, received in Ketchikan and relayed here, said it was on Phin point, in the Deer Island vicinity. 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.

The coast guard reported previously that the barge had been expected to reach the Aleutian Mail's side before dawn.

Weather and seas were reported calm in the Aleutian island area.

The army rescue squadron at Ft. Randall ordered a plane dispatched to drop a rubber lifeboat to the barge's crew members, if needed, and, weather permitting, to circle the BHP until the cutter Cedar reaches the scene.

The Cedar had been scheduled to reach the Aleutian Mail before noon today and it was not expected to take much longer for it to reach the barge's position.

The Seattle port of embarkation said the barge is manned by a civilian crew, believed to number nine. Its home port is Adak, in the Aleutians, and it was en route to Cold Bay when it turned to the aid of the Aleutian Mail.

The barge is of wood construction, with twin screw diesel propulsion. It has a schooner-like bow, with a house aft and most of the cargo space on the forward deck.

The last report on the Aleutian Mail was that the 11 seamen aboard it were in "no immediate danger."

The Aleutian Mail radioed to the Ketchikan base that it had run



PHILIP S. HITCHCOCK Wants Senate Job.

### Semon To Run Again For House

This year's legislative elections moved into the political limelight today when Philip S. Hitchcock declared for the republican nomination for 17th district senator, and Representative Henry Semon, incumbent, announced for the re-nomination by democrats to his old position in the lower house.

Hitchcock, prominent business man but a newcomer to politics, will run for the five-county senatorial position which was held for two terms by the late Senator Marshall E. Cornett.

Semon, well-known potato farmer, will seek a return to the position in the house he has held for 14 years. He is one of the oldest members, in point of service, in the assembly.

The announcements were made separately, but were related to the extent that Hitchcock had previously indicated he would not seek the senatorship if Semon announced that position. When it was reported Semon decided to run again for the house, Hitchcock declared for the senatorial toga.



HENRY SEMON Runs for Old Post.

### Five Die In Plane Crash

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

The plane, en route 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 in with EAL by radio at 4:27 a. m. EST but failed to make contact with the airport control tower later as scheduled.

Pilot Killed

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

The five 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 (no address), Atlanta, Ga.

Capt. Paul Saltanis, pilot, and Ralph B. Sanborne Jr., co-pilot.

The twin-engine DC-3, en route from Houston, Tex., to Boston smashed into undergrowth about 4000 yards from the Potomac river, shortly after making radio contact with the Washington National airport at 4:27 a. m. (EST).

Rain and muddy roads hampered rescue operations.

### Ike Men Eye Penn Test

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The daring young men on the Eisenhower-for-president political trapeze today threatened to upset republican party calculations with a flyer into the April 27 Pennsylvania primary.

Unbowed by the general's newest but second-hand disavowal of political desires, the Pennsylvania Draft-Eisenhower League announced at Harrisburg that a slate of delegates will be entered for the retiring army chief of staff.

This Pennsylvania, with 73 national convention votes, offers a possible second testing ground for those who think Dwight D. Eisenhower ought to be the republican nominee and insist they intend to proceed along that line, come what may.

Door Open

The fact that Eisenhower passed up a chance yesterday to kill off a similar move in New Hampshire immediately subjected the general to suspicion in both major political camps that, if he isn't already a candidate, he is not slumming the door on the possibility.

The chief of staff himself declined comment. But Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, head of the army public information division, responded to reporters' prodding with this statement, issued through regular military channels:

"General Eisenhower will make no statements with regard to the New Hampshire primary. He has reiterated on many previous occasions that he wants nothing to do with politics. He has not changed his mind."

### Bly Man Held For Theft Try

Leonard J. Michelson, 25, of Bly, is held in jail at Bend today for return to Linn county following his capture by state police late yesterday in the Squaw creek area following a chase from Lebanon to Sisters.

Michelson is charged with attempted burglary. He is said to have smashed the window of a jewelry store at Lebanon early Monday morning, but was forced to abort before taking anything when the proprietor of the store came up from the back of the building.

He stole a car and smashed through a road block just west of Sisters yesterday, state police at Bend said, and escaped unhurt by a barrage of shotgun fire.

The car, a 1947 model, was abandoned near Sisters.

Michelson surrendered to police in the woods north of Sisters. He was unarmed and did not resist. He is being held at Bend for return to Linn and Multnomah counties. In the latter he is wanted for car theft.

Michelson is an ex-soldier and his family is residing at Ivory Pine camp near Bly. He has worked for the logging company in the past.

### Canadian Miners Strike

CALGARY, Alta., Jan. 13 (CP)—More than 4200 miners walked out of Alberta coal mines between midnight and 8:30 a. m. (MST) today in a strike prompted by the breakdown of negotiations between district 18, United Mine Workers of America, and mine operators.

Additional miners were expected to walk out later today, resulting in a total work stoppage in the Alberta coal industry.

Robert Levitt, president of district 18, denied any knowledge of the strikes except for "what I have read in the newspapers." He said there was no immediate possibility of a strike by the full membership of district 18 estimated at some 8000 miners and comprising mines in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The miners seek a \$3 a day wage increase for inside and outside workers; a \$14 a day basic wage for miners and a seven cents a ton increase in the welfare fund levy.

### Flood Damage \$11 Million

CORVALLIS, Jan. 13 (AP)—The recent Willamette valley flood left damage totaling an estimated \$11,000,000, 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 100 per cent. The area below the mouth of the Long Tom river would see flood damage reduced by 85 per cent, he said.

The army engineer explained that the slight damage would continue in the lower valley because rivers not listed in the project would still dump runoff water into the river system below the points of maximum protection.

### Butter Price Up But Eggs Down

The dairy teeter-totter was going again today with butter up and eggs down.

Butter jumped one cent to the wholesale price of 87 cents, but eggs went down 3 cents on both AA grades. Large AA's were wholesale at 69 1/2 cents, Medium AA's, 67 1/2 cents. On both butter and eggs, the retail price was around 5 to 6 cents higher.

### Cold Weather Stays Here

Below freezing morning temperatures continued to be reported here by the weatherman who said the early reading today was 25 degrees, minimum for the past 24 hours.

Forecast is for continued fair weather.

All Oregon mountains were open today, with highway roads so slippery that chains were advised, the state highway commission said this morning in the 9 o'clock report.

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

It was 12 degrees above at Odell lake this morning, clear skies, 47 inches of roadside snow, packed snow and ice on the road from three miles below Salt Creek tunnel across the summit. The stretch is being sanded. The Greensprings was also reported frosty but sanded. It was 4 degrees above at Sun mountain.

### Ship Giving Plan Blasted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The proposal to transfer 500 ships to European nations under the Marshall recovery program was sharply criticized by Rep. Bradley (R-Calif.) today as a threat to national security and a disaster to the American merchant marine.

"The funeral of an adequate American merchant marine has been arranged by the state department," Bradley asserted in a speech prepared for the house. "The mourners will all be Americans."

Bradley, a former navy captain who retired in 1946 after 43 years in the service, said he favors "reasonable help" for Western European nations.

"But I do not comprehend, as a part of that help," he continued, "a program which will strip us of a part of our principal defense assets and will relegate our entire shipping industry to a very inferior standing among the fleets of the world."

Bradley declared the state department proposes the outright sale of 200 American ships to the 16 Marshall plan nations and the temporary transfer of 300 others.

### City Pool Plan Eyed

The initial step in getting money for an elaborate swimming pool is being worked out by the city and the Elks lodge. Councilman A. F. Conroy told the city council of the plan Monday night.

"A huge drive," as it was termed by Conroy, is scheduled to begin soon to get the necessary \$70,000 it will take to build the pool.

A city committee was appointed to work on the plan with the Elks group. Representing the city will be Mayor Ed Ostendorf, Councilman Wendell Smith, Elton Thompson, Hale Scarborough and Dick Maguire. On the Elks committee are Charles Seavey, exalted ruler; John Schubert, Jack Brandon and Estlin Kiger.

The proposed pool will be the first step in a general recreation set-up to be established at the city-owned property in the 1900 block on Main street, the old Humphrey property. Conroy said that he and Recreation Director Sam Smith worked out the plan.

### Jews Attack Arab Snipers

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Jewish demolition squads attacked Arab sniping posts on the outskirts of Jerusalem today and a Jewish spokesman hinted a dynamite assault may be staged in Jerusalem's old city to lift an Arab siege of 1500 Jews.

The Jewish anti-sniper raid centered on the Shikh Jarrah 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 logical outcome" if Arabs persist in their siege of the 1500 Jews in Jerusalem's old city. The Jews have been virtual prisoners since New Year's Day.



Five San Francisco models step from a plane in Los Angeles, to model new high visibility suits that can be seen, the maker claims, two miles distant. The girls are part of a group that will model 1948 styles at the California Apparel Creators' Market Week in Los Angeles. Starting at top of ramp: Emily Scoffig, Pat Hunt, Priscilla Emery, Pat Emery and Irene Thor.

### Foreign Aid Main Target Of Demands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Republicans set out today to chop some \$5,000,000,000 out of President Truman's \$29,600,000,000 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 committees 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 actual foreign aid outlays during the year and his requests for funds to finance other projects not yet authorized by law run well over \$5,000,000,000.

### Sherman Gets 5-Year Jolt

Larry Sherman, 24-year-old Brooklynite who burglarized the Klamath Valley hospital safe of something over \$900 in cash and checks December 8, this morning was sentenced to serve five years in the Oregon state penitentiary by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Sherman had waived indictment by the grand jury and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of burglary, not in a dwelling.

In court this morning he admitted the hospital safe job, issuance of several bad checks, a car theft in New York and also that he received a three-month federal jail sentence at South Bend, Ind., in 1945 for illegally wearing the uniform of a soldier.

Sherman told Judge Vandenberg that he had been arrested in South Bend "passing himself off as a war hero." Sherman spent a short time in the army, but did not go overseas, he said.

He also admitted intending to hold up Dick Reeder's men's store on Main street the day he was captured, December 17.

Also up for sentence this morning was Ira Kenneth Redifer, charged with passing bad checks. His day in court was continued until Saturday as the man's FBI record, if any, has not been received by the sheriff's office. Redifer is an ex-convict from the Oregon state prison.

### Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 (AP) (USDA)—Potatoes: 21 broken, 12 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, Idaho 1, Oregon 13, by truck 1; market slightly stronger; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, 4.85; Idaho 4.75.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13 (AP) (USDA)—Potatoes: 19 broken, 31 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 2, Oregon 1, Utah 5, by truck 12; market firm on White Rose, steady on Russets; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, 4.70; Klamath 5.15.

### New Chief Says Bay City To Be "Tightened Up"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 (AP)—This gay city by the Golden Gate is undergoing its biggest shakeup since the earthquake and fire of 1906.

A new mayor, former Superior Court Judge Elmer Robinson, took over last week—and heads have rolled.

The city, whose stereotyped quality, dating from beyond the boisterous Barbary coast era, prompted President Taft to dub it "the city that knows how," perked up today as citizens heard some strong words from a brand new police chief.

No sooner had former Police Capt. Michael Mitchell put on the chief's hat than he said:

"We are going to tighten up tight. I want it thoroughly understood that this will be a closed town—closed tight. There has been a lot of talk about it being an open town.

"But there will be no after-hours drinking, no lotteries, no gambling, no houses of prostitution."

### Gandhi Starts Fast In Effort To Bring Peace

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 13 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi started a life-endangering fast for communal peace in Delhi and India at 11 a. m. (12:30 a. m. eastern standard time) 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 in Hindustani. "They added he asserted life had no value nor attraction without peace and love."

Promptly at 11, Gandhi loved 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 time."

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 or 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.

In undertaking his fast, Gandhi said it "will end 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 feared that, should he die, India's non-Moslems would blame the Moslems and avenge him with a terrible slaughter.

Gandhi, lecturer, said the Sikhs in the garden, became so agitated his granddaughter had to help guide the wooden spoon in his shaking hand to his lips as he took the last mouthful of his breakfast.

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The consultations with the British and Jews will bring the commission

face to face with a series of major problems which now have begun to take definite shape. Shertok outlined some of these problems in a news conference yesterday and a British spokesman has indicated others.

On the basis of information available here, it appeared the commission would have to take a number of decisions of far-reaching importance before leaving for the Holy Land to implement the general assembly's plan to establish independent Jewish and Arab countries.

Some quarters believed the necessity of taking these decisions might in itself remove one of the big problems—Britain's objections to early arrival of the commission in Palestine. Britain has indicated she wanted the commission to wait until late in April or early in May to go to the Holy Land.

### Trumpet-Playing Filling Station Attendant Admits Killing 8-Year-Old Cleveland Girl On New Year's

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13 (AP)—A slender filling station attendant who likes to play the trumpet 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 filled with detectives and newspapermen.

The little girl's body, the dress torn and covered with blood, was found on a neighbor's porch, less than a block from her house.

She had disappeared earlier in the day while on her way to a drugstore to get cigarettes for her father, Edward J. Tuley.

Captain of Detectives Henry J. Kriss said Beach, a bespectacled 140-pounder who stands five feet four, was arrested yesterday while changing a tire at a filling station where he had worked since coming to Baltimore Saturday.

Cleveland detectives were here to fly him back to Ohio some time during the day. He said he was willing to sign papers waiving extradition.

He went over his story with Kriss, other police officers and newsmen last night. He smiled a great deal and once or twice laughed out loud at questions put to him.

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

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

### Firemen Answer False Alarms

Firemen opined that someone was going to cry "Wolf! Wolf!" just once too often.

Last week-end firemen turned out to answer a call from a Main street address near Link river. There was no such number and no fire.

At 11:45 p. m. last night the truck turned out in response to a call from 165 Main. There was no such number again, but before they returned to the station a second call advised there was a fire at 135 Main. There is a service station at that number but no trouble was found. The truck went back home.

### No Classes For This Student

SELINGROVE, Pa., Jan. 13 (AP)—A Susquehanna university 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 Justice of the Peace Fred M. Machner.