

# Survival Test Set Monday

## Lane County to Be Part Of Portland 'Atom Attack'

Thousands of persons will die Monday.

They'll be killed instantly. But only on paper.

Every single one of them will be residents of large metropolitan sections of the United States, Canada, Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Of course many of the victims won't actually know that they were destined for "death" on June 14, 1954—for they'll only be involved in a mock air bombing in the national civil defense "Operation Alert" program.

"Operation Alert" will start off in the early hours of Monday. The first real alarm will be sounded throughout the nation at 6:55 a.m.

### TEST OF DEFENSES

Forty-two cities in the country will be the theoretical targets of a not-so-theoretical enemy in the test of the nation's defenses at home. Six of them are on the West Coast. But almost every city and county—down to the last policeman and fire official—will be vitally affected by the alerts as they are sounded.

Lane County citizens will become a very necessary part of this major test of the country's defense forces. They'll be affected through a mock bombing on Portland one of the 42 "critical target" areas of the United States.

That bombing alert will take

place at exactly 6:55 a.m. Monday. At that moment all defense agencies in Oregon will go on duty for a 48-hour period.

Eugene will be one of the alert centers for the region. The state police office here will become one of seven or eight such "key point" centers in the state.

### LOCAL PROGRAM

But principal force in putting the local program into action once the alert comes into the state police office will be Louis Borde, civil defense director for the city.

He described Friday the exact operation of the serious business of saving civilian lives.

Borde said that when the call is placed with the state police office from headquarters in Salem and other control points, state police will rely that on to a "sub-key" point which is the Eugene Fire Department in the city hall.

Then the fire department will notify Borde at the civil defense office upstairs. Since the Eugene area is one of the major defense support centers for the Portland district, Borde will lose no time in notifying all of his key defense personnel in charge of various duties.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Borde has a list with telephone numbers of all those he will call immediately when the alert

comes in to him. Included will be Nelson Whippis, in charge of ground observers during an emergency; Sydney Little, of the University of Oregon; Sheriff Ed Elder; Ford Northrop, who will handle local utility equipment disbursement; Dolph Janes, chief of the Conelrad radio alert; Roy Maki, in charge of nurses' aid; M. Wintler, of the amateur radio operators association; Fred Brenne, civil defense advisory council;

Thaxter Reed Jr., in charge of communications; J. W. McCracken, transportation chief; Ed Pape Jr., in charge of Red Cross disaster units; Robert Jackson, manager of the local Red Cross chapter; Dr. A. Triolo, county health officer; Dr. J. E. Tysell, of the medical association; Max Dudley, county welfare officer; Ralph Peterson, county commissioner; City Manager Robert Finlayson; Mayor V. Edwin Johnson; Police Chief Ted Brown; Fire Chief Ed Surfus, and City Engineer William Clubb.

Under actual circumstances, all these people would go immediately to the city hall emergency center. But in practice, according to Borde, they will simply acknowledge the call.

### GIVES EXAMPLES

The director gave some examples of how the alerts will work when they come in Monday.

First will come the yellow alert—a warning that planes are approaching. Borde said in each case, he will notify the leaders

that "This is the Eugene civilian defense office operation alert test—warning lemon juice, please acknowledge." Then the person at the other end of the line will repeat this with the proper answer.

The same procedure would be used in the event of an actual attack here. Warning red will be "warning applejack" for this operation, and warning white will be the all-clear signal, or "snowman."

Only those cities within 50 miles of Portland will actually carry out all of the operations as outlined in civil defense methods. Fire crews will move into standby positions, police will set up road blocks and dispersement operations will be carried out in the city.

### DOWNSTATE POINTS

With this setup, Eugene would send crews to the downstate points in the event of actual attack.

Part of the major scheme setup for Monday will be the various ground observer posts throughout the state, according to Borde. He said that the Eugene post will be manned at all times, and will assist with airplane spotting. Borde noted that the post has been manned continuously for the past few weeks. But he is still seeking more volunteer help to keep a watch for unscheduled flights over the city.

"People must get the idea that this is serious business," Borde said. They will have to become

more conscious of the need for civil defense, he added.

State civil defense officers backed Borde in stressing the need for practice alerts and participation in defense measures. State Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets said that the beginning and the end of all activities during the 48-hour "Operation Alert" is to minimize the effects of weapons on people. "When zero hour arrives on the morning of June 14 we will be learning the facts of survival."

## UO Senior Wins National Clark Award

Ronald J. Lowell, Klamath Falls, recently was named the national winner of the Thomas Arkle Clark award for 1953-54.

This award is annually presented to the outstanding senior member of Alpha Tau Omega, Lowell's social fraternity.

Lowell is a graduating senior at the University of Oregon and past president of the campus chapter of ATO.

As national winner, Lowell will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the "Dixie Jubilee Congress" sponsored by the fraternity at Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 1-4. In addition, he will receive a jeweled key.

The Thomas Arkle Clark award is named in honor of the late Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, pioneer dean of men at the University of Illinois and twice national president of the fraternity. The award is presented for scholarship, leadership and integrity.

Lowell is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was chosen as the outstanding student in the colleges of Oregon by the National Association of Manufacturers. He also has held the Standard oil scholarship for four full years at the University and the McKenzie scholarship for his last year as a pre-med student and for four years of medical study.

He also received the Oregon Daily Emerald award for being outstanding in both athletics and scholarship. He was a member of the Oregon tennis team.

Lowell will enter the University of Oregon medical school next fall.

## Composition of 'Dream' Seed Is Studied

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Dr. William Boyd Cook, a Baylor University chemistry professor, is studying the composition of pule seed, which used to produce dreams in full color for the Aztec Indians.

Dr. Cook thinks the tiny seed contains an alkaloid and possibly one that is unknown. The Geschickter Fund of Washington, D. C., has given him a \$7,000 grant for the first year to find out.

Pule seeds come from plants grown in Mexico and Central America, and natives as far back as the Aztecs used them in religious rites. They chewed them like snuff.

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When an attack warning is received all traffic, including cars, buses, trucks, ships and trains, enroute to the critical target area would be stopped.

Traffic from the Portland area would be expedited in order to reduce the number of people who might be killed or injured. By keeping roads open for emergency traffic—police, fire, medical, utility, etc.—thousands of lives would be saved.

This part of the Civil Defense exercise is being conducted by PORTLAND CITY POLICE, COUNTY SHERIFFS and STATE POLICE.

Thank you for your cooperation.

OREGON STATE AND LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCIES

Drive Carefully During An Emergency And At All Times

ALL MOTORISTS AND OTHERS going into Portland Monday, during the civil defense test "Operation Alert," will be handed a copy of the above leaflet prepared for the special practice event. Officials estimate that thousands of lives will theoretically be saved by the halting of all traffic during the mock atomic raid. Drivers will be permitted to resume their trip after receiving the leaflet.

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