

### Stalin Likes Catholicism Says Priest

MOSCOW, May 6—(AP)—The Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski, Polish-American priest concluding a 12-day visit to Russia, declared today after a second audience with Premier Joseph Stalin that the soviet leader is "very friendly disposed towards the Roman Catholic church" and that "the religion of our forefathers shall be the religion of the Polish people."

In a formal statement issued as he departed for the United States, Father Orlemanski significantly said that "future events will prove" Stalin's friendliness toward the Catholic church. The priest described his own prediction as "historic," but gave no hint as to what he thought the actual events might be.

The American, whose trip here has aroused criticism in the United States, declared also that Stalin "really wants a strong, independent democratic Poland," and that "he has no intention of meddling in the internal affairs of Poland."

Apparently highly satisfied with his trip, Father Orlemanski praised the Russians as "a wonderful people" and Stalin and Foreign Commissar Molotov as "great men." He conferred with the two leaders at the Kremlin for two hours Thursday and said "the results were beyond my expectation."

### 'The Farmer's Son' Is Published

SILVERTON — "The Farmer's Son," a dramatic ballad written by Mrs. George Christenson, Silvertown, and set to music by John Tasker Howard, is on sale locally. It was noted this week.

The cover of the song is attractively illustrated with drawings of a farm lad and a Yank soldier, with lettering in blue green and russet.

The ballad first appeared as a short poem in a 1943 copy of the Saturday Evening Post. Since it was set to music it has been sung on a radio program.

### Silvertown Woman Home From Midwest Trip

SILVERTON — Mrs. J. W. Jordan has returned from a trip to the east where she attended the staff conference of the Christian Missionary society at Indianapolis and spent four days in St. Louis attending the board of religious education business meeting. Mrs. Jordan is executive secretary for the Christian Missionary society of Oregon.

On her way home Mrs. Jordan was rerouted through Omaha, due to the flood waters in the Mississippi valley.

## Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



SILVERTON—Pvt. Milton "Bud" Thostrud, left, is stationed at Camp Carson, Colo. His brother, Kenneth Thostrud, right, USN, aerographer's mate second class, is now in the south Pacific. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thostrud and grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams of Silvertown.

Word has been received by Mrs. Henry Lehman of the promotion of her son-in-law from captain to major. Major Charles F. Craig is stationed at the army air base in Charleston, South Carolina, as instructor. Mrs. Lehman's daughter, the former Dorothe Shepherd, is with Maj. Craig.

### MONMOUTH — Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bennett of Monmouth are parents of four sons all in the US navy, and of a fifth son who lost his life in the battle of Guadalcanal, November, 1942.

Paul, in the navy as motor machinist's mate, first class; Ted, USN fireman first class, now in school at San Diego; Rex, USN seaman second class, stationed at Klamath Falls; Laurence, USN, construction battalion, Hawaii. Donald, deceased, was an electrician's mate.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have lived here two and a half years, coming from Kansas. They are the parents also of four daughters: Mrs. Otto Balzer, Falls City; Mrs. Charles Balzer, Portland; Ruth and Louise and Zane, at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are employed in the Camp Adair hospital.



attending Willamette university at the time he was inducted into the army.

Cpl. Don Hawes, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hawes, has been moved from Australia to New Guinea. On shipboard he met Norman Denison of Silvertown, and after landing he located Don Anderson and Marvin Melbye, also both of Silvertown.

### Lawrence Imjah, Jr., US navy, is spending a 15-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Farrel Daugherty, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkwood, in San Diego.

Sgt. Delbert Hunter of the marine corps has been transferred up to Klamath Falls from San Diego.

Sgt. Hunter will be in charge of all classification work in the new marine corps hospital. His mother, Mrs. Florence Hunter, has had news of his transfer there from San Diego. Hunter had been stationed at the California marine base for a year.

### MILL CITY — Cpl. Alfred E. Stahlman has returned to his base at Randolph field, Texas, after spending a 15-day furlough with his wife here. Stahlman has been in the service since February, 1942, and has been stationed at Randolph field for 21 months after receiving his basic training at Shepherd field, Texas.

Mrs. Stahlman's son, Pvt. Jimmie Day, is with the US marine corps, somewhere in the south Pacific. Her brother, Pfc. Gale Dorothy, US army medical corps, recently arrived in England.

Charles Powelson is spending a 25-day furlough with his wife and three children.

Salem friends of Cpl. Ray Drakeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Drakeley, will be interested to know that he is home from California on furlough, and will sing this morning at the Knight Memorial church, where he was soloist before leaving Salem. He is a graduate of Willamette university and active in music circles. Before entering the service he studied music in Chicago.

### HAYESVILLE — Kenneth Robertson, seaman first class, is spending an extended leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Her-shal Robertson. He will return to the naval academy preparatory school at Bainbridge, Md., and find out if he will be able to qualify for Annapolis.



Sgt. James D. Towne, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Towne, who is now at a rest camp at Oahu. He has been in the army for three years, and is now with the anti-tank 32nd infantry and has been through the battle of Attu and several south Pacific battles.

### Two brothers, Pfc. Charles and William, are Japanese prisoners. Charles was in the medical corps and taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor. William was in the importing business in Manila when that city fell, and with his wife and two-year-old son was taken prisoner. His mother received a letter in December from William from Santos Tomas, Manila, which said his boy was growing fast and "rides all over the campus on a tricycle. He converses in two languages and wants to take a boat ride and see you folks," the letter said.

### Ray Carr Will Speak Here Monday Night

Ray Carr, Portland, president of Oregon Republican clubs, will be speaker at Monday night's meeting of the Marion County Republican club, to be held in chamber of commerce rooms at 8 o'clock. Dr. O. A. Olson, president of the county club, announced Friday night.

## Washington Outlook

By the Washington Staff of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, May 6—(AP)—Uncle Sam may be cooking up some diplomatic surprises for the neutrals and Finland, to be sprung after the invasion gets rolling and designed to leave Nazi Europe more isolated than ever.

Relations with Spain are smoother but there are problems outstanding with Switzerland, Portugal, Eire and Turkey which are likely to receive much closer attention when invasion paves the way for stronger talk.

Finland is neutral to the US, but not to Britain and Russia. Important fact here is that Russia has not even though peace talks have broken down again. Allied ideas about the Finns apparently await the time when they can be geared in with military operations which will change the whole diplomatic picture.

Is reconversion slow?—Some production officials privately fear war production might decline as much as 55 per cent by the end of this year if Germany should fold up soon. This is in contrast to the forecast of Charles E. Wilson that a German collapse would free 35 per cent of this country's arms-making capacity for civilian goods. These officials are worried that WPB may be slow in getting reconversion machinery set up.

## Navy Recruits 10 More Men

Salem young men continue to flock to the United States navy, according to A. C. Friesen, recruiter-in-charge, who reports 10 more 17-year-old applicants in the last two days.

Included in the list of those who will be wearing the navy blue jacket are Joseph D. Justis, Eugene L. Basye, Donald D. Colvin, Edward L. Jackman, Wallace K. Huntington, Orvell W. Baughn, Frank J. Hedges, all of Salem; Norman R. Bethell of Monmouth; Howard D. Struxness, McMinnville, and Carl E. Smith of St. Paul. Most of these men will leave for the training center with the group of graduating high school seniors who are leaving early in June to take their recruit training together, Friesen states.

## Turner School Has Cleanup Day

TURNER — The annual cleanup day in Turner high school was held Tuesday, with a short assembly for the day's instructions. The school house, gymnasium and school grounds were thoroughly cleaned. The afternoon was devoted to a baseball game and team practice, followed by the serving of refreshments.

Lee Ritchey, student body president, appointed ten chairmen of committees for cleaning the premises, including Edwin Ball, Dale Yager, Kenneth Young, Joyce Kunke, Bonnie Webb, Pat Jenkins, Alice Locken, Beverly Webb and Lorraine Petersen.

## Farmers Are Rushed By Favorable Weather

OAK POINT — Farmers are working night and day to get their crops in. The delayed rains found nearly all farmers with no spring grain seeded when the good weather came. Lloyd Hughes is sowing clover seed this week in ground he will also seed to Zimmerman spring wheat. Rodney Peterson is sowing barley this week on early plowed ground.

## Political calendar—

May 8—Missouri democratic convention names 32 national delegates.

Wyoming: Democrats name 8 more, republicans 9.

May 9—Ohio presidential preference primaries to elect 52 democratic and 50 republican delegates; nominees for senate, house, governor and full state ticket.

## WPB Requests Registration Of Machinery

Revealing one of the most critical shortages of today, R. E. Williams, regional manager of the construction machinery division war labor board advised Saturday that only 2 per cent of used cranes, shovels, track-laying tractors and motor graders now registered by contractors and distributors, as well as private owners, under Order L-186 are available for sale and only 4 per cent are available for rental. Present inventories list 22,615 track-laying tractors, 4788 motor graders and 16,444 cranes and shovels.

The present small percentage of items available for sale or rental indicates the necessity for having all registrations filed promptly by owners so that idle equipment will be placed in essential services, under Order L-186, which requires that WPB authorization be obtained prior to sale.

"In order to maintain the production schedule of the farmer, and by the mining, logging and petroleum industries, every owner is urged to register his equipment immediately, because in many vicinities operations are being held up due to lack of this vitally needed equipment," declared Williams. "Get further instruction from your district offices today and help us lick this problem that has arisen through our having to ship new material to the military establishment. Cooperate with us to keep our roads paved, our farms in production and our lumber rolling."

## Former Silvertown Man Gets Portland Post

SILVERTON — Former students of the Silvertown high school living here were interested to note that Watt A. Long, once instructor in the high school, has been nominated assistant superintendent of Portland schools. Long's election will be before the school board at a meeting next week. He will succeed Dr. Henry M. Gunn, who on July 1, will become superintendent of school at Eugene.

Long was in the Portland system for 17 years.

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## Temperature Is Varied in Scio

SCIO — Unofficial temperature of 84 degrees was reported in Scio Thursday, following 38 degrees Monday and Tuesday, when frost was observed on rooftops. Moisture is needed in some localities, farmers say.

## Oregon Will Get More Mexican Help

PENDLETON, May 6—(AP)—A substantial increase in the number of Mexican laborers will alleviate Umatilla county's threatened labor crisis in the pea harvest, Walter Holt, county agent, said today.

Holt quoted J. R. Beck, Corvallis, head of the state farm labor program, as saying the state's quota of 1500 Mexican workers has been nearly doubled.

Representatives of pea growers who had planned a trip to Washington, DC, in an effort to avert the threatened labor shortage, postponed their trip, Holt added.

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