

Polish Pilot Lands MIG in Denmark

By **BIRGER FRAUP**
ROENNE, Bornholm — A young Polish jet pilot, following a freedom trail blazed over the Baltic by a fellow officer March 5, dumped another Russian-built MIG 15 into Allied hands Wednesday and asked for asylum.

Police quoted him as saying he broke away from a formation flight over Polish territory for his 60-mile dash from Communist rule. He crash-landed the craft on a military drilling field of this Danish island, climbed out smiling and identified himself as a friend of Lt. Franciszek Jarecki, whose flight from Poland to Bornholm 76 days ago gave Western technicians their first chance to inspect an undamaged MIG—the fastest fighter in the Communist world.

There was damage this time. The newcomer, a 22-year-old lieutenant whom police declined to name, passed up the dangerously

short runways of Roenne airport, on which Jarecki landed, in favor of the drilling ground, north of town. The under carriage crumpled and a wing snapped when he slashed into a thicket after hooking electric wires and rocking perilously across knolls and gulleys at a speed of 150 to 175 miles an hour.

But the engine and interior were undamaged.

The pilot was reported to have told Danish police that his MIG was of a newer type than Jarecki's.

A high military source said, however, it did not look like a prize catch. The general lines appeared the same. Top Danish jet experts worked Wednesday night under a tarpaulin covering the plane to discover whether it contained any secrets not already known to the West.

Ground Party To Seek Plane In Illahe Area

GRANTS PASS — A ground party will head into the timbered mountains near Illahe early Thursday in quest of a plane with four aboard missing since Monday. Reports of five persons gave point to the search, George Douglas said late Wednesday.

Douglas here from Salem to direct the search for the state Board of Aeronautics, said it would take the ground party two days to get into the Bald Knob Mountain area where the clues pointed.

Meanwhile, aerial search will be continued as weather permits, he said.

Wednesday 14 planes scoured the Rogue and Illinois Valleys but bad weather pushed them back shortly after noon and by mid-afternoon Douglas said all planes had been sent back to their bases at Medford, North Bend, Grants Pass and Gold Beach.

Illahe rancher John Parker came in Wednesday to report that five men in his area were in agreement on hearing a low-flying plane at 7:25 a.m. Monday, headed due north. So to follow up this wheeled vehicles will set out Thursday, one with Sgt. Charles Children in charge of a National Guard group and the other with Orville Bell in charge. They will work on a line of sight north from Illahe, across the ranch of Bobby Doerr—and up the slopes of Bald Knob Mountain. If the plane continued due north from Illahe the mountain would have blocked it, at low altitudes.

Missing on the plane were Harold T. Shafer of Grants Pass, the pilot; Harold Shafer of McMinnville, his brother; Mrs. Terry Hanna and Miss Bonnie Wilson, both Grants Pass. They were en route from Gold Beach to Grants Pass.

County lying east of the Meridian line, exclusive of the northernmost section of Monitor. About 273 farms are included in the addition.

Voting for the soil conservation district, the first in this area, was considered by Polling Superintendent R. F. Cook of Scotts Mills, to be good. Farmers owning more than 10 acres of property were eligible to vote.

"Professional service under this district will begin immediately," Cook said. Included in the service is advice and assistance for contouring, building dams, well drilling, soil analyses and recommendation of crops most suited to the soil. "Farmers must seek this service before it is rendered," Cook said.

Voting for similar districts is to be held today in Mt. Angel and Jefferson.

Federal Judge Rejects O&C Land Change

WASHINGTON — An effort to force transfer of 472,000 acres of Western Oregon land from jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Interior was rejected Wednesday in U. S. district court.

Judge Alexander Holtzoff said he believed the action, brought by Clackamas County, Oregon, was in effect an action against the government in which the government would be a defendant.

As a result, he granted a motion by the Justice Department dismissing the action.

Richard L. Merrick, Washington attorney for the Oregon county, immediately gave notice of appeal to the circuit court. He told newsmen later, however, he would not expect the case to come before that tribunal for argument before June, 1954.

The 472,000 acres involved are lands which the county claims should be administered by the Interior Department as part of the grant given to the Oregon and California Railroad shortly after the Civil War.

As O&C lands, 18 Oregon counties—including Clackamas—would be entitled by law to share in the distribution of 75 per cent of timber sale receipts. As Forest Service lands, the counties would receive only 25 per cent of sale receipts.

The disputed receipts, now totalling six million dollars, have been held in a special fund since 1942.

Conservation District Adds Area in Vote

SCOTTS MILLS — A proposal for an addition to the Silver Creek soil conservation district won by a vote of 58 for and 7 against Wednesday night.

Farmers in the Scotts Mills-Silver Creek Falls area had petitioned the state committee earlier for the addition to the area to include that portion of Marion

County Blood Program Fund Now at \$3,615

The Marion County blood bank swelled to \$3,615 Wednesday as contributions continued to come in towards the \$5,500 goal to be used to save the county blood program from folding July 1.

Charles E. Wainwright, treasurer of the committee charged with saving the program, said donations Wednesday were received from Hollywood Lions Club, \$176; South Salem Lions Club, \$50; Salem Ministerial Association, \$25; and miscellaneous donations, \$72.

Of the approximately \$2,550 pledged to radio station KGAE during its one-day campaign, all but \$350 has been received, Wainwright said.

Meanwhile, two inter-church groups Wednesday urged that emphasis on the financial needs of the blood program be stressed in Salem area churches next Sunday.

Salem Ministerial Association and Salem Council of Churches executive committee recommended that churches point out the needs of the project to provide a continuing supply of blood for the county.

Arthur Cotton Hi-Y Chapter Wins Trophy

Presentation of the first annual Hi-Y club of the year trophy was made Wednesday evening to Arthur Cotton chapter during the regular meeting of that group at the Salem YMCA.

The award was presented to the chapter for outstanding contributions in club programs, Christian emphasis, service to others, support of the major Hi-Y events, conduct of meetings, concise reports on club activities and more than two-thirds attendance of the membership through the year. Runner-up for the award was Abel Gregg chapter.

Douglas Chambers, chairman of the boys work committee, and Robert Hamilton, Hi-Y committee chairman, presented the award to the president, Paul Beck, and past president Kenneth Rawlings, before the assembled members. Advisers to the chapter are Rolie Hagg and Merlin Schulze. A framed certificate of recognition was given the boys, but two trophies are being made and ultimately one will be kept at the YMCA and one at Salem High School, engraved with each year's winning chapter name.

20 College Men to Take Draft Exam

Twenty young college men are slated to take the final selective service qualification examination of the year today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Waller Hall on Willamette University's campus.

The test has already been given twice this year to men who have completed or are completing a year of college work. Adequate scoring in the examination means that the man may remain at collegiate work in lieu of facing the draft.

After examination the tests are sealed and forwarded to selective service officials for scoring. Results are available from local draft offices after about two months of processing, officials report.

Thornton Not Candidate for Governor in '54

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Wednesday he will not be a candidate for governor of Oregon in 1954.

Thornton was the only Democrat to win a state office in the 1952 election. There have been rumors that he would seek his party's nomination for governor.

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