

### Russ Reject Trade Offer

MOSCOW (UP)—Russia said today it has rejected an American offer to sell the Soviets surplus American farm products because the West refuses to lower its barrier on trade in strategic goods.

A statement by the official Soviet news agency Tass confirmed that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov discussed the sale of American surplus farm products last Nov. 13 at Geneva.

But it said Molotov told Dulles it was not necessary to discuss selling farm products but rather to eliminate barriers at all international trade.

The Tass dispatch referred to the recent State Department statement "concerning trade between the USA and the Soviet Union" in which the Nov. 13 Dulles-Molotov discussion was mentioned.

Then, the Tass dispatch said of the Dulles-Molotov conversations: "It was pointed out by the Soviet side that there was a generally-recognized necessity for the development of contact between the countries, especially concerning the restoration of normal conditions in international trade, and that it was necessary to discuss not the particular case of selling farm products but the elimination of barriers put up in recent years and the task of developing international trade specifically between the US and the USSR."

The Soviet statement pointed out Russia is trading with many countries on "a mutual basis and on the basis of mutual benefits."

### University Scientists Track Down 'Shipyard Eye' Cause

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Medical scientists of the University of California have traced down the cause of "shipyard eye."

"Shipyard eye" is a disease that afflicted thousands of persons during the war years and still causes trouble. It got its name because it is an occupational hazard of shipyard workers.

The cause, the scientists here found, is a virus which they have isolated from materials removed from the eyelids and corneas of a seaman suffering from the disease. The scientists' report will be published tomorrow in Science Journal.

The disease usually produces an effect which stops the transmission of light rays through the eye's cornea, thus seriously impairing vision. It may persist up to two years and can be spread from person to person through goggles, instruments or personal contact.

The UC medical team succeeded in growing the isolated virus in tissue culture of human cells and tested it against the serum of persons who suffered the disease during 1951-55 in the United States,

Japan and Italy. In all cases, the serum had antibodies to the new virus.

Because of this, the scientists concluded that the new virus was regularly associated with the eye disease, but whether the virus was the sole cause was not established. However, identification of the virus helps to clarify the cause and may help in combating the infection.

The researchers were Drs. Ernest Jawetz, S. J. Kimura and Phillips Thygeson, and Miss A. N. Nicholas, technician, and Miss Lavelle Hanna, associate in ophthalmology.



MOTHERS of the Little Flower Blue Birds of Camp Fire Girls entertained their mothers at a Christmas tea, December 12 in the parish hall of Sacred Heart Church. A miniature Christmas tree, cake and tapers carrying out the holiday theme centered the tea table. Pouring left, was Mrs. John Lynch, a sponsor of the group and right, Mrs. Gino Carnini, also a sponsor. Standing (left to right) Mrs. Oscar DeNault, assistant group leader, in front of her, Linda Lynch followed by Mary Joe Amarling, Susan Jessing, Donna Slowey, Tony Nagus, Patricia Ferguson, Joanne Holland, Rose Mary DeNault, Jeanne Carnini, Mrs. Mike Holland, group leader, Joan Conlin, Janice McNeil, Pamela Perkins, Judy Korsan, Mary Ellen Miller, Mary Roycroft. Ruth Hamlin, another member of the group was not present.

### Use Of Ice Study Spurred

BOSTON (UP)—Air Force scientists are pushing research on a problem of swiftly-growing importance to the United States and Royal Canadian air forces in the strategic arctic—how to use the snow and ice as safe landing fields.

They hope to develop an airborne indicator of ice thickness for use in the far north. Helicopters will drop assorted pointed projectiles from various heights onto the ice. Huge tanks of 80-ton capacity will be loaded onto the ice and pumped full of water.

Researchers will saw out big ice beams and load them to the breakage point. They will cut out cylindrical samples of ice for testing. Ice crystals in process of growth will be studied under microscopes.

Experts are in Hopedale, Labrador, to conduct 17 separate experiments between now and spring. Eight square miles around Hopedale harbor will be the study area. Researchers will travel over the ice by motor toboggan, truck and weasel.

### Over the GARDEN GATE

**JUNIPER BRANCH**  
By Nicki Larson

The Juniper Branch of the Evergreen Garden Club, met at Joan's Kitchen, Monday December 12 at 10 a.m. The main purpose of the day was to make Christmas decorations for the Klamath County Nursing Home on Summers Lane. One large long garland was made for the dining room. Three large swags were also completed.

Sack lunch, with coffee was served by the hostess, Nicki Larson. The regular meeting was conducted by President Mrs. O. B. Thurman.

The day was finished with each member completing their own doorway swags from their own materials brought to the meeting, and extra materials purchased from the Juniper Club.

Several members brought food for needy family baskets. Members

who did not bring gifts and members who were not present, please call 2-0337 or 7304 and gifts will be picked up before December 23.

The January meeting will be January 18 at Joan's Kitchen. Films on conservation will be shown at this time.

### Merrill Grange Holds Dinner, Business Meet

MERRILL — Merrill Grange No. 717 held a planned poultry turkey dinner and gift exchange in the Merrill Recreation Hall on December 12.

Following the dinner a short business meeting and lecturer's program arranged by Olga Bradshaw were held. Primary voting on new state officers was conducted.

Thirty-two members and visiting strangers were present.

### Council Elects Lamb President

PORTLAND (UP)—Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Growers, will be president of the Agricultural Co-operative Council of Oregon in the coming year.

Walter Steele of the Polk County Farmers Co-op, was elected vice president; Paul Carpenter, Corvallis, was re-elected secretary, and Mary Holthouse, Corvallis, was re-elected treasurer at the close of a two-day meeting this week.

Directors named: Harley Libby, president of the Oregon Farmers Union; Elmer McClure, state Grange master; Gerald Detering, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation president; LeRoy Childs and Bernard Kirsch, both of Hood River; Roy A. Ward and Marvin Davidson, both of Portland; Richard Renfro, Springbrook; John Trunk, Newberg; Allen Phillips, The Dalles; E. A. McGowan, Eugene, and Bernard Kirsch, Mt. Angel.

### P.T.A. FAIRVIEW

Captain Ray Royce of the Klamath Falls Air Base spoke before a meeting of the Fairview PTA on November 30 in the school auditorium. He was introduced by Mrs. Florence Oilman, principal. The captain also showed a film on home defense.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute led by Katie Brauner and Ralph Breitenstein, sixth grade students. Room count was won by Sam Redkey's fifth grade. The special prize was won by Mrs. Carlson.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by the sixth grade mothers with Mrs. Alyce Bowen and Mrs. Thomas Garland in charge.

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