Churchill Replies To Stalin on Poland

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill was reported today to have replied to Marshal Stalin's recent letter on the Russo-Polish dispute, in a fresh attempt to bring together Moscow, London, and the Polish government-in-exile.

While there was no indication what Churchill said, it was known that he talked with Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk and Foreign Minister Tadeusz Romer before framing an answer, and a public statement on the latest British stand is expected in Churchill's next appearance before commons.

Mikolajczyk has postponed his visit to Washington, it was announced, thus renewing hopes for a rapproachement and showing at least no complete breakdown yet in attempts to solve the knotty United Nations problem.

It was also understood there had been an exchange of American-Russian views between President Roosevelt and Stalin, with the United States inclined to support the British. The British, although apparently willing to accept the Curzon line as the basis for negotiation between the Russians and Poles, are believed to be reluctant at Stalin's demand for removal of some members of the Polish government whom Moscow considers to be anti-soviet.

State Official Dies

SALEM, Feb. 15.—(AP)—O. G. Simpson, 59, chief of the foods and dairies division of the state department of agriculture, died last night at his home in Portland. He suffered a heart attack in Eugene last Friday when he was addressing the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association.

Simpson was appointed head of the foods and dairies division last Oct. 8. He had been with the department since 1936 as a cream grading supervisor and head of the department's Babcock testing laboratory in Portland.

He was a graduate of Oregon State college and the Cornell university school of agriculture. From 1909 to 1917 he was an instructor at Oregon State college, setting up the college's dairy manufacturing division. From 1920 to 1936 he was associated with several dairies and creameries.

He leaves a widow and two sons.

U. S. Bombs—

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Russian bastion of Vitebsk; that the Ukrainian iron center of Krivoi Rog was threatened by Russians driving in from the southwest. Berlin also said a small Russian amphibious force had landed behind their Narva bay lines in Estonia, but was repelled.

The only German successes were against the ill-equipped peasant army of Marshal Tito in Jugoslavia. The rail town of Koprivnica, 10 miles from Hungary, and other places fell to the Germans.

U. S. Population Drops

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—The civilian population of the United States declined by approximately 4,000,000 between April 1, 1940, and Nov. 1, 1943, the census bureau reported today.

The decrease from 131,329,104 to 127,307,889 was mainly due to inductions in the armed forces, although migration to war industries in Canada was a factor.

Industrial areas in the west and south showed gains, but regionally only the west had a civilian population increase.

States gaining civilian population and the percentage of increase include Washington, 10.8; Oregon, 7.8; California 14.8.

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Route F comes in for honors in many ways—the latest record concerns longevity in one family. But here's the way it is written by Mrs. Bert Inman, Noti:

"Maybe you noticed a little item from Noti a few weeks ago concerning the great grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Inman having three great-great-great-uncles and two great-great-great-aunts. I helped you (meaning Billy Maddaugh) boast for Route F then, but I am sending you the following about the eight living children of William and Elizabeth Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor lived on Route F years ago and all their children were born and reared here.

"The eight living children are as follows: John T. Taylor, 87, Elmira; Jacob Taylor, 84, Junction City; Mrs. Mary Hale, 82, Noti; F. W. Taylor, 79, Deadwood; Mrs. Nancy Harpole, 77, Junction City; Mrs. Virginia Duckworth, 75, Los Angeles; Mrs. Jane Cook, 73, Gold Hill, Ore.; Charlie Taylor 71, Noti.

"Now doesn't that prove that Route F must certainly be the healthiest locality in Lane county? Can any one beat this record for longevity in one family?"

Of course, Billy promptly forwarded the challenge into the Register-Guard with his own comment: "You betcha, just as Mrs. Inman says they don't die on Route F only with the boots —Billy."

Blinded Airman—

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gun hot. Just before the fighters turned away one last 20 mm. shell burst squarely in front of Vosler's face. More fragments tore into his face and eyes.

The crew began to throw equipment overboard, hoping to nurse the staggering ship across the channel. Vosler stumbled about, blood streaming from his face.

Working by touch, he rigged an emergency radio set and bent over the key to send out repeated SOS calls. Now and again he toppled over the key unconscious. Always he would recover and continue the call "SOS. . . SOS. . . SOS. ."

Then he made a decision. He called to top turret gunner Staff Sgt. Standley E. Moody of Lewiston, Me., and asked him to toss him through the hatch to lighten the load by another 175 pounds. It might be enough to stretch out the gasoline so the rest could make the English shore.

Moody refused—refused gently.

The big ship plunged into the channel and Vosler crawled out of the radio hatch. He held the wounded tail gunner from sliding off a wing until they were able to get into a dingy.

The rescue launch arrived in a few minutes.

At first doctors believed both Vosler's eyes would have to be removed. Lately there has been improvement and he has been able to distinguish light with his right eye.

"There's not much improvement to be expected from the left eye," flight surgeon Harold Broady of Lowell, Mass., said. "There may be some chance of improvement of the right eye. The flak in the rest of his body will in time be removed."

The officers hoped Vosler would be able to see a general pin that congressional medal on his tunic. He is the second member of the Hells Angels bomber group to be recommended for the congressional medal in recent weeks. The first was 2nd Lt. Charles W. Spencer of Peoria, Ill., bombardier who stuck to his post although badly frozen.

Relief Plan Adopted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The senate passed unanimously today a resolution calling on Secretary of State Hull to cooperate with Great Britain, Sweden, and Switzerland in setting up a relief system to feed starving populationsi n Belgium, Norway, Poland, the Netherlands, Greece, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

The measure does not require house action. It has no force of law, serving merely as a recommentation to Hull.

The resolution said any system of relief should be based on agreement by the belligerents for the protection of native and imported food supplies, "with rigid safeguarding of such relief so that no military advantage whatever may accrue to the civil populations or armed forces of the invading nations."

BOY'S CONDITION CRITICAL

A slight improvement in the condition of Robert Wickwire, 8, of Route 5, Eugene, was noted today, although his condition is still extremely critical. The lad suffered a skull fracture in a fall and particles of the bone pierced the brain, it was said. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wickwire.

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Housing—

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FHA building on any of the proposed lots, according to Campbell.

A delegation from local railroad lodges asked the council to reconsider its refusal to allow federal housing, pointing out that a sizable number of railroad men need homes, that although many are newcomers some will stay in Eugene after the war and deserve to be treated as citizens.

In-Migrants Defined

Campbell said that the houses could be rented, sold, or leased to so-called in-migrant workers. He defined this term as anyone working in an essential job who has come to this area since January 31, 1941. He said that house plans would be available at the city engineer's office starting Wednesday, for examination by anyone, and that duplicates would be at his office Saturday afternoon, and could be seen by appointment on Sunday.

The council expressed desire to be cautious before approving any new move for federal housing, said it did not wish to "get into a mess" such as that which caused a city-wide controversy in January. Campbell pronounced the new move of the council's as "sound," reminded the public that all houses would be built with private money, that the government did not pay for them but only "insured the mortgages." He said that garages, which can be added after the war, would add to attractiveness of the dwellings.

Lots Located

The lots desired by Miltonberger are as follows; entire row on north side of Fourth avenue east of Almaden; northeast corner of Thirteenth and Almaden; second lot east of southeast corner of Twelfth and Van Buren; southwest corner of Eleventh and Taylor; north of the Amazon on the west side of Washington; northeast corner of Seventeenth and High; third lot east of southeast corner of Eleventh and Polk; second lot west of the northwest corner of Eleventh and Polk.

The 11 lots wanted by Gilbert are: nine lots on both sides of Taylor, between Broadway and Tenth; two on the northwest corner of Seventeenth and High.

The council promised that anyone who objected to building of a FHA house in any of the neighborhoods suggested would have opportunity to "sound off" at the Feb. 28 session.

Dog Problem Increases

Lane county humane society, which has handled the city's dog-control problems for the past year, received support of the council when it asked that a committee be named to look over new needs of the society, both in equipment and money. Dr. N. B. Zane, Sidney Claypool, and Frank Hill, from the society, said that their group's problems had increased last autumn when the dog ordinance was placed on a 12 months' basis (instead of a six months') and pointed out the high costs of feeding, giving sanitary care to, and "doing away with" dogs. Eighty dogs were picked up by the humane officer during the past month. If not claimed or sold within five days, they are sold. Starting March 1, each dog license will cost an additional dollar in penalty for late application.

Bonneville power administration will be offered city fire protection for $100 per year. Report that a proposed "stock farm" at Nineteenth and Villard is causing a nuisance through dumping of garbage, increasing activities of rats and other activities, was referred to the health committee for report at the next meeting.

Office of Dr. L. G. Helterline, meat-milk inspector, will be moved back to the city hall. He will be given an assistant to do office clerical work, thus allowing him more time for outside work, particularly on the new retsaurant ordinance. During the past month he has inspected 35 of the city's 83 eating places.

High Street Extension

Announcement was made that plans for extending High street south from Nineteenth to the city limits will be shown at the next meeting. After prolonged debate, the council agreed to rent the old NYA buildings on the north slope of Skinner Butte to the army for $25 per month. The buildings were given to the city by the government, and the city recently agreed to buy the heating and light plants there for $4,800. Total gain to the city is estimated at more than $75,000 by Mayor Elisha Large. The council had asked for $200 per month for rent, heard the counter-offer of $25, and reluctantly accepted. "At least," commented Chairman A. C. Farrington of the finance committee, "they didn't ask us to pay them for staying there."

Eugene hotel was given a franchise over the intersection of Broadway and Pearl, for $120 per year, to hang its neon sign. Rent on a portion of the old airport, where Dr. Henry H. Norton has kept a hangar for several years, was suspended for the duration, and his tenure will be maintained. The doctor left last week for navy duty.

Rev. Roy K. Reed was granted permission to build a structure for youth activities on the lot of Assembly of God church, Thirteenth Avenue west near Madison.

The sewage disposal ordinance, which has to be passed annually to allow for changes of rates, was passed again for 1944 with no changes in rates. March 13 has been set for hearing of viewers on the opening of Fillmore street.

Stage Route Changed

Oregon Motor Stages was given permission to alter routes of the University loop, Fairmount loop, and College Crest buses. James Storer, making the request, said changes would aid in conservation of equipment, speed up the service, and eliminate accident hazards on Fifteenth east.

University and Fairmount loop buses will use Oak street to Fifth on their inbound runs, Willamette on outbound. Instead of turning south at Thirteenth and University, the University loop will continue on Thirteenth to Moss, then south on Moss to Fifteenth, east on Fifteenth to Fairmount for the regular route.

College Crest bus will go south on Willamette, around the crest loop, down Friendly to Nineteenth and Jefferson, north on Jefferson to Seventeenth, east on Seventeenth to Willamette, north on Willamette to Fifth. New schedule times, if any, and date changes to be made will be announced later.

Sale of the folowing lots was approved: Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, block 4, Gross addition, to Central Lutheran church; northeast corner Twenty-fourth and McMillan to Mrs. John McCloskey; lot 3, block 20, west side of Fairmount at Walnut, to Anna Gullion; northeast corner Fairmount and Villard, to Raymond C. Coulter; lot 4, block 3, south of Twenty-fifth on west side of Emerald; southwest corner Sixteenth and Jefferson, to Mrs. Pauline Graybeal.

Florence Alden is to be paid $8 for damage caused through sewer stoppage. Curb cuts were approved for parking lot northeast corner Broadway and Charnelton; 695 Eleventh avenue west; 1149 Ferry. Beer licenses were approved for Dean's Place, 855 Olive, and Elks club, Seventh and Olive. Mrs. Elsie V. Miller will be granted a rooming house license for 217 Eleventh avenue east.

Mrs. Cora A. Pettis

Mrs. Cora I. Pettis, 68, of Springfield, Route 1, died Monday at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene. She had been a resident of this area for but five months, coming from Pine Top, Arizona. She was a native of Arizona, born Nov. 6, 1875, at Show Low. She was married in 1903 to Charles H. Pettis.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Charles H. Pettis, Jr., of Eugene, Route 1; a daughter, Mrs. S. U. Rencher of Springfield, Route 2; a brother, Don Cooley, of Cibicue, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Bell Amos of Lakeside, Ariz., and Mrs. Lillie Penrod, Fort Apache, Ariz.; seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Poole's mortuary. Rev. Harry G. Crouse of Springfield officiating.

Darwin Lee Reiser

Darwin Lee Reiser, aged 5, died Monday at Salem. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Reiser of 129 North Lawrence street, Eugene.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Wayne, and sister Nancy, both of Eugene.

Funeral announcements will be made through Branstetter-Simon mortuary.

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Secretaries—

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ant secretary of state speaking in the absence of Robert S. Farrell Jr., stressed the accident problem in the state. Earl Campbell of the National Safety council pointed out that transportation will be a key problem after the war.

He also said chambers should set up accident prevention committees to plan safety measures. It was brought out that more people are now being killed and injured by accidents in the United States than on all war fronts.

W. R. Thigpen, district traffic manager of the United Air Lines prophesied that although the west and northwest can expect a wide expansion in air traffic after the war there is too much present confusion in the public mind about aviation of the future. Substantial growth takes time, he said, and that substantial growth does not include "two helicopters in every garage."

Dr. Hugh Grant, vocational rehabilitation officer of the veteran's administration, predicted for the secretaries on the basis of his experience as minister to Albania and Thailand, that the "war is ahead." The American people are in a fog because facts are not given to them, he said. He emphasized the point that returning disabled veterans must be sent back to useful jobs by utilizing the training facilities of the state.

The problem of war workers investing in unproductive land and paying exhorbitant prices was discussed by C. I. Sersanous, director of the Portland chamber of commerce. He warned that this may lead to a real relief problem after the war.

A. R. Trombly, director of the Pacific Northwest Trade association, discussed the benefits of establishing a connecting link to the Alcan highway from the Pacific coast by way of Prince George in upper British Columbia, to Watson Lake 641 miles up the new Alcan.

The foreign patents seized by the government and now available to business and industrial men were discussed by Roy Shawcross of the U. S. department of the Interior. These patents are non-royalty and non-exclusive Shawcross pointed out and the government is encouraging business men to pick out groups of related patents and to work out original ideas from them. An abstract of the better patents can be sent to business men on request, Shawcross promised.

GLOVE SUPPLIES WANE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Rep. Fred Norman, (R., Wash.) said today that price rollbacks have created a shortage of work gloves essential to sawmill and logging camp workers of the Pacific northwest and "seriously threaten" lumber manufacture.

HOTEL DEAL MADE

ASTORIA, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Herbert A. Shannon, former Portland and Eugene hotel operator, took over the management of the State hotel here today. The hotel was sold to Shannon and E. R. Boyles of Portland at an undisclosed price by Alex Baldigan.

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War In Brief

By United Press

Italy — Bombs and shells rock ancient Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino which Germans had converted into a fortress. Front reports indicate massive aerial offensive to smash Germans on fifth army front.

Russia—Trapped German eighth army squeezed into 26 square mile area as soviet Ukrainian forces set stage for new offensive to complete liberation of southwestern Russia.

Pacific — Americans capture Rooke island to gain control of 75-mile straits between New Britain and New Guinea. Carrier-based planes blast Eniwetok atoll.

China — Fourteenth air force blasts Japanese installations and supply lines from China sea off Foochow to French Indo-China.

France — American Marauders renew attacks on invasion coast.

Finland—Finns establish indirect contact with Russia for preliminary peace feelers.

HERDER EXECUTED

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Glennard Brown, 19, Coltax, Cal., goat herder and the prisoner with the highest I. Q. ever to occupy condemned row here, was executed in the California lethal gas chamber today for stabbing to death Mrs. Ada Bell Turner, 78, widow.

NEW BLIZZARD RAGES

By UNITED PRESS

The second blizzard in less than a week struck New [illegible] today with winds raging [illegible] as 60 miles an hour in [illegible] of northern Maine, but the [illegible] fall was expected to [illegible] night as the temperature [illegible]

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