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## Mid-Valley Gets Early Peek At Spring, But Chill Follows

### Stalin Confers With Argentine Diplomat

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin has told Argentina's new ambassador there would be no war if each country stayed out of the internal affairs of other countries, the envoy disclosed Sunday.

The ambassador, Dr. Leopoldo Bravo, said he had talked Saturday night with the Soviet leader for 45 minutes. The envoy said war was discussed only generally and the Korean War not mentioned.

Bravo had requested the interview when he presented his credentials to President Nikolai Shvernik Jan. 16. Moscow papers today front-paged the Stalin-Bravo talk. Bravo said he believed his country and Russia could expand their economic relations greatly.

"I gave the generalissimo the cordial greetings of the president of the Argentine Republic, Army Gen. Juan Peron," the envoy said, "and in his name I expressed a wish for strengthening relations existing between the Soviet Union and the Argentine republic in the economic field."

**Flowers Bloom; Snow Sparse In Mountains**

Considerable significance may be attached to Stalin's gesture in seeing the Argentine ambassador. It indicates Soviet interest in broadening relations between the two countries.

This probably will be manifest first in stepping up Russian-Argentine trade between the two countries.

The Soviet Union and Argentina have done business in the past, but it has been largely on a barter basis.

(Trade relations between Russia and the Western Hemisphere generally have been tightly restricted in recent years. U. S.-Russian trade has approached the vanishing point because of U. S. policy against sending strategic goods behind the Iron Curtain.)

On the other hand, U. S.-Argentine relations also have been strained. The new U. S. secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee prior to his confirmation that there were indications fascism was spreading from Argentina to other Latin American countries.

Bravo said he had particularly called Stalin's attention to the fact that the Soviet ambassador to Argentina had just received a memorandum in Buenos Aires showing products which the Argentines want to buy and sell.

Bravo explained that Argentina would like to sell to the U. S. S. R. such goods as leather, hides, wool and vegetable oils, buying in return agricultural machinery of all kinds, railroad equipment, and probably petroleum products.

"The generalissimo," the envoy said, "appeared interested in this (list) and indicated the Soviet Union wants to do business with foreign countries."

Bravo said he was not familiar with the Kremlin but had the impression he was in Stalin's private office. The envoy stressed how vigorously he thought Stalin looked.

This firsthand impression confirmed the way Stalin appeared at his last public appearance Jan. 12 at a concert by visiting Polish artists at the Bolshoi Theater.

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**T-Bone Steaks at 39 Cents, Pound Boon to Business**

COLUMBUS, O. (UPI) — Business was so good at the Metz Supermarket here Sunday police had to close the doors for 90 minutes until everyone inside could get walled on.

The reason: you could buy round, sirloin, or T-bone steaks for 39 cents a pound. That's right. Thirty-nine cents a pound.

You could buy chuck beef for 25 cents a pound.

The 7,000 pounds of beef, imported from New Zealand, vanished from meat cases in three hours. Customers also bought out practically all the American meat the store sold at regular going prices.

Customers even bought much of the store's canned goods.

**IT SEEKS TO ME**

By Charles F. Strode

Repeal of the secrecy provision affecting recipients of old age assistance is sought in a bill introduced in the Assembly. The hope is that publicity will, as the Capital-Journal says, "drive chiselers and unworthies off the welfare rolls." That paper concludes: "In the interest of the heavily burdened taxpayers of Oregon this bill should be given approval by the Assembly." There is even talk of a saving of 10 per cent in old age assistance costs.

Since the Congress changed the law to deny aid to states refusing to keep its welfare information secret eight states have acted to open lists for inspection as to names and amounts received. It is much too early to determine what savings the change produces. The latest summary I have seen is one of the Tax Foundation, New York, issued last month. This tax-conscious organization reports that one state had 289 cases closed at clients' request in less than a year after secrecy was removed, but another state reported only four closures in two months. Quoting:

"Illinois notes no appreciable reduction in caseload and applications following public inspection, but cites the advantage of increased public confidence in the integrity of the rolls."

Indiana, which led the fight for open welfare rolls, reported

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**Secrecy Pact Delays Word Of Boy's Death**

DETROIT (UPI) — A pact by frightened playmates to keep secret the accidental death of a 10-year-old chum in a rubbish pit Saturday was dissolved Sunday when the victim's brother told his mother.

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**4 U.S. Warships Equipped for Guided Missile War in Orient**

TOKYO (UPI) — At least four U. S. warships — including two specially converted submarines and two heavy cruisers — could be summoned on short notice to bombard the Communists in Korea with guided missiles "should the war situation require their use," the Navy disclosed Sunday.

A U. S. Far East Navy headquarters announcement said the U. S. Seventh Fleet is manned and ready for any further tasks that may result from policy changes affecting the Orient.

Vice Adm. Robert P. Briscoe's headquarters named the four guided missiles ships as the 17,000-ton heavy cruisers Boston and Canberra (former Pittsburgh) and the submarines Cusk and Carbonero.

Their conversion to this specialized purpose has been underway in the United States since last summer according to a Washington announcement of several months ago.

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### Flowers Bloom; Snow Sparse In Mountains

Lawns were mowed, trees pruned and cars washed Sunday during February sunshine which warmed Salem to 55 degrees, but night temperatures sank to 31 degrees shortly after 11 p.m.

U. S. Weathermen predicted that temperatures might drop to as low as 29 degrees during the early morning hours Monday, but they anticipated early morning fog would keep it from getting colder. The next two days were slated by weathermen to be cold with fog in the mornings and warmer with sunshine in the afternoons. Temperatures were expected to be about the same as Sunday's.

**Rush of Flowers**

Sunday's first hint of spring followed an unusually early rush of flowers as well as the pre-springtime roadful of nature-seeking Sunday drivers. State Police reported highways were generously abounding with traffic, but no serious accidents occurred.

The valley was sharing one of the mildest winters in a decade with the North Santiam country, usually deeply laden this time of year with snow and ice. The Detroit-Idaho area recorded a January rainfall record of 27.08 inches, but reported another near record in the lack of snow for the winter. Thus far only 12 inches of snow has been recorded at Detroit which had 122 inches of snow in January of 1950.

**Mild in Mountains**

Mild weather has been noticeable in the Cascade Mountain areas too, because of the absence of deer and other wildlife normally drawn to lower levels by hunger. Natural forage conditions are excellent this year with little or no snow on higher elevations of the North Santiam, Breitenbush and Little North Fork watersheds.

Santiam Canyon residents, too, have reported early shrubs and spring bulbs several weeks ahead of schedule as they have been in the Willamette Valley. One Salem Route 1 resident reported her camellia bush had been in bloom since November.

Weathermen warned Sunday that the fair weather may bring cold weather also and some danger to far advanced flowers and shrubs. Through Sunday, however, 1953 temperatures continued to range far above normal. Daily averages through the first eight days of February ranged from 4 to 13 degrees over normal for the period.

**Convicts Riot At Maryland State Hospital**

CROWNSVILLE, Md. (UPI) — In-state convicts rioted, took four guards as hostages and reveled in an orgy of destruction at Crownsville State Hospital Saturday night.

Guards, police and firemen subdued the two-hour uprising in the hospital's prison ward with tear gas and water hoses, freed the hostages and recaptured three inmates who had escaped in the confusion.

One of the hostages had suffered a minor back slash, another was peppered by flying glass, and all three were shaken and dazed by tear gas.

In her statement Feb. 4 Miss Haver said:

"I am determined to be a sister of charity, with the grace of God and the approval of His church and to consecrate my life to the service of God in His sick and in His children."

The Sisters of Charity, a corporation, is a Catholic sisterhood that trains for the teaching of youth in parochial schools, nursing in hospitals and caring for orphans. Candidates have no choice of the field they enter.

The church observed its 60th anniversary last May 11, at services here, with Bishop Ida D. Warner and Dr. C. P. Gates, conference superintendent, officiating. First dedicated May 15, 1891, the church has had 32 ministers. Rev. I. B. Fisher was its first pastor from 1891 to 1893. Rev. Gene Kester is the present pastor, coming here from Portland in 1951.

The church had been planning a new church building in the near future, but had hoped to use much of the furnishings, dishes, silverware, etc., destroyed in today's fire.

A forced air oil furnace was used for heating the building, and it is not known whether fire started from the stove or defective wiring. Rev. Kester had started a fire at 4 o'clock this morning to warm the building for church services at 10 o'clock.

**Woman Dies At Age of 110**

CLINCHPORT, Va. (UPI) — Mrs. Sallie Rothon Gilreath, a semi-in-the-mountains resident of Scott County, died Sunday at the age of 110.

A case of influenza which turned into pneumonia finally claimed the life of the spry little lady.

Almost until the last she was of straight body and firm step. The illness that precipitated her death was one of the few times she was sick.

Mrs. Gilreath was born on the Clinch River in the Rye Cove section of Scott County. The date was March 15, 1843.

Mrs. Gilreath possessed no complicated formula for longevity.

"When you live right from your youth up, I believe you are kept along," she said in her simple mountain dialect.

**Mau Maus Slay British Farmer**

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — A Mau Mau gang murdered a British farm manager Saturday night, slashing him to death with long knives. The victim, Anthony Gibson, about 30, was found in his house, about 14 miles from Nyeri.

**Childless People to Pay Extra Tax in Hungary**

BUDAPEST, Hungary (UPI) — The government outlined a broad program Sunday aimed at encouraging Hungarians to have more children.

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**SALEM PRECIPITATION**

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

This Year Last Year Normal

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### Churchgoers at Jefferson Found Only Ruins



JEFFERSON—One of the final stages of destruction by fire of the Jefferson Evangelical United Brethren Church was caught on film Sunday morning by photographer Harold Wynd. The blaze, which destroyed the building, was started by an unknown origin sometime after 4 a.m. Sunday.

### June Haver Begins Training at Convent

LEAVENWORTH, Kas. (UPI) — Actress June Haver stepped Sunday from a glamorous life of movie stardom into the quiet sanctuary of the Sisters of Charity.

The 26-year-old blonde dancing star left behind a \$3,500 a week salary in her movie career that had brought her personal tragedy as well as acclaim. She wants to become a Catholic nun and care for children or nurse the sick.

Her arrival at Xavier, Kas., was not known until it was announced some four hours later. Although she had announced her intentions of becoming a nun five days ago in a statement to her studio, Miss Haver had not disclosed to whom or where she would enter a convent.

Miss Haver arrived at 3 p.m. at Kansas City's Municipal Airport and was met by friends who drove her the remaining 25 miles to the Mother House at Xavier.

On Wednesday, with about a dozen other novitiate, she will embark on a two year course of training for the sisterhood.

**Fire Destroys U.B. Church At Jefferson**

Statesman News Service

JEFFERSON—Fire of undetermined origin, totally destroyed the Jefferson Evangelical United Brethren Church Sunday morning.

Fire was discovered at 8 o'clock, next to the Irvine Wright family living room, by the Irvine Wright family living room, and it was too far advanced for the building to be saved by the time the city fire department could be notified and reached the scene. Only \$1,300 insurance was carried on the building.

Nothing in the building was saved. When Rev. Gene Kester, pastor, rushed over to save the church records, smoke and flames belched out the door when he opened it. The very early records of the