

# Reagan boosts Red Cross aid to Poles — Broomfield

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Southeastern Michigan residents, through the regional chapter of American Red Cross chapters, have already raised more than \$2,000 to help citizens of strife-torn Poland.

They are being encouraged, despite U.S. sanctions against the Polish and Soviet governments, by U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Broomfield, ranking Republican on

the House Foreign Affairs Committee and defender of administration foreign policy, said Reagan and he support the volunteer group's efforts.

"HE'S NOT discouraging voluntary contributions to people. They (Polish people) shouldn't be punished for what the Soviet Union is doing with its puppets in Poland," said Broomfield, adding:

"We are very much in favor of the Red Cross efforts, so that the people of

Poland, not the military can get help."

Ed DeWhitt, director of public relations for the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross chapter, said, "Our original appeal for \$6 million was directed to 70,000 low-income aged people and 20,000 underprivileged children."

"But because things are so bad there, we're trying to help all children."

Funds will be used to help feed and clothe infants, underprivileged children and low-income elderly persons in Poland.

Contributions are being accepted locally through the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, Executive Office, P.O. Box 351, Detroit, Mich. Checks may be made payable to the American Red Cross and earmarked for Polish Emergency Relief.

ACTING ON reports following an inspection visit to Warsaw by its chief of operations, the League of Red Cross Societies sharply increased its international fund appeal from \$6 million to

\$11 million.

Because of poor economic conditions in Poland, the Polish Red Cross Society has assumed responsibility for assisting some 60,000 infants born monthly in the east European country.

Olaf Stoh, chief of the League's operations in Warsaw, reported that the Polish Red Cross has "developed good cooperation with church organizations on all levels."

THE LEAGUE, an arm of the Inter-

national Red Cross based in Geneva, Switzerland, reports that 15 national Red Cross societies around the world have already responded to its global appeal launched Dec. 16.

The national headquarters of the American Red Cross has made an initial contribution of \$150,000 to the Polish Emergency Relief Fund.

Members of the Austrian Red Cross have reported that they are able to get food and clothing to needy Polish citizens.

## Road board won't close Troy garage

The Oakland County Road Commission won't have to scrap use of its Troy garage, as previously planned.

In mid-November road commission Managing Director John Grubba recommended eliminating Troy garage services between March 28 and Oct 31 because of expected shortfall of state-collected gasoline and weight taxes.

But after re-evaluating the upcoming budget, he noted that liability insurance premiums will be less than anticipated, allowing the continuation of full-year Troy garage service.

The Troy garage is used to store snow removal equipment, salt and road repair equipment to serve the eastern portion of Oakland County.

In other business last week, the

three-member road commission accepted the James Agency's insurance package proposal for 1982 coverages requiring premiums of \$414,000. That's \$261,000 less than anticipated in Grubba's original 1982 budget recommendation and \$153,460 less than actual premium costs in 1981.

"We are indeed fortunate to be able to transfer budgeted amounts from insurance premium costs to operations," Grubba said.

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