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### Ladejinsky Named To Assist FOA in Viet Nam Program

Washington (U.P.) — Wolf Ladejinsky, ousted by the Agriculture Department as a security risk, today was appointed to help with the Foreign Operations Administration's land reform program in Viet Nam.

Foreign Operations Director Harold E. Stassen said his agency had reviewed Ladejinsky's security file and "found him eligible for certification for security and loyalty."

To Retain Rights

Stassen said he understood Ladejinsky would retain re-employment rights at the Agriculture Department while working for FOA.

Furthermore, Stassen said, he had talked with Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson "who expressed satisfaction that his opportunity for employment in FOA will probably make good use of his (Ladejinsky's) special qualifications."

Ladejinsky's appointment came after it was disclosed that the dispute over his security status had reached the White House.

Sought for Three Months

FOA is known to have been trying to hire Ladejinsky for an important land reform job in South Viet Nam for the past three months. But Ladejinsky said he knew nothing about the appointment except what he has seen in the newspapers.

Later FOA spokesman William Caldwell said "Ladejinsky has been cleared by FOA for security and loyalty based on an up to date review of all available, current information, including a full field background investigation by the FBI."

Ladejinsky, who met newsmen and photographers at FOA headquarters, said "I have been advised that I received the fullest field clearance from the FBI."

Ladejinsky Grateful

In a prepared statement, he said he is grateful "for the faith and confidence shown by this administration in my character, my abilities, and my loyalty."

Ladejinsky also said, "As to Mr. Benson, I do not sit in his judgment. I leave this to his fellow men."

The Russian-born agricultural expert said he does not know when he will leave for his post in Viet Nam, but he hopes to leave before long.

He will receive a salary of \$11,800 in his new post, the same pay he made as agricultural attache in Tokyo.

### Boeing Plane Cracks High Altitude Record

Seattle, Wash. — (U.P.) — Boeing Airplane Company's 707 jet transport prototype has been flown to higher altitudes than any other transport plane in history, the company said today.

Although no figures were released, the firm said the 707 has cruised "substantially higher and at greater speeds" than the 42,000 feet altitude and 550 miles per hour previously reported. It was also reported previously that the huge jet plane traveled from here to Portland, Ore., at an estimated speed of 636 miles per hour.

### Midwest Blanketed by Fog; Snow Causes Plane Crashes

By UNITED PRESS

A dismal fog blanket cloaked the Central Ohio and Mississippi river valley today while an icy snow storm struck in the west.

The western snowstorm caused a four-engine transport to overshoot the runway and crash at Ogden, and a plane flying low under a heavy overcast crashed and killed four persons near Animas, N.M.

Cold in Montana

Elsewhere in the nation, a 200 mile wide band of rain and drizzle stretched from Texas to the Alleghenies, thunderstorms hit Oklahoma and Kansas, and temperatures dropped to 10 to 20 degrees below zero in Montana.

The Midwest fog cut visibility to zero in parts of Northern Illinois and to one-half of a mile at Indianapolis. Flights were cancelled at Indianapolis' Weir Cook municipal airport.

In the West a vicious combin-

## Dag, Chou Meet

### Hammarskjold Pays Courtesy Call on Red China Leader

Formal Discussion Due Late Tonight

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai will meet late tonight for their first formal discussion of the sentencing of 11 American airmen as "spies" by the Chinese Communist regime.

The first dispatch from the U.N. party to reach here in almost 29 hours said Hammarskjold and Chou met for the first time when the Swedish diplomat paid a courtesy call on Chou shortly after his arrival at 1:45 p.m., Peiping time.

It said that a formal meeting between Chou and Hammarskjold was scheduled for "tomorrow afternoon" China time. That would make the meeting time late tonight, or in the early hours of tomorrow, New York.

Makes Courtesy Call

Details of Hammarskjold's arrival in the Red Chinese capital had been broadcast earlier by Peiping radio, which did not mention arrangements for the formal meeting.

Immediately after his arrival, Hammarskjold was entertained at a private lunch by Swedish Ambassador Hugo Wistrand.

Hammarskjold, accompanied by members of his party, then paid a courtesy call on Chou.

The courtesy call was followed by a reception in Hammarskjold's honor given by Chou in the Palace of the Purple Light, the reception building of the Premier's residence.

Members of the Red Chinese government, chiefs of all the diplomatic missions in Peiping and high Chinese dignitaries attended the reception.

First Meeting

The courtesy call marked the first time that Hammarskjold and Chou ever had met.

Peiping radio disclosed the Red carpet treatment being accorded the U.N. official and his party but made no mention of the reason for his visit.

"The cocktail party proceeded in a friendly atmosphere," the broadcast said.

### Hatfield Suggests State Scholarships

Portland — (U.P.) — State Senator-elect Mark Hatfield believes Oregon should provide scholarships for some worthy students who are otherwise unable to attend college.

Hatfield said here yesterday he will introduce a bill at the next Legislature which would give \$200 a year for four years to 10 students, two from each congressional district and two from the state at large.

Hatfield, who is dean of students at Willamette University, said he was concerned that college is reached by only half of the high school graduates who are in the upper 10 per cent of their classes.

### Board of Directors Of Chamber To Meet

The board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will hold its first meeting of 1955 at noon at the Medford hotel tomorrow, with the newly elected president John Pletsch, in charge.

The board will meet twice monthly, on the second and fourth Thursdays, instead of monthly, as in the past, according to Pletsch.

The board will discuss policies for the coming year; review the present office lease and the possibility of a new location; hear a financial report, and discuss plans for a southern Oregon chamber of commerce workshop for the chambers in Klamath Falls, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, and Cave Junction, as well as other matters.

### Oregon Celebration In 1959 Gains Favor

Portland — (U.P.) — J. A. Mount, chairman of a centennial committee named by Gov. Paul Patterson to study plans for a world's fair in 1959, said today Oregon should have some kind of a celebration that year—regardless of what is done by Houston, Tex.

"The 1959 date has some significance for Oregon and apparently so far as Texas is concerned, 1959 is merely the earliest date a world's fair could be handled there," Mount said.

He said the thinking now was that a world's fair in Oregon would be tied in to a centennial celebration. Money is being raised for a study by the Stanford Research Institute as to feasibility.

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### Dow-Jones Averages

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 397.24 off 8.93; 20 railroads 142.56 off 3.24; 15 utilities 62.05 off 0.71, and 65 stocks 147.62 off 3.05.



ARRIVES IN INDIA—UN Secy. Gen. Dag Hammarskjold (left) is greeted by Indian Secy. Gen. for External Affairs R. N. Pillai upon arriving in New Delhi en route to Red China to try to win freedom for eleven imprisoned American Airmen. Hammarskjold discussed his mission with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. "Whatever the outcome, it will do some good," Nehru told Hammarskjold.

## John Snider Elected President of Council At First '55 Session

Councilman John Snider was unanimously elected president of the Medford city council at a meeting last night. He succeeds Mayor Earl Miller, who held the post as a councilman.

Former Mayor D. L. Flynn was named by Miller to a five-year term on the Medford Water commission. The position was held last year by Stephen Nye, who filled out the unexpired term of the late R. B. Thierolf Sr.

Flynn is president of the League of Oregon Cities for 1955, and as such, must hold an elected or appointive city job.

Other appointments were on the budget committee for three-year terms, Ray Sorenson and Stan Stark, succeeding Jim Roots and Bob Rector, whose terms expired.

Reappointed to the planning commission for four-year terms were Tom Wray and Don Root; to the civil service commission for a six-year term, Ward Hammond, and to the Medford State Athletic commission for one year terms, George Porter, D. W. G. Bishop, J. F. Fliegel, Jerry Jerome, Rudy Sleight and L. C. Taylor. Appointments to the library board were withheld until the next meeting.

Miller named himself, Harold Frye and Donald Hansen as a special committee to study the milk ordinance. Attorney James Main was named city judge and Attorney Warren Lesseg, judge pro tem.

Council Committees

Council committee assignments, with chairmen listed first, are, finance — Jack Fitzgerald, Stanley Jones Jr., Dick Woodcock and Paul Meyers; police — Jones, Woodcock, Meyers and Fitzgerald; streets — Frye, Snider, Fred E. Robinson and Hansen; license — Meyers, Hansen, Jones and Fitzgerald; land — Robinson, Frye, Snider and Hansen; airport — Hansen, Woodcock, Snider and Frye; fire — Woodcock, Fitzgerald, Meyers and Robinson; parks — Snider, Frye, Jones and Robinson.

Miller proposed several immediate projects for the new council. Included were the off-street parking situation, investigation of aid in construction of a freeway through the city, survey of a proposed 10th street crossing across Bear creek, consideration of storm and sanitary sewer problems, and annexation of adjacent areas.

City Manager Robert Duff said a report on annexation will be available from the city within the next two weeks.

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## Britain Pondering Travel Restrictions

London — (U.P.) — Britain is thinking of following the United States in imposing restrictions on movements of Russians, authoritative diplomatic sources said today.

Tentative plans at present are to reduce the 35-mile distance Soviet diplomats may travel from the center of London without asking permission of the British Foreign Office.

However, the sources said Britain does not plan restrictions of the scale imposed by the United States.

The chief reason for possible tightening of travel restrictions here is the Soviet policy toward British diplomats in the Soviet Union, the sources said. This was the reason the United States gave for its action.

## Brazil Express Train Derailed; Six Killed

Santa De Barra, Brazil — (U.P.) — An express train jumped the track near here last night, killing six persons and injuring 70, it was reported today.

The train was passing through Rio De Janeiro state on the way from Belo Horizonte to Rio De Janeiro when it left the rails.

Salem — (U.P.) — Sealed bids on projects estimated to total \$2,500,000 will be received by the State Highway Commission in Portland, Wednesday, Jan. 19.

## Road Conditions

Chains were required for motorists going over the Greensprings route to Klamath Falls this afternoon, state police reported.

Traffic elsewhere in southern Oregon was moving without chains, but motorists were advised to carry them in case of weather changes. Upstate mountain highways were snowpacked, with chains required on several of them.

Spots of ice were reported generally throughout the state, and icing conditions are expected tomorrow morning.

## Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday except for valley fog in morning. Low tonight 25. High Thursday 40.

Highest Yesterday ..... 33  
Lowest this Morning ..... 31  
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today ..... .04

## Benson Supports Subsidy Payments To Dairy Farmers

Proposal Resembles Brannan Farm Plan

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson advised Congress today that subsidy payments to dairy farmers would wipe out butter and cheese surpluses without increasing the overall cost of supporting dairy prices.

The direct cost to the taxpayers would be higher, Benson said. But he said consumers, who also are taxpayers, would save at least the extra amount of their taxes in lower dairy prices.

Benson did not recommend adoption of the subsidy plan, which would resemble the controversial Brannan farm plan sponsored by former Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan but never approved by congress.

The subsidy plan was one of three possible methods of supporting dairy prices discussed by Benson in a report to Congress filed in compliance with a provision of the 1954 general farm law. The others were production and marketing controls and the price support program now in use.

Benson did not advocate any of the three. However, he has been on record in the past as supporting the existing price supports. In today's report he said average farm milk prices would go up if congress killed all dairy price props.

The so-called Brannan subsidy plan, rejected by Congress in 1949 but approved for use on wool last summer, works like this:

## Snow Covers Many Areas of Valley

Showers of snow blanketed the valley in varying depths this morning. Only a thin layer covered the immediate Medford area but it made streets slippery and driving hazardous while it lasted. Snow in most open spots had melted by mid-morning.

The Medford weather bureau office at the airport measured .6 of an inch of snow. Three inches of new snowfall was reported on Siskiyou summit this morning and depth was two inches at Wimer and in the Camp White area. About .75 of an inch was the measurement at Jacksonville, where most of the snow fell yesterday.

On Sexton mountain summit to the north total snow depth today was 6 inches. Amount of new snow was not listed and the figure did not apply for the Highway 99 pass.

Decreasing shower activity was forecast for today and no precipitation is anticipated tonight.

## County Grand Jury Meeting in Second Day

Jackson county's grand jury today was in the second day of its current session, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Several criminal matters were being considered by the panel, he said it was expected that jury would conclude its work by late this afternoon.

The jury met yesterday morning and afternoon and reconvened this morning.

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## Geary Hopes To Have Committees At Work Monday

Patterson's Message Slated in Afternoon

Salem — (U.P.) — Rep. Edward A. Geary of Klamath Falls, who is to be speaker of the House in the 1955 Legislature, said today he hopes to have committees at work immediately after the House is organized and members have heard Gov. Paul L. Patterson's message, to be delivered Monday afternoon.

Geary arrived in Salem this morning, got quickly settled in his apartment, and came to the capitol to get to work immediately himself.

More Bills Predicted

Like Sen. Elmo E. Smith of John Day, due to be president of the Senate, Geary was struggling with committee assignments and other matters of organization. He predicted there would be more bills introduced in the House next Tuesday than had ever been introduced that early in any previous session.

"I plan to ask the committee chairmen to consider all non-controversial bills first, and if possible report such bills to the floor for action," he said. "If this can be done the committees will be in much better shape to give major time to the important legislation."

Length Not Predicted

Rep. Geary would make no prediction as to the length of the session. He said he expected the House to "hit the ball as hard as possible, and to proceed as speedily — and orderly — as possible." But "we will go home only when we get the job done."

Geary said he had not yet completed selection of all committees and would spend considerable time the rest of this week completing that task. He said committee appointments will be announced at the opening session of the House Monday morning.

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## County Population Estimate 64,712; Up 10.6 Per Cent

Jackson county's new estimated population is approximately 64,712, an increase since 1950 of 10.6 per cent, according to estimates released this week by the Oregon State Board of Health.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health physician, reported that the new estimates by the state reveal an annual increase of about 1,500 for the county during the past four years.

58,510 in 1950

The 1950 census showed the county's population at 58,510. The last previous estimate by the state was on July 1, 1953 when the figure was 63,000.

Dr. Merkel said the state's estimates have been extremely accurate in past years, varying less than 2 per cent from the official census. The state bases its estimates on vital statistics and migration checks.

Other counties in the state showing the heaviest percentage increases were Curry county, with 57.6 per cent, Coos, 28.5, and Douglas, 24.8.

## Ashland Council Rebuffs Mayor

Ashland — A mayor-council conflict, reminiscent of the weeks of battling and a recall election here several years ago, flared up here last night.

Mayor Richard Neill, who took office this week for his first full term as mayor, recommended to the council the appointment of DeArmond Leigh, a former deputy sheriff, as chief of police. The council, by a majority vote, refused to confirm the appointment.

Herb Hays, who has been acting chief since the resignation of Vern Smith last fall, was one of the applicants for permanent appointment, and Police Sgt. George Bennett was another.

In the absence of further action, Hays will continue as acting chief. His and Bennett's applications remain in effect, however.

In another surprise action, Mayor Neill appointed Ex-Mayor Phil Stansbury as city judge, succeeding Harold Jordan who has held the position for four years.

Portland — (U.P.) — The city council has approved the proposal by Mayor Fred L. Peterson that the governments of the city of Portland and Multnomah county be consolidated into a single political subdivision.

## Legislators Join in Prayer for Guidance At Opening Session

Washington — (U.P.) — The Democrats took over command of Congress today with a prayer and a pledge to cooperate with Republican President Eisenhower in the two crucial years that lie ahead.

Harmony was in the air as the 84th Congress convened with the traditional opening day formalities. No legislative business was transacted.

Four hours before the Senate and House were gavelled to order, legislators joined Mr. Eisenhower and Cabinet members at the National Presbyterian church and prayed for divine guidance for the new Congress.

The change of command, from Republican to Democratic, was the highlight of this opening day. It was the first time since the Republican-controlled 80th Congress of 1946-48 that the political party which controlled the White House was not in power in Congress.

Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas took over a familiar job as Speaker of the House.

A Republican, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, called the Senate to order, but it was the Democrats who were in control with Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson as majority leader and Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia as new Senate president pro tempore.

Democrats Not To Oppose For Sake of Opposing

Johnson has pledged that the Democrats will follow a policy of supporting Mr. Eisenhower when they think he is right and opposing him when they think he is wrong. But he said they are not "going to oppose just for the sake of opposition."

Nixon administered the oath to 34 senators, including some old and new faces on Capitol Hill.

The entire membership of the House took the oath en bloc from retiring house clerk Lyle Snader, a Republican. There is one vacancy in the 435-member House.

The swearing in ceremony was followed by the formal election of Rayburn as speaker succeeding Rep. Joseph M. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts and of George, as Senate president pro tempore. This put Rayburn and George, in that order, in the line of presidential succession directly behind Nixon.

The real business of the 1955 session begins Thursday when President Eisenhower goes before a joint session to outline the Republican administration's legislative program in his annual State of the Union message.

Surface Harmony

On the surface, harmony was busting out all over — between Democrats and the administration, and among Republicans, whose Senate ranks were divided by angry quarrels last year.

But there were subsurface rumblings, too, from pro-Eisenhower Republicans seeking a bigger voice in Senate GOP policy and from House Democratic leaders smarting from 1954 campaign attacks which they felt impugned their patriotism.

Democrats regained control of Congress in the elections Nov. 2 at the mid-point in Mr. Eisenhower's term.

In the House, the new lineup is 231 Democrats, 203 Republicans and one vacancy.

In the Senate, Democrats have a 48 to 47 edge and the support of Sen. Wayne L. Morse, the former Oregon Republican who turned independent in 1952.

Early caucuses Tuesday set up the organization for today's opening session. The principal leaders of both parties in both chambers were reelected without contest.

## Cardinal Spellman Arrives in Saigon

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — Francis Cardinal Spellman arrived from Hong Kong today on a visit that could bolster the government of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem. He promised suffering Catholic refugees that more help is on the way from the United States.

The New York archbishop told a cheering crowd at Saigon Cathedral that he had brought with him a check for \$100,000 to help the refugees who fled from Communist rule in North Viet Nam.

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