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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Dr. Laurence E. Gale of Pocatello, Idaho, has been appointed Academic Vice-President of the University of Montana, effective next February 1, President Robert Johns announced today.

Dr. Gale will assume the position vacated by Dr. Frank C. Abbott last November 1, when Abbott was appointed to the post of Executive Director of the then recently formed Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Gale has been Dean of the University at Idaho State University in Pocatello since 1962. Prior to that, while moving through the professorial ranks in pharmacology, he was Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Chairman of the Division of Medical Arts. During 1964-65 he served as Acting President of Idaho State University.

Born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, in 1925, Dr. Gale served in the United States Army's Office of Strategic Service from 1943-45 and received the Silver Star. From 1945 to 1952 he served in the Medical Service Corps as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

He was graduated from Idaho State College in 1949 with a B.S. degree in pharmacy, and Washington State University with a M.S. degree in pharmacology and physiology in 1952 and with a pharmacology Ph.D. degree in 1954. His masters and doctorate work was done in cardio-vascular research as a Fellow of the American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education.

Dr. Gale is affiliated with three academic honoraries--Rho Chi, Sigma Xi, and Phi Kappa Phi--and the Phi Delta Chi fraternity of which he is an alumni member and has been faculty advisor.

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He is professionally affiliated with the American Association of University Professors, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Idaho State Pharmaceutical Association. Dr. Gale is a past president of the ISU chapter of the AAUP and he served as president of the Thirteen Western States Pharmaceutical Conference in 1961.

He has been an advisory board member to the Idaho Selective Service Commission since 1960, and has served on the Water Pollution Advisory Council to the Idaho State Department of Health since 1960. He has been a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education commissioner since 1964. He is also a member of the Commission on Higher Schools of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

He was last year's president of the Pocatello Kiwanis Club and is a member of the Idaho Heart Association and the Idaho Public Health Association.

Dr. Gale is the author of numerous publications and writings in the pharmacological-medical field and is listed in several professional directories. He and his wife Joyce have two sons, David 7, and Thomas 5. He declares his hobbies are gunsmithing and outdoor activities.