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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Dr. Douglas C. Sheppard, associate professor of Spanish at Montana State University, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages, MSU President H. K. Newburn announced. Dr. Sheppard, who was granted a year's leave of absence to take a special assignment in Washington, D. C., will return to the campus in September 1963 to take up his new duties.

Dr. Robert M. Burgess, department chairman since 1954, will continue in the post until Dr. Sheppard completes his current assignment with the Language Institutes Section of the U. S. Office of Education. Dr. Burgess, a member of the Foreign Languages Department since 1947, has resigned as chairman but will remain on the faculty as a professor of French.

Dr. Sheppard joined the MSU faculty in 1958, after teaching for four years at the University of Connecticut. He earned a bachelor's degree at MSU in 1948 and A. M. and Ph. D. degrees at the University of Wisconsin. The latter institution awarded him the Markham Travelling Fellowship for study in France, Portugal and Spain in 1956-57. He is the author of several major publications.

The new department head spent 30 months in the Southwest Pacific during his service in the army infantry from 1940 to 1945. In 1949, he married Mary Belle Lockhart of Missoula, an MSU alumna. They have three children.

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