



**CAUCUS CHAIRMAN** — Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, center, talks with newsmen after he was voted chairman of the House GOP Caucus by a vote of 86 to 78. Ford replaces Rep. Charles B. Hoeven of Iowa. Ford's backers said the GOP "image" was in need of improvement. At lower left is House Minority Leader Charles Halleck of Indiana. (UPI)

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## House Republicans Get New Leader; Other Changes Seen

Washington — (UPI) — House Republicans went into the new session today with one "new image" leader in the saddle and the oldtimer he unseated warning of more political bloodshed to come.

The House Republican Conference, a caucus of all GOP members, Tuesday ousted 67-year-old Rep. Charles B. Hoeven of Iowa as its chairman. It gave the job to 49-year-old Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, a House member since 1949.

The vote was 86-78. Two members voted present and 10 of the 176 House Republicans were absent.

Hoeven's downfall after six years as conference chairman

and 20 years in the House came suddenly and for reasons subject to widely differing explanations.

**Deny Revolt**

The relatively junior Republicans who engineered it said the change was made to put "a little bit more aggressive, dynamic leadership" in the GOP. They insisted it was an attempt to strengthen, rather than undercut, House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana and Whip Leslie Arends of Illinois.

Hoeven said it was a lot more than that.

"It was picked as the lamb for the slaughter," he told newsmen. "This should serve as notice to Mr. Arends and

Mr. Halleck that something is brewing."

Ford denied that Halleck, who unseated former Speaker Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts in a similar surprise revolt in 1959, was the next target. The same denials came from Reps. Charles E. Goodell (R-N.Y.) and Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich.), who spoke for the insurgents.

**Discuss Arends Ouster**

Proposals to try to oust Arends were discussed at a closed meeting Monday of recently elected GOP congressmen. But only the decisions to try to beat Hoeven and to give Republicans with relatively short House service a louder voice in party affairs came out of that meeting.

The insurgents headed by Goodell and Griffin won a complete victory. Not only did they put over Ford, but they won larger representation and votes for recently elected Republicans on the important House GOP Policy Committee.

The policy committee considers Republican strategy on day-to-day legislative issues. While its decisions are not binding, they obviously help set the party's public image.

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# Battle Over Power Preference Renewed

## Move To Prevent Siphoning Power Out of Northwest

Washington — (UPI) — Washington members of Congress fired their first shot today in a renewed battle to prevent needed electric power from being siphoned out of the Pacific Northwest.

Rep. Julia Butler Hansen (D-Wash.) introduced revised legislation to guarantee the Pacific Northwest first call on firm power produced at federal hydroelectric plants on the Columbia river.

Mrs. Hansen was joined by a Republican colleague, Rep. Jack Westland, also of Washington, in sponsoring Northwest power preference legislation.

The bill, introduced shortly after Congress convened, differed only slightly from legislation offered in the last Congress. It is designed to pave the way for a power intertie that would carry power from Columbia river dams as far south as Los Angeles.

Mrs. Hansen and Westland said the measure was intended to protect firm power being delivered to Pacific Northwest utilities by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Under present law, public power agencies in California would have priority over private industry to firm power in the BPA system if it could be delivered to California.

Mrs. Hansen said the legislation would be among the most vital issues to come up in the new Congress from the viewpoint of the Pacific Northwest.

She noted that California Democrats, with one exception, had supported legislation designed to allow firms that Northwest industry would be deprived of needed firm power.

"We trust that we will again have the support of other westerners," Mrs. Hansen said.

The new bill differed only slightly from the earlier version. It would apply only to hydroelectric power and also would provide for 30-day notice by the BPA to its customers when surplus power is to be sold outside the area.

Sponsorship of the bill by Westland marked an attempt to overcome opposition by some California Republicans. Last year the bill was sponsored by Mrs. Hansen and Rep. Gracie Plost, an Idaho Democrat who lost in a bid for a Senate seat.

**Intertie Inevitable**

Westland said it was "inevitable" that a power intertie would be built between the Northwest and California, whether by the federal government or by private enterprise.

"If it is built we've got to find some way of protecting industry which has made big investments in the Pacific Northwest," he said.

The Washington Republican said he had talked with some Californians. He expressed belief that opposition from that state would be lessened this time.

Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall already has announced that he will seek funds from Congress to begin construction of an extra-high-voltage direct current intertie from the Columbia river to California.

Phippis said the bill authorizing the money will be introduced later this month. It would provide state protection in recognition of the benefits the state and the public derive from private forests.

In the past, the landowners have paid the bill for forest fire protection.

**Critical Areas Mapped**

Phippis said timber knocked down by the Columbus Day windstorm could contribute to catastrophic fires this summer unless all forests in the state are protected. He said the State Department of Forestry has mapped the critical areas where protection is most needed.

He said the maps also will be used to determine where public entry will be restricted during the critical fire season from July through September.

Rod Fety, forest operations manager for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, told the O&C panel that the BLM will sell 1,300,000,000 board feet of storm-fallen timber in the first 18 months after the storm.

"Stumpage prices have held up remarkably well," he said, adding that the bulk of the salvage timber has yet to reach the market.

**INTRODUCES NEW CAR**

London — (UPI) — Auto Union of West Germany introduced a new five-passenger sedan Tuesday to sell for less than \$2,000. A spokesman for the company here said the car, called the DKW F12, has a top cruising speed of 78 miles per hour and goes about 36 miles on one gallon of gasoline.

## Ways and Means Assignments May Determine Medicare Fate

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Pat Jennings (D-Va.) indicated today that if given a chance —

he would help push some modified version of President Kennedy's Medicare program

through the House Ways and Means Committee.

Jennings is one of three Democrats who are competing for two vacant Democratic seats on the powerful committee.

The new assignments — to be decided by House Democrats at a caucus later this month — could determine the fate of Kennedy's Medicare program in the 88th Congress. Medicare sponsors were unable to line up enough votes to squeeze even a skeletonized version through the committee in the last Congress.

Warren James Davis, 86, Wash. Way, Medford, was bound over to the grand jury after appearing in Jackson county district court yesterday on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He waived right to an attorney and posted \$500 bail.

Kennedy aides believe it is almost essential that the two new committee Democrats be supporters of the controversial program if it is to be enacted by this Congress.

"I generally favor some kind of Medicare for the aged," Jennings said in an interview. He said that if such a program is enacted, he would favor financing it through new Social Security taxes.

Although Jennings emphasized that he would not necessarily support other features of the President's proposal, his statement aligned him closer to Kennedy's approach than the public position taken previously by the two other candidates for the committee posts.

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fairly confident he would line up with the administration on a showdown vote.

The third candidate, Rep. Phil Landrum (D-Ga.) has given no indication whether he would support or oppose new legislation in this field. For this reason, Democratic liberals and labor lobbyists have feared that Landrum, as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, might join in blocking action on Medicare.

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## Foreign Briefs

**CZECH EMPLOYEES SENTENCED FOR STAMP THEFTS**

Vienna — (UPI) — Czech newspapers reported today that 13 postal philatelic service employees, including a sales manager, were sentenced to prison terms of one to six years recently for stealing stamps.

**PRINCE CARLOS, WIFE ATTEND ANNIVERSARY**

Athens — (UPI) — Prince Juan Carlos of Spain and his wife, Princess Sophie, attended the silver wedding anniversary of King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece today.

Court circles said the prince and princess would return to Spain to settle their "for good."

**ARABIAN TROOPS TO LEAVE KUWAIT**

Damascus, Syria — (UPI) — Saudi Arabian troops will be withdrawn from Arab league forces stationed in the oil-rich Sheikdom of Kuwait, according to a Saudi defense ministry communique broadcast by Mecca radio Tuesday night.

The broadcast, monitored here, said the troops will be pulled out under an agreement with Kuwait. It did not say when.

**BRITISH LABOR LEADER SAID IMPROVING**

London — (UPI) — British Labor Party Leader Hugh Gaitskell, 56, was reported slightly improved Tuesday night from a virus attack that has affected his lungs and heart.

Gaitskell was hospitalized last Friday. A hospital statement said signs of pleurisy and pericarditis were still present in his condition, but that Gaitskell spent a "more restful" day Tuesday.

**STOCKS WERE UP**

New York — (UPI) — Stocks were up 3 in the foods. Northwest Airlines dropped more than a point.

Electronic features with IBM, Beckman and Motorola up at least 1 apiece. Rails, also a recent strong point, continued to show sizeable gains.

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## Meredith Jeered By Students at School Cafeteria

Oxford, Miss. — (UPI) — Negro student James H. Meredith was greeted with jeers and catcalls for the second successive night at the University of Mississippi cafeteria Tuesday night.

About 25 of 100 students walked out after the 29-year-old Air Force veteran arrived at the cafeteria, focal point of a rowdy demonstration against Meredith last fall until the university threatened stern disciplinary action.

"Ignore the nigger with vigor," the departing students shouted. Most of the remaining students applauded them.

A similar demonstration was staged by about 80 students when Meredith entered the cafeteria Monday night.

Revival of the demonstrations apparently was caused by Meredith's announcement Monday that he could not remain at "Ole Miss" under the present circumstances. Meredith said he would not register for the second semester beginning Feb. 2 unless "definite and positive changes are made." Final examinations for the current term begin Jan. 18.

A federal grand jury began closed door hearings Tuesday on charges against 11 persons, including former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, arrested in connection with the bloody rioting that accompanied Meredith's admission to "Ole Miss" last Sept. 30. The 16-member panel is deciding whether to return indictments in the cases.

## Ashland Man Hurt In Valley Mishap

George Francis Perreard, 24, of 271 High st., Ashland, suffered an injured knee when the car he was driving and a tank truck collided on South Stage rd. near Voorhies rd. yesterday afternoon.

He was reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital.

The truck was driven by Kenneth Lawrence Oman, 44, of 440 North Front st., Medford. The accident happened in heavy fog, police said.

A car driven by Howard Scott Wiley, 51, 200 Skycrest dr., Ashland, struck and killed an Angus cow owned by the K W Corporation, 250 Neil Creek rd., last night on the Green Springs highway near Neil Creek rd., police reported.

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## Former Professor At Oregon State Dies

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