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## MIKOYAN STARTS TOUR

### Demonstrators Meet Russian at Cleveland Airport

Cleveland, Ohio—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan arrived here today to spend the day as a guest of financier-industrialist Cyrus Eaton.

The Soviet official and his party were welcomed with a warm handshake by Eaton, but banners on a group of 100 cars, which assembled at Hopkins Airport two hours before Mikoyan's arrival from Washington, were not so cordial.

"Mikoyan - go home and take Eaton with you!" was one of the sentiments expressed on placards carried by six organizations in the protest demonstration.

Conspicuous in the crowd were life-size pictures of Mikoyan and Eaton, bearing the caption: "Poison!" one banner read: "Mikoyan-mass killer!" Police Stand Guard

More than 100 policemen were on hand to guard Mikoyan and the seven other Russians, including Mikhail Menshikov, Russian ambassador to Washington, and Mikoyan's son, Sergio, but there was no indication of violence.

Police Chief Frank Story said his men would not interfere with the protest demonstration unless laws are broken, and a spokesman for the protesting groups, meeting in a vacant store in the Hungarian district, stressed that "our demonstration will be completely lawful. There will be no violence."

Eaton, in welcoming Mikoyan and his party to Cleveland, applauded the increasing "exchange of visits between the United States and the U.S.S.R." which he termed the "two most powerful nations in the history of the world."

Then the 75-year-old Cleveland industrialist, who recently visited Russia, lashed out at American foreign policy and laws which prevent extension of huge American loans to finance enormous two-way trade between the two nations.

After a brief press conference at the airport, Mikoyan was driven to the Greenbrier suite at Cleveland Union Terminal. He will lunch with some 40 leading Cleveland industrialists, bankers and merchants and then will tour the Lincoln Electric company plant.

As Mikoyan flew into Cleveland, he left a two-day trail of cold war peace feelers through official and unofficial Washington.

### Program of Reform Starts in Havana

Havana—President Manuel Urrutia's ministers reported to their offices for the first time today to launch the revolutionary government's program of reconstruction and reform.

Urrutia held his first formal cabinet meeting Tuesday night, just a few hours after he had dissolved the Cuban congress and announced he would rule by decree for the next 18 months.

The new president has emphasized in his talks with newsmen that his government would concentrate on a broad program to raise Cuba's living standards, especially in the rural areas.

He planned to implement the 26th of July Movement's land reform program calling for breaking up of the state-owned lands into five-acre parcels which would be deeded to the tenant farmers now working them.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 583.15, off 8.22; 20 railroads 160.10, off 1.76; 15 utilities 91.00, off 0.38, and 56 stocks 203.00, off 2.35. Sales today were about 4,140,000 shares compared with 3,690,000 shares Tuesday.

"The Idea Is To Set It Up In A Quick Change, See?"



## New Auto Insurance Rates Go in Effect

Portland—New automobile insurance rates increasing liability premiums but reducing the price of drivers' property damage insurance went into effect in Oregon today.

The rates were announced by firms who are members or subscribers to the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and the National Automobile and Underwriters association. These handle about three-fourths of the auto insurance business in Oregon.

Liability rates for commercial cars were increased an average of 21 per cent. The liability rate for passenger cars went up an average of 2 1/2 per cent.

Material Damage  
The material damage rates for passenger cars were decreased an average of slightly more than 4 1/2 per cent.

Other changes increased by about 12 per cent the rates for liability insurances carried by garages, filling stations and similar establishments. Reduced commercial fire rates about 4 1/2 per cent depending on the distance the vehicle is operated, and reduced collision premiums for two cars and other similar commercial vehicle about 11 per cent.

A year ago the same companies increased passenger car liability rates about 30 1/2 per cent and material damage rates for passenger cars 10 per cent. At that time commercial vehicle insurance rates were not changed.

Automobile liability insurance rates in Jackson county were increased from \$42 to \$43, according to the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters.

This rate applies to Class 1A, non-business family car with no young male operators. Basic limits coverage means protection up to \$5,000 for bodily injury for one person, up to \$10,000 for bodily injury for more than one person resulting from one accident and up to \$5,000 for property damage resulting from one accident.

Oregon material damage premium rates have dropped from \$96 to \$88, a decrease of \$8, it was reported, for the

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Cloudy, windy and mild with rain in valleys and snow in mountains tonight. Showers and cooler Thursday. Low tonight 42. High Thursday 45.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 4:54 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.  
Moonrise tomorrow 6:32 a.m.  
New moon Thursday night

**PROMINENT STARS**  
Vega, low in northwest 7:28 p.m.  
Spica, in southeast 3:43 a.m.  
Visible Planets  
Mars, sets 5:32 p.m.  
Venus, high in southeast 6:40 p.m.  
Jupiter, rises 4:07 a.m.

## \$231,977 Total Of Festival Fund; Meeting Slated

A total of \$231,977.52 has been collected to date in the Shakespearean Festival fund drive, according to Archie Fries, Shakespearean Festival association president.

This leaves \$43,022.48 yet to be collected to reach the goal of \$275,000 for reconstruction of the Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland.

A festival fund post-holiday progress meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 9, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., Medford, Fries added.

On Dec. 22 the Festival fund had a total of \$224,624.93. This means the fund has moved ahead \$7,353.59, Fries said. Medford's total is \$73,467.93 and Ashland's \$71,379.84.

An anonymous donor has contributed \$68,726.50 in a matching fund, it was reported. The Ashland total of \$71,379.84 includes donations of labor and materials, it was explained. The mailing total outside Ashland and Medford is \$18,403.25.

**Women Collect More**  
The women have collected more money than the men in both Ashland and Medford, it was reported. In Medford, the men collected \$6,162 and the women topped this by collecting \$7,900.50. In Ashland, the men collected \$35,373 and the women edged ahead with \$35,808.84 collected. Medford mail contributions totalled \$1,687 and \$198 in Ashland.

Medford's special gifts division collected \$51,056.43 and the material gifts division \$6,662. The latter division includes donations of materials such as lumber and cement, it was explained. Ashland does not have a special gifts division.

Mailing totals from other communities with Festival fund chairmen include Portland, \$3,156; Salem, \$481; Eugene, \$1,537; Grants Pass, \$3,005; San Francisco Bay area, \$2,869; Southern California, \$365; Eureka \$33. The balance of the fund is from general mailing covering many sections of the country, a spokesman said and totals \$6,957.25.

**Too Much Snow Halts Travel To Ski Resort**  
Mt. Shasta, Calif.—Five-foot snowdrifts blocked the road to the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl lodge today, preventing three persons from leaving.

Two Siskiyou county snowplows were expected to clear the road to the lodge late today. Bill Cristina, lodge manager, his wife, and E. A. Christensen, lodge chef, were reported in no danger.

**Motion to Disqualify Judge Filed in Case**  
Attorneys for the Eagle Point Irrigation District and The California Oregon Power company Monday filed a motion in circuit court seeking the disqualification of Judge Edward C. Kelly.

The motion was filed in the case of Paul D. Conrad, Fritz M. Carlson, Herman Higday, Ann and Howard F. Todd versus the Eagle Point Irrigation district and J. Harvey Stanley, Clarence J. Greb and Elbert M. Bigham, its directors, and Copco.

The complaint was filed by Conrad, Carlson, Higday and the Todds seeks nullification of the district's contract with Copco whereby Copco is guaranteed a portion of the district's water for power use in return for financing maintenance and improvement of the district's main canal above the power station.

The number of plaintiffs in the suit, all of whom are district water users, has shrunk from the original seven to five. The names of Joe Nork

## Hatfield Meets Legal Advisors To Decide Action

Salem—Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield met today with his legal advisors to decide what action to take in his battle with Gov. Robert D. Holmes to name a new secretary of state.

Holmes contends he has the power to appoint a new secretary of state and he favors Dave O'Hara, a 71-year-old Republican who was former state elections chief.

The governor is backed by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton who has issued an opinion that Hatfield must resign his present secretary of state's job before becoming governor. This would give the governor the power to appoint a new secretary of state.

However, Hatfield has said he intends to appeal the matter to the courts for final decision.

If the case is appealed to the Supreme Court, the appropriate action would be a "quo warranto" proceeding which tests the validity of a person to hold public office.

The jurisdiction of the high court is sharply limited as to what cases over which it can take original jurisdiction. The court may originally hear only mandamus, habeas corpus and quo warranto proceedings.

If Hatfield chooses to file for a declaratory judgment as to his powers to appoint a new secretary of state, that action would have to be filed in Marion county Circuit Court.

Such a procedure would take longer than appealing directly to the high court. Sources close to the Supreme Court indicated today that they would be able to "act promptly" on a quo warranto proceeding.

If a declaratory judgment were sought in Circuit Court, it might be next Monday or later before a decision could be reached.

## Work Being Done On C. P. School

Central Point—Repairs are now under way on the Central Point Elementary school to meet safety standards required by W. P. Robie, deputy state fire marshal, it was reported today.

Robie, Grants Pass, was called to inspect the 50-year-old school building last month by Don Turner, Central Point fire chief. Tearing the building with the chief and deputy fire marshal were H. P. Jewett, district 6C school superintendent, and Charles A. Meyer, Central Point elementary and junior high school principal.

Requirements specified by Robie included a metal exterior fire escape to be placed on the north side of the structure and rooms on the lower floor are to have fire-resistant ceilings. Fire doors are also required between the two floors and the stairwell is to be walled with fire-resistant materials.

Also to be corrected were trash chutes and the old furnace vents, which are to be closed. The safety requirements are to be met within 30 days from the time of inspection, it was reported.

## Fire Alarm Sounded In Chicago School

Chicago—A whiff of smoke drove 200 students out of their classrooms and onto the sidewalk at Our Lady of Sorrows Parochial school today.

An alarm was sounded but there was no fire in the school.

Sister Superior Regina Cecilia smelled smoke in the school's second floor gymnasium. She immediately turned in a fire alarm and then led the children out of the school in fire drill formation.

When firemen arrived, there was no fire to put out. Investigation showed that a strong southeast wind had driven smoke from an incinerator 75 feet south of the school through underground ducts and into the gymnasium.

## First Degree Murder Charged Against Woman



ARRAIGNED—Maxine A. Click, 46, who has confessed in writing to the slaying of her husband, Houston James Click, in Ashland yesterday morning, is shown above entering Jackson county court house in custody of police prior to being charged with first degree murder. Mrs. Click, the mother of nine children age 4 to 21 years, said she shot her husband after a series of family arguments. She was arraigned late yesterday afternoon.

## Fall Employment Said Fairly High

The fall months up to mid-December formed a period of relatively high employment in Jackson county, according to John J. Patton, manager of the county employment office. Such unemployment as occurred was generally of short duration.

Unemployment in Jackson county at the end of December was estimated at 2,100, Patton said, which is 66 per cent above November, but 15 per cent below the same month a year ago. The present unemployment total is expected to drop in January unless bad weather forces additional shutdowns and prolongs the present ones, he said.

**Lumber Activity Peaks**  
During the past three months, with lumber prices good, the unemployment level has been less than half that of the previous year, Patton reported. Jackson county has been consistently better off than most other areas in Oregon which undoubtedly had a strong influence on the high sales activity during the Christmas season as reported by local retail firms, he said.

During the three-month period ending in mid-December orchard pruning was in full operation. Experienced pruners were in demand. Job prospects during the next 60 days are poor for new hires, Patton said, although it appears at present layoffs will be far below last year. The weather pattern of the next two months is likely to determine the amount of unemployment in this area, he said.

**Building Permits in Medford**  
Medford—A total of 14 building permits were issued in Medford today, according to the city engineer.

## Two Plead Guilty In Circuit Court

Three men appeared in circuit court Tuesday morning before Judge Edward C. Kelly. Two entered pleas of guilty to district attorney's information and a third had his probation revoked and was sentenced to three years in the Oregon state penitentiary.

LeRoy Beebe, 31, transient, had his parole revoked for failure to report to his parole officer following a suspended sentence on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. He was sentenced to the state penitentiary.

William E. McDermott, 330 North Front st., pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses and had sentencing suspended one year under rules of the state parole and probation department.

Jack Price Skipworth, 49, transient, also pleaded guilty to uttering and publishing a false check. His sentencing was continued by Judge Kelly.

Portland—The Liberty theater here has been sold to the Bank of California. Bank officials said the theater would become a parking lot before the property was utilized for expanded banking facilities.

## Appearance at Grand Jury Set For Mrs. Click

Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, Ashland, who was jailed Tuesday for the shooting of her husband, Houston James Click, 47, in a preliminary hearing late yesterday afternoon in district court. She has been charged with first degree murder.

Held in the county jail without bail, she is to appear before the grand jury Jan. 19, according to District Attorney Tom Reeder.

Mrs. Click, mother of nine children, aged 4 to 21 years, was arrested by Ashland police Tuesday morning after she told them by phone, "I'd like to report a man has been shot."

Sheriff Joe Walsh said Mrs. Click confessed in writing to shooting her husband in the bedroom of their home at 720 Indiana st. as the culmination of a long series of family arguments.

She told officers that she and her husband had quarreled almost constantly since he returned Dec. 26 from Missouri where he had been hospitalized for treatment of a back injury.

Click was shot twice, in the head and chest, about 8 a.m. Tuesday. Mrs. Click said she did not know if he was asleep at the time, but that after the shooting she covered the body with a blanket so it would not be seen by the six children at home.

Three older sons of the couple, George, 21, Houston, 19 and Robert, 13, are in Missouri. Six others were placed in foster homes Tuesday under the supervision of the county welfare department. They are Tom, 11; David, 8; Russ, 4; Beverly Ann, 15; Elsie, 10; and Nancy, 9.

Following the shooting, the three girls accompanied Mrs. Click to the grocery store where she called police.

Her call was answered by Ashland Police Chief Herb Hays and Sgt. Roy Hanson. When their police car turned off Siskiyou boulevard to Indiana st., Hays said he noticed a woman signaling him.

When the girls approached and she said, "A man has been shot at 720 Indiana st."

State police, sheriff's officers and the district attorney's office aided in the investigation. Mrs. Click told them that she and her husband had quarreled for years, but the situation had become more acute recently.

An autopsy was performed by the coroner this morning but results had not been announced by press time.

## Most Highways Clear In Southern Oregon

Most highways in southern Oregon and northern California were reported bare this morning, according to state police.

Pavement is reported bare at Grants Pass, the Siskiyou, Cave Junction, Prospect and Mt. Sexton.

Highway 99 between Dunsuir and Weed, Calif., was reported clear.

## Park Commission Considers Levy To Cover Ashland City Program

Ashland—An additional one-mill levy for the Ashland park commission may be placed before the voters in the near future, it was revealed at last night's Ashland city council meeting.

This would be in addition to the present 4 1/2 mill levy on which the park commission now operates, a city official explained. Ashland's park commission was to meet this noon to decide whether to place the proposed levy before the voters. The Ashland city council last night gave its approval of the suggested one-mill additional levy.

## Economy, Space Challenges May Dominate Session

86th Congress Convenes Today

Washington—The new and bigger 86th Congress convened today with a Democratic leadership pledge of "responsible service" and a Republican minority operating under a changed command in both the House and Senate.

An economy challenge from President Eisenhower and a space challenge from the Russians were expected to dominate the first session of the most overwhelmingly Democratic Congress since New Deal days. But sparks were expected to fly on such issues as efforts to curb Senate filibusters, civil rights and labor legislation.

The Congress with which Eisenhower must deal in his last two years in the White House is the largest in history because of the addition of two senators and a House member from the new state of Alaska.

As the gavels fell in both chambers for the opening, 64 Democrats and 34 Republicans were on hand in the Senate; 293 Democrats and 153 Republicans in the House. GOP Chooses Dirksen

Shortly before the Senate met, Senate Republicans elected Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois as their leader and Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel of California as whip. This completed a GOP congressional leadership revamping that began Tuesday when Rep. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana ousted Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts from the House leadership he had held for 20 years.

Democrats operated under their long established leadership-Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas in the House and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas in the Senate.

The keynote of "responsible service" was sounded by Johnson at a party caucus prior to the ceremonial first session.

Johnson called the new session the "starting of a new era" for Democrats.

Johnson cautioned the Democrats against any intraparty fighting that may stem from the antifilibuster and civil rights issues.

Johnson chided the Eisenhower administration's leadership saying, "there is between the people and their government a deficit of vigor, a deficit of confidence and a deficit of will."

The Republican leadership controversy apparently resulted in a compromise settlement. Dirksen, and "old guard" nominee, defeated Sen. John S. Cooper, (R-Ky.), the nominee of a liberal bloc.

Kuchel however came from the liberal group. He defeated Sen. Karl E. Mundt, (R-S.D.), by the same 20 to 14 margin which Dirksen had.

Dirksen takes over duties previously held by Sen. William F. Knowland of California who lost a governorship bid last November.

Before the opening gavel sounded in both chambers, Eisenhower and top members of the administration joined legislators of both parties at a special prayer and communion service at the National Presbyterian church. Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Senate chaplain, offered special prayers for the President and Congress in their efforts to achieve world peace and provid for the nation's welfare.

Four men are employed the year around and additional personnel are added during the summer peak season as needed, Scripser said.

Under the city charter the city council can ask the park commission to include more land in its maintenance program any time, Scripser added.