

Freeman Schedules Month's Tours of Communist Nations

Washington - AP - Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman has scheduled a month's tour of farmlands and agricultural facilities in

the Soviet Union and several Communist bloc countries beginning about July 13.

Freeman is expected to spend 18 days in the Soviet Union, inspecting all phases of Soviet agriculture.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Freeman and economists and scientists from the Agriculture Department.

Besides the U.S.S.R., Freeman and his group will visit

Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

Freeman's visit will be within the framework of the United States - U.S.S.R. agreement on exchanges in the scientific, educational, cultural and other fields for 1962-63.

In effect, the visit will repay one made here in September and October, 1962 by K. G. Pysin, the then minister of agriculture of the Soviet Union and five other ranking Soviet agricultural experts. Pysin since has lost his job.

The group is expected to travel from Washington to Moscow by commercial plane and to use Soviet planes with in the U.S.S.R. Under present plans, at the end of 18 days a United States plane will pick up the Freeman party at Moscow and fly the group to Warsaw, Sofia, Bucharest, Belgrade and back to Washington.

A department source said Freeman expects to see as much of Soviet agriculture as possible, and by observing the agricultural technology, get

an idea on things to come in Russian farming operations.

Freeman in meetings with Soviet officials is not expected to take the initiative in any talks regarding trade relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. But if the matter does come up, it is likely that he would let the Soviets know that any plans for trade expansion between the two countries would be predicated largely on easing of the cold war tensions.

In the satellite countries, Freeman is expected to confine his inquiries about their agricultural problems to talks with American embassy mem-

bers who are familiar with local situations. However, he probably will tour several farming areas near the capitals of the satellites.

Mrs. Freeman's schedule is expected to include talks with Soviet women about consumer problems.

AWAY SHE GOES
Hitchin, England - AP - The day after Don Parker bought his 40-year-old wife a new car two weeks ago she went for her first drive and hasn't been seen since.

"I am completely mystified," Parker said today. "Beryl never indicated she would do a thing like this."

Portlander Named State Fire Marshal

Beaverton - AP - C. W. Stickney, a member of the Portland Fire Bureau for 25 years, was appointed state fire marshal Saturday.

The appointment was made by Gov. Mark Hatfield at a banquet ending the four-day annual Oregon Fire Services conference.

Stickney, 50, has been a battalion chief with the Portland Fire Bureau. The new position was created by the 1963 legislature.

Six Injured When Trains Sideswipe

Hornell, N. Y. - AP - An Erie Lackawanna passenger train with one baggage car loaded with "classified material" Saturday night sideswiped a freight train here, injuring six persons.

Police here said the baggage car - one of three cars derailed in the wreck - reportedly contained a guarded military security shipment "possibly containing a radioactive hazard."

A spokesman at 1st U. S. Army headquarters on Governor's island in New York City described the shipment as "classified material." He said it was non-atomic. A military

guard of two Army officers and eight enlisted men was accompanying the shipment which originated from a U. S. Army arsenal in the 1st Army area, he said.

Police here said there was "no danger" from the baggage car although evacuation of some areas near the wreck had been contemplated for a time.

CALL FOR HELP
Warminster, England - AP - Police said today they had received an emergency call from a man who told them, "Send someone quickly, please—my wife is beating me."

Director Named For OSU Union

Corvallis - George Frederic Stevens, State university of Iowa, has been appointed new director of the Memorial union and student activities at Oregon State university, according to President James H. Jensen.

The Memorial union is the center for student activities on campus and has become a symbol of Oregon state over the years. It is the meeting place also for scores of off-campus organizations during the year.

Stevens, 38, has been associate director of the Memorial union at Iowa since 1959 and on the Union staff there since 1950. He will arrive in Corvallis Aug. 1 to succeed Maj. Edward C. Allworth, who is retiring after 38 years of service.

Everest Climbers Due for Welcome

Seattle - AP - James Whitaker, the first American to conquer Mt. Everest, was scheduled to receive a hero's welcome here today.

Whittaker, who was to arrive at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at about 2:15 p.m., was to be honored with a parade through the downtown area and a reception in the plaza of the city's Public Safety Building.

Scheduled to share the welcome with the 6-foot-5 mountaineer from nearby dmound were two other members of the Everest expedition, Luth-

er Jerstad and Barry Prather. Jerstad is a speech teacher at the University of Oregon and a native of Gig Harbor, Wash., Prather is from Ellensburg, Wash.

Jerstad was one of the five members of the expedition who reached the top of the world's highest mountain. Whittaker made his climb on May 1. The others reached the top in later assaults.

After a short vacation with his family, Whittaker is scheduled to fly to Washington, D.C., July 8 to meet President Kennedy.

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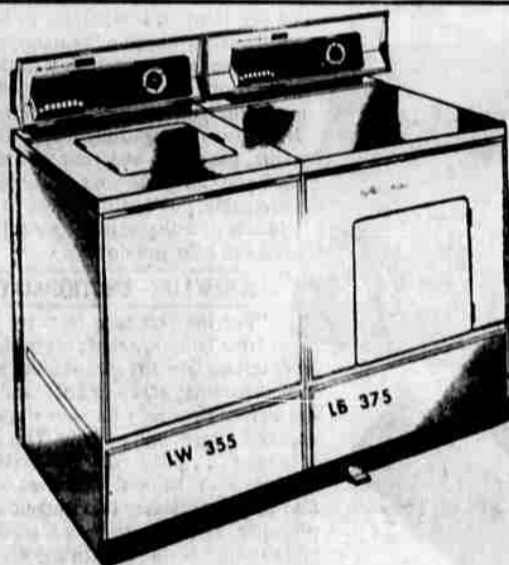
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