

# Russia's Lavrentiev Reported To Be 'Ill' After Iranian Coup

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Until about a month ago, Anatoli Iossifovich Lavrentiev was eating high on the hog.

Then trouble befell. Now Lavrentiev is reported "ill"—and no wonder. Lavrentiev is 49 years old, a balding, stocky man who is Russian ambassador to Iran. Until last month's sudden coup which saw the downfall of Iranian Premier Mohammed Mossadegh and restoration of the Shah, it looked as if Lavrentiev was about to hand to the Russians one of their biggest prizes.

Iran seemed ready to fall to Communism.

Two Down  
It was the second time that disaster had struck Lavrentiev, once regarded as one of Communism's brightest, younger lights.

It was he who failed to read the signs in Yugoslavia correctly. Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito reportedly put the finger on him in 1947. That was the period when the Yugoslav-Soviet crisis was at its height, and Tito was supposed to have complained to Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov that Lavrentiev was "stupid."

"He may be stupid," Molotov is said to have replied, "but he

is a good Communist." It was perhaps natural that Molotov, who has made a career of mediocrity, should choose such a one as his own particular favorite.

Bad Timing  
At any rate, Lavrentiev was around as Russian ambassador to Yugoslavia when the big split occurred.

Lavrentiev is of the Communist school of "economic" diplomats which produced such really brilliant men as Jacob Malik and Andrei Gromyko, both of whom have been formidable antagonists of the United States in the United Nations.

Last July, with Mossadegh showing signs of wanting some kind of economic agreement with Russia, Lavrentiev was moved to Tehran.

His arrival was followed by the flight of the Shah and by violent pro-Communist demonstrations staged by the Communist Tudeh party. But, with success almost in his grasp, it was torn away.

What judgment his Moscow bosses may lower on him is problematical. Whether Molotov can get his favorite out of trouble again is doubtful.

### DIAGNOSIS

Glastonbury, Conn. — (U.P.)—State Policeman Charles Page, summoned by a young mother to give medical treatment to her two-year-old son, soon got at the seat of the trouble. He told her that part of a child's anatomy always turns red after a spanking.



SQUADRONS OF RADAR-EYED United States Air Force night fighters continue around-the-clock patrol of Arctic from Thule and Goose Bay bases. These F-84 Thunderjets are being refueled at Goose Bay in Labrador. Thule base in Greenland is 930 miles from north pole and less than 2,800 miles from Moscow. The Air Force declares the United States is ready for offensive or defensive operations along polar route. (International Soundphoto)

## Back Stairs: Tries Gold Mining

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House: Tom Stephens, President Eisenhower's appointment secretary, took a flyer in gold mining last month in Colorado. By himself, he went into Clear Creek canyon and had an exciting several hours panning for gold and operating a sluice box. The rent on the gold pan was more than the value of the few shining grains he collected.

Soft-hearted Secret Service agents made a host of friends among the younger set living in the Denver neighborhood of Mrs. John S. Doud, Mrs. Eisenhower's mother. They bought the kids toy police badges and the children promptly stationed themselves in the alley behind Mrs. Doud's home, on the alert, after school, for any potential evil-doers.

Bal F. Swan, the rancher who played fishing boat host several

times to the President in Colorado, became quite displeased during Mr. Eisenhower's last visit to the Swan Ranch at Pine, Colo.

Object of his displeasure was a small group of reporters who started landing big rainbow trout in Swan's heavily stocked stream about a mile above where the President was fishing. Swan sent his manager to the stream and he ordered the reporters out immediately.

The newsmen explained they had been told by White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty it would be perfectly permissible for them to fish at this particular location.

This made no difference to the rancher. The reporters were evicted immediately. Later, they discovered the reason. They were angling in Swan's favorite pool where not even Mr. Eisenhower himself, had fished.

The Republicans are quite bemused by Democratic threats to make an issue over the duration

of Mr. Eisenhower's vacation. The GOP leadership wonders if the Democrats remember that during the last six months of 1944, F.D.R. was in Washington only 29 days. And most of his out-of-town time in that particular period was spent in either Hyde Park, N.Y., or Warm Springs, Ga.

Ex-President Truman also spent two months a year in Key West, Fla., when he occupied the White House.



## OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens  
When Paul Bunyan finished the logging of the Onion Pines he was so pleased that he made a speech to celebrate. It lasted for nine days and nights without a break, and all the Bunyan logger listened to every word, without a nap of sleep or a dab of grub. Each time that Paul stopped to draw a long breath it pulled the loggers over on their faces. Then, as he let it out, the big wind raised the loggers and rocked them back on their heels. "A most powerful oration" Horace Greeley said.

It was a young dream of Forester Bill Hagenstein's to rival Paul Bunyan's oratorical powers some day. The other day he made his best effort to date at the 1953 Annual of the Society of American Foresters in Colorado Springs. His title was "The Evaluation of Forest Management Practices." Or, as Paul Bunyan would have put it, "Sizing Up Ways to Log."

It was a prime speech, for all the college words, and Paul himself would have been proud to make it. Let me mention a few examples.

Lucky Eleven . . . Hagenstein cites "adequate forest protection" a major objective of forest management in the Douglas fir region. The new USFS Forest Survey measures progress of the past 20 years in forest protection through five counties of Southwest Oregon and six counties of Southwest Washington, with comparisons of "nonstocked" acreage of the present with that of 1933. Then the total for the 11 counties was 1,154,000 acres. Now it is down to 159,000 acres.

Mason county, probably the national champion among 2,000

American forest counties, in forest protection, is proud to have seen its 147,000 acres of "non-stocked" forest land in 1932 brought down to 5,000 acres in 20 years. Less than one per cent of the county's 520,000 acres of commercial forest land is now in the "non-stocked" category. And most of this is "recent cutovers," where the new crop has not had time to show up.

Hagenstein, who heads up the Industrial Forestry association, certifying agency for tree farms in Western Washington and Oregon, names "cutting methods" as the first of the three basic forest practices. The roots of the second basic practice, protection, are of course in cutting methods. "Planning" is the third. This takes in technical phases of harvest and protection as well as other elements of modern forest and logging engineering. Forest management practices today mean professional practice.

Up From The Wilderness . . . Industrial forestry, as the oratorical heir of Paul Bunyan interprets it, has reached a high stage of know-how and practice on certified tree farms. These advanced examples of forest management practice now extend over 4,200,000 acres in the Douglas fir region. How are the practices in force on these tree farms to be evaluated?

Hagenstein emphasizes the vast diversity of forest types and species on the American land. Variety rules in the Pacific Northwest, too, even on most individual properties. However, a goal of certain general forest practice standards is essential, says the forester — hence his three "basic practices." He excludes "utilization" from the basic group because what is feasible in one locality is not practicable in another. That is, utilization practices depend mainly on markets, market roads, logging costs, and the like. A forest manager cannot utilize what he cannot sell.

What is the objective of ownership on a given piece of forest land? This is a vital question, in the Hagenstein view, for a start on any particular evaluation. Farm woodland use is often simply for the farm owner's needs alone — for fuel, fenceposts, poles, shakes. The management objective on a public forest property is often only recreational. The common objective on the great majority of private-owned, taxpaying tree farms, is to plan, protect and harvest a wood crop for profit production on a permanent basis. And — But it would take me nine days and nights to tell it all. More later, maybe.

## Vending Machine Sells Fresh Eggs

Graball, Ala. — (U.P.)—There's a vending machine here that sells fresh eggs. You drop coins in a slot and then open a little door and take out a box of a dozen fresh eggs. The "eggomat" was built by L. G. Roberts to let his customers drive by and help themselves, if they have the proper change. They can select small, medium or large eggs in accordance to their preference. The egg-vending machines holds 45 dozen and is loaded from the back where the boxes of eggs are placed on gently sloping boards. The coin-operated mechanism can be changed to make adjustments in the price of the eggs.



The old Lower Columbia River Highway (at right) has a lot of twists and turns as it winds along through Bradley Park. But the new highway (at left) will cut grades and curves, save motorists' time and reduce driving costs as it crosses a 120-foot-deep filled in ravine, Elmer Creek. (Oregon State Highway Commission Photo).

## Nakedness Appalls Scottish Minister

Greensboro, N.C. — (U.P.)—The Rev. Joseph Sillars Ritchie of Kirriemuir in Angus county, Scotland, was impressed by high moral standards here but appalled by "the nakedness of the people." Rev. Ritchie came here as an exchange pastor from his McDonald Road church of Scotland in Edinburgh. "I find American morals are very high," he said, "but it took me a while to get used to the appalling nakedness of the people." "It's startling to see women so scantily attired," he added, "but maybe it's only because of the climate."

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