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Jack Ryan, public relations specialist and former Montana newspaperman, has been appointed director of publications and news service at Montana State University, Missoula. It was announced by Dr. Gordon B. Castle, acting president of the University. He succeeds Ross L. Miller, who resigned as MSU publications and news director to accept an appointment as director of information at the University of Alaska at College, Alaska, near Fairbanks.

Ryan's newspaper career started with the Montana Kaimin, MSU student newspaper, which he served as associate editor. While still an undergraduate, he worked as a reporter for the Missoula Sentinel and the Daily Missoulian, and he became a reporter for the Montana Standard in Butte following graduation. He moved to Appleton, Wis., Post-Crescent as telegraph and makeup editor and later served with the Racine Times-Call and the Chicago Times.

Ryan's public relations experience began with assignment to the general educational bureau of the Portland Cement Assn. in Chicago. He also served the same organization as public relations director in Atlanta and New York. Returning to Chicago, Ryan established his own public relations firm, handling national radio accounts, including Lum and Abner and Horace Heidt's orchestra, and commercial accounts, including the Izaak Walton League and the National Outboard Assn.

Ryan joined the National Broadcasting Co. as night editor in the Central division offices in Chicago in 1938, later advancing to the post of press and public relations manager for the NBC Central Division. He also served as associate director of public relations for Zenith Radio Corp. He returned to Missoula and his alma mater in the spring of 1957 to act as distribution manager for the Montana State University Press.

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He is a member of Chicago Newspaper Veterans Assn., the Chicago Headline Club (Chicago professional chapter of Sigma Delta Chi), life member of Sigma Delta Chi, and was recently appointed by the journalism fraternity as state chairman for Montana. He resides in Missoula with his wife, daughter and son. His daughter Lee is completing her second year at MSU.