Churchill Declares 'Socialism Weak Defense Against Reds'

LONDON, Jan. 21 –(AP)– Winston Churchill declared tonight that socialism is out of tune with the times and is the "weakest defense against communism." Socialist restrictions have paralyzed Britain and blocked her path to recovery, he said.

In his first 1950 campaign speech, broadcast from his home at Westerham, the 75-year-old conservative party leader urged British voters in the February 23 general election to spurn the labor party's bid for a return to power after almost five years' rule.

The speech was transmitted by the government-owned BBC and rebroadcast in the United States and elsewhere.

The opening salvo of the conservative campaign was not in the doughty war-time prime minister's usual rousing style, however.

Speaking slowly, as if to weigh his words, he claimed credit for some of the social services which the labor government has put into effect. But he declared the "socialist policy of equalizing misery and organizing scarcity" might bring results the like of which "we have never yet suffered or even imagined."

The issue, he said, "is whether we should take another plunge into socialist regimentation" or regain the "freedom, initiative and opportunity" that once won for Britain "glorious ascendency."

"Socialism has been found in all European countries, in bond or free, to have been the weakest defense against communism," he asserted.

Declaring that except in Scandinavia socialist parties were on the decline throughout Europe outside the iron curtain, he said:

"In taking another lurch into socialism at this juncture, we should be moving contrary to the general trend and tide of reviving European society.

"Still more should we be out of harmony with the states and nations of the English speaking world, the British dominions and the United States."

He recalled that New Zealand and Australia, two of the dominions, "have recently shaken themselves free" after a prolonged trial of socialist government.

Atomic Expert Appointed to Plan Defense

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21–(AP)–The government stepped up its preparedness planning today with the appointment of an atomic expert to direct a broad new program of civil defense, strategic dispersal of industry and censorship.

It named Paul J. Larsen as first chairman of the new civilian mobilization office which will be set up March 1. The agency will operate under supervision of the national security resources board which has overall responsibility for all civilian defense activities.

Larsen's appointment was announced by presidential Assistant John R. Steelman, who has been serving as acting chairman of the board.

It follows shortly after a defense department disclosure that recruiting of 150,000 volunteer aircraft observers will start immediately to be ready for action if war should come.

Larsen's office will provide general planning for such programs along with marshalling data on health resources, housing and community services.

Just what plans will be made for censorship was not immediately disclosed.

Larsen formerly was associate director of the University of California's scientific laboratory at Los Alamos, N. M., later serving as director of the university's laboratory at Albuquerque.

When the latter operation was taken over by the Western Electric Co., last November, Larsen became a consultant for a Western Electric subsidiary working in atomic research.

State to Open Bids on Salem Traffic Signals

Traffic signals for two Salem intersections are included in the $2,500,000 in projects for which the state highway commission will call bids in early February.

The signals will be installed at the Lana avenue and Portland road and at Owens street and South Commercial street intersections. The state and city will share the cost of the signals.

Other projects on the list to be called February 6 and 7 are: Surfacing and oiling of 8.43 miles of Thomas Creek-Lyons section of Albany-Lyons secondary highway and paving 9.3 miles of the Halsey-Crawfordsville section of the Halsey-Sweet Home highway.

Finns Reject Russ Charges

HELSINKI, Finland, Jan. 21–(AP) The Finnish government tonight rejected Soviet charges that it has been harboring war criminals wanted by Russia.

Replying to Moscow's note of Jan. 1, the Finns said they were holding for questioning four of the 55 persons specifically listed by the Soviet government. But the Finns did not promise to deliver them to Russia.

The Finnish reply said an investigation was being made as to whether they ought to be extradited to Russia under provisions of the 1947 peace treaty. The answer declared Finland is striving loyally to fulfill provisions of that treaty, but also is bound to observe international laws guaranteeing the rights of individuals—presumably a reference to the right of asylum of political refugees.

Moral: Know Your Neighbor

One Salem man is going to get better acquainted with his neighbors after a recent incident.

Over a week ago a man claiming to be a neighbor asked if he could borrow his trailer for an hour to move a stove. Neither the "neighbor" nor trailer returned. A John Doe warrant was sworn and sheriff's deputies put on the trail.

Saturday Harold L. Smith, 31, Woodburn, was arrested and charged with larceny by bailee in connection with the incident. Smith admitted taking the trailer, valued at $100, to Eugene and selling it for $20. He is being held in the county jail in lieu of $750 bail.

Invasion of Indo-China by Reds Reported

TAIPEI, Formosa, Sunday, Jan. 22 –(AP)– The Chinese nationalist Central News agency today quoted military sources on Hainan as saying 30,000 Chinese communist troops had invaded Indochina.

(This report is wholly unconfirmed. Spencer Moosa, Associated Press correspondent at Taipei, filed it on a "protective" basis. As far as is known, there are no good communications between Indochina, which is under strict censorship, and Hainan.)

The report said the communist troops of Gen. Lin Piao had attacked French troops at Caobang, which is about 20 miles inside Indochina.

The agency said the sources were the nationalist military on Hainan. This is the government-held island off the South China coast.

The agency quoted these sources as reporting that casualties were heavy on both sides.

(The Chinese communists have been leveling their heaviest propaganda guns at Indochina. Lin Piao's troops are at the border. The communists have accused the French of giving refuge to nationalist troops fleeing red troops in South China.)

Flood Crisis Moves South From Midwest

By The Associated Press

The current flood crisis appeared to be passing Saturday from the midwest to the south.

Winter softened its punches, meanwhile, in nearly every section of the country. Skies were generally fair except for the northern fringe of states and temperatures were somewhat higher.

The bloated Mississippi and Ohio rivers held steady at their confluence in Cairo, Ill., but conditions were termed critical along the St. Francis river in Arkansas.

The Red Cross announced it is setting up centralized disaster relief headquarters in Little Rock to aid some 1,500 flood refugees there. An estimated 9,000 persons have been made homeless in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Robert Edson, Red Cross midwest director, said Arkansas now was taking a harder mauling from floods than any other state.

Above Cairo, flood waters were receding virtually everywhere on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries.

Nearly 25,000 persons have been driven from their homes this month by floods in the midwest and south. However, many have returned or will do so in the near future in the flood area north of Cairo.

Still out are 11,400 residents of the Birds Point-New Madrid floodway in southeast Missouri. They evacuated in expectation that army engineers would flood that area to take the strain off of levees elsewhere along that stretch of the Mississippi river.

A spokesman for the engineers said he expected that the flood crisis would pass safely and that the levees would not have to be opened.

Investigation Of Wheatland Ferry Slated

An investigation to either improve or eliminate the Willamette river ferry at Wheatland, 10 miles north of Salem, will be undertaken soon by Marion county court.

This announcement came hard on the heels of a report Saturday that the ferry was out of commission, for the umpteeth time this winter, because of high water.

"Wheatland ferry, under its present system of operation, is of very little use to us," said County Judge Grant Murphy. "In the summer time it frequently stalls because the water is too low. In the winter time the water is too high or too swift, the wind is too strong or the approach roads get icy."

Man Loses Job Over Falsies

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 21–(AP)–If a man gives a pair of falsies to a girl employe in his office as a prank, does it warrant his being fired?

This is the question posed today in a labor-management problem between the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Local 15, United Office and Professional Workers (CIO).

G. Hoyle Wright, company superintendent of agencies, a few days ago discharged George J. Moskowitz. The reason stated was that he had presented a gift of a pair of falsies to a girl in the office as a prank on her birthday.

Frank Engelberg, International representative of UOPWA, said he instructed the union's counsel to file unfair practice charges against the company.

Woman Hurt In Car Wreck

Mrs. May Calvin, 1175 N. 16th st., suffered minor head injuries Saturday when the car in which she was a passenger collided with another at the intersection of Garnet and Nebraska streets.

Gordon C. Sloan, 1290 McCoy st., told police he was driving south on Garnet and did not see the second machine in time to avoid the crash. Driver of the other car was listed as Channcey K. Doran, 1690 N. 5th st. Both cars were heavily damaged by the crash.

Mrs. Calvin was treated by Salem first aidmen at her residence, following the accident. She suffered a cut over the right eye and a bump on top of the head.

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Russians Release 2,500 Japanese War Prisoners

TOKYO, Sunday, Jan. 22 –(AP)– A group of 2,500 Japanese war prisoners from Siberia arrived today at the port of Maizuru, on the western coast of Japan.

The Russians unexpectedly volunteered to return them earlier this month after insisting only 10,000 "war criminals" remained to be repartiated. Japanese and occupation officials insist the number held is 376,000. They assume many of these are dead.

Kyodo news agency said the returned prisoners had no explanation of why they had been repatriated in the midst of a U.S.-Russian controversy over whether more Japanese remain in Siberia.

First reports from the repatriates indicated that they knew of at least 10,000 Japanese still in Russian hands.

Chemeketans Plan Trip to Lake Louise

The Canadian Rockies near Lake Louise will beckon members of Salem's Chemektans this summer for their annual outing, it was announced at the club's banquet in the Mayflower hall Saturday night.

Kenneth Jennings, outing chairman, announced the selection of the Valley of Ten Peaks as the site for the annual trip.

More than 100 Chemeketans and guests attended the banquet Saturday night and heard Carl Richards, past president of the Salem Geological Society speak on the topic "Last Half Century." Norman Winslow was master of ceremonies.

Musical selections were presented by a high school trio comprising Anne Gibbens, Marilyn Broer and Marilyn Foxley.

Canadian and American scientists have cooperated on studies of arctic mosquitoes in the Hudson's Bay area.

Dairymen to Discuss Oleomargarine Tax

EUGENE, Jan. 21 –(AP)– The oleomargarine tax will be discussed at the Oregon Dairymen's 56th annual convention, which opens here Monday for a three-day session.

Sen. Wayne L. Morse will speak at the Tuesday night banquet.

Present natives of the Pribilof Islands are descendants of Aleuts brought there by the Russians to hunt seals.

Labor Camp Operators Get Title to Land

Marion county court Saturday turned over title for the 124-acre farm labor camp near Salem airport to Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc.

The non-profit organization has been operating the camp for the past several years as a housing project for transient farm laborers during the summer months. The court's action Saturday merely gives the corporation official title.

The county purchased the property in 1947 from the war assets administration and acquired title to it in September, 1948. The camp was purchased on behalf of the agricultural housing group, which contributed the purchase price of $11,185.

Thirty-six buildings together with electrical, sewer and water systems on the camp land, can house about 500 persons. The land lies on the northeast side of the airport. It was formerly an army air base during the war.

The camp was operated as a farm labor camp by the federal department of agriculture prior to its being turned over to the county. The agricultural housing corporation is made up of a group of businessmen, processors and growers. According to WAA regulations the county could not relinquish title until two years after date of purchase.

Truck Catches Fire on Bridge

Cross-bridge traffic was snarled for several minutes about 6:15 p.m. Saturday when the seat of a truck caught fire on the Polk county approach.

Firemen rushed to the bridge when the report came in that a gas truck had caught fire. However firemen found a wood truck with the blaze already extinguished by the driver, R. J. Short of Dallas. Gasoline, slopped from an underseat tank, had been set afire by a short in the truck's wiring.

Vacuum Sweeper Fires Cartridge, Wounds Operator

SALINA, Kas., Jan. 21 –(AP)–A vacuum sweeper fired a .22 caliber cartridge and wounded Stanley Sampson, Salina, in the hand.

Sampson was using the rim of the cartridge case as a screwdriver in working on the vacuum cleaner when his three-year-old son, John, plugged the sweeper cord into a wall socket.

The electric current apparently discharged the shell. It ripped the flesh on Sampson's right index finger.

Father of Egyptian Girl Said As Favoring Royal Marriage

By the Associated Press

Friends of the father of 16-year-old Narriman Sadek, Cairo beauty, say he has been won over to a royal marriage for his daughter with Egypt's King Farouk I.

These sources say that at first the father, Sadek Bey, an Egyptian civil servant, opposed the marriage stoutly. But even the indirectly controlled Egyptian press has said he will be made a Pasha—high Egyptian rank of nobility—if he approves.

Other rewards would go to the father of the queen. And, say those in the know, Sadek has no alternative anyway—he could not say no to a royal command.

So Egypt was not surprised when he bowed before the royal will several weeks ago.

In United States

Zaki Hashem, 27, economist who was to have wed Miss Sadek December 8 in a big social wedding of Cairo's winter season, has left Egypt for the United States. Heartbroken and in poor health, he confided to close friends he is confident Narriman still loves him. But even Hashem feels she has no choice.

Friends of Narriman believe she still is reluctant. But, they point out, she is only 16 years old. Jewels and honors could dazzle her, they feel, despite the fact she at first was publicly rude to the royal family and insisted on her love for Zaki. But her ultimate agreement would not be unexpected.

Press Broke Story

General opinion in Arabic circles outside Egypt is that the royal engagement would have been announced by now but for the fact the World press broke the story of the royal romance.

Now, these sources believe, the romance will acquire a modern flavor—a taste of high-power publicity to convince the world Miss Sadek and her family want the marriage to come off.

Those who know Hashem and Miss Sadek well scorn reports theirs was not a true love. Miss Sadek sent several indirect messages to Hashem after the king broke up the romance, these friends say, telling him she still loved him and would marry the king only against her will.

The wedding was called off only four days before it was to have taken place. A Moslem religious ceremony already had taken place. Only a swank civil affair remained. Hashem has insisted that under the law of the Koran Miss Sadek already is his wife.

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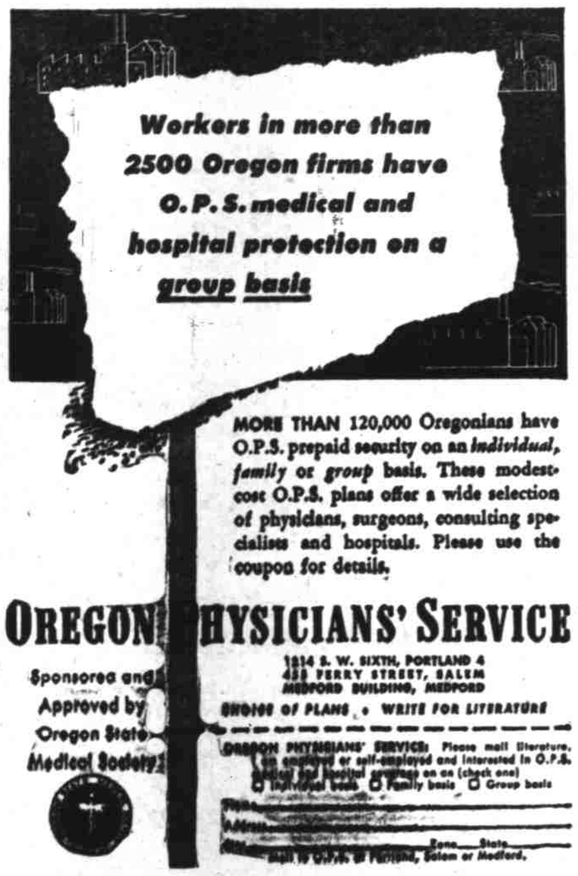

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