

National Civil Defense Plans Not Just Hit and Miss Affair

inside lead—NATIONAL—3 col. head—(Editor's note—This is the first of three stories on Oregon and national civil defense planning. Today: Oregon's progress in civil defense.)

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Salem, Ore., June 26—(U.P.)—Don't be fooled by recent criticism that newly-initiated national civil defense planning is just a hit and miss affair.

There's more to the program than just watching for enemy airplanes, although that statement does not excuse Oregon's last place position on the Pacific coast in air raid warning and ground observation development.

Washington leads Pacific coast ground observation organization with an estimated 65 to 85 per cent of the job completed. California's work in that department is classified as "reasonable," but less than Washington and "much more" than Oregon, which defense leaders estimate at 30 to 35 per cent.

Much Groping
Three factors generally have given Oregon civil defense a black eye in that public's mind: 1. During the February-May period this year there was evidence of much groping between state defense divisions with the result that a lack of coordination appeared in overall planning.

2. No monetary appropriations have been available for Oregon civil defense planning, and, as a result, the few dollars spent were diverted from a number of state office funds. California, on the other hand, provides money for paid administrative and secretarial staffs.

3. Organization in the air raid warning and ground observation office of the services department in state civil defense was not satisfactory. This is the office that citizens and public officials tended to grade the entire efforts of the state defense organization.

Picture May Change
But the picture may change completely in the next 90 days through better coordination in the departments as a whole and leadership in the vital air raid warning office.

The brighter picture develops from last week's report of the call to active duty in the Oregon national guard of Lt. Col. Claud G. Farrow of Portland. He will fill the newly-created post of

supervisor of the state ground observer corps for 90 days, the weak link in all state defense planning to date.

As for the lack of money to finance state defense preparation, Gov. Douglas McKay put it this way: "The next legislature will have to decide whether we will have a civil defense organization in Oregon or not. It will have to approve a budget for such an organization, or else civil defense organization in the state cannot continue."

May Seem Wasteful
Air raid warning and ground observation may seem wasteful because of radar.

But one example of radar's weakness was pointed out by Jack A. Hayes, one of five state defense deputy directors under Director Louis E. Starr of Portland. Hayes said that mountain ranges cut into radar screens and make excellent curtains for approaching enemy planes.

While Oregon lags behind her neighboring states in ground observation development, the state generally leads the rest of the coast in overall disaster plan-

ning. The best developed disaster planning in Oregon's defense picture, Hayes said, is fire protection in the security division, headed by Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon. There is a complete file on Oregon fire resources of equipment and manpower.

Mutual Aid Plans Signed
In addition, Clackamas, Marion, Yamhill, Lane, Washington Tillamook and Clatsop counties have signed intra-county mutual aid fire defense plans for use during any disaster, whether it be during war or peace. Linn and Benton counties are in the process of reaching similar agreements.

He predicted that all Oregon fire departments would be tied into mutual aid pacts by September 1.

Hayes said police and medical mutual aid plans would be signed into effect throughout the state in the near future, and they will be patterned after the system developed by county fire departments.

(Tomorrow: Oregon in the National Defense Picture.)

Eastern Republicans Back McCarthy Drive

Atlantic City, N. J., June 26—(U.P.)—Some eastern states republican leaders gave their blessing today to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's free-swinging campaign to prove that the state department is communist-infested.

Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, chairman of the GOP senatorial campaign committee, told a conference of republicans representing 17 states and the District of Columbia:

"In the immortal words of Dean Acheson, 'I will not turn my back' on Joe McCarthy. As an American I prefer a fighting marine to a convicted traitor."

This was a reference to the secretary of state's remark after Alger Hiss was convicted of perjury.

RONNIE LEE PICKED
Ronnie Lee, former Medford Dodgers pitcher and now with the Montreal Royals in the class AAA International league, is described in this week's "Sporting News" as "Montreal's prize young southpaw rescue artist." He has won six and lost two so far this season.

California supplies the entire output of American raisins.

National Democratic Leaders Visit State

Portland, Ore., June 26—(U.P.) William M. Boyle Jr., chairman of the Democratic National committee, and vice-chairman and director of women's activities Mrs. India Edwards moved into Portland Saturday with the avowed intention of making Oregon a democratic state.

Members of the democratic party in Oregon now outnumber republicans by some 8,000 in registrations, but the state has a solidly republican congressional delegation and a republican governor.

"This has got to be changed," said Boyle, "and with the work that has been done in the past two years by your local party people, I think we can do it."

Boyle said the democrats expected to "get some congressional seats and the governorship."

He spoke of Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman; Nancy Honeyman Robinson, national committeewoman, and William L. Josslin, state chairman, as having done a "wonder-

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shows why it should be carried out. "Wasn't it your governor McKay who said 'What's wrong with the way we're doing it now?' Well, we don't go along with that."

MISS KELL IMPROVING
Gold Hill, June 26—Relatives of Miss Laurene Kell, Gold Hill woman who was flown to Portland last week for medical treatment, reported today that she is making rapid improvement at the Good Samaritan hospital there.

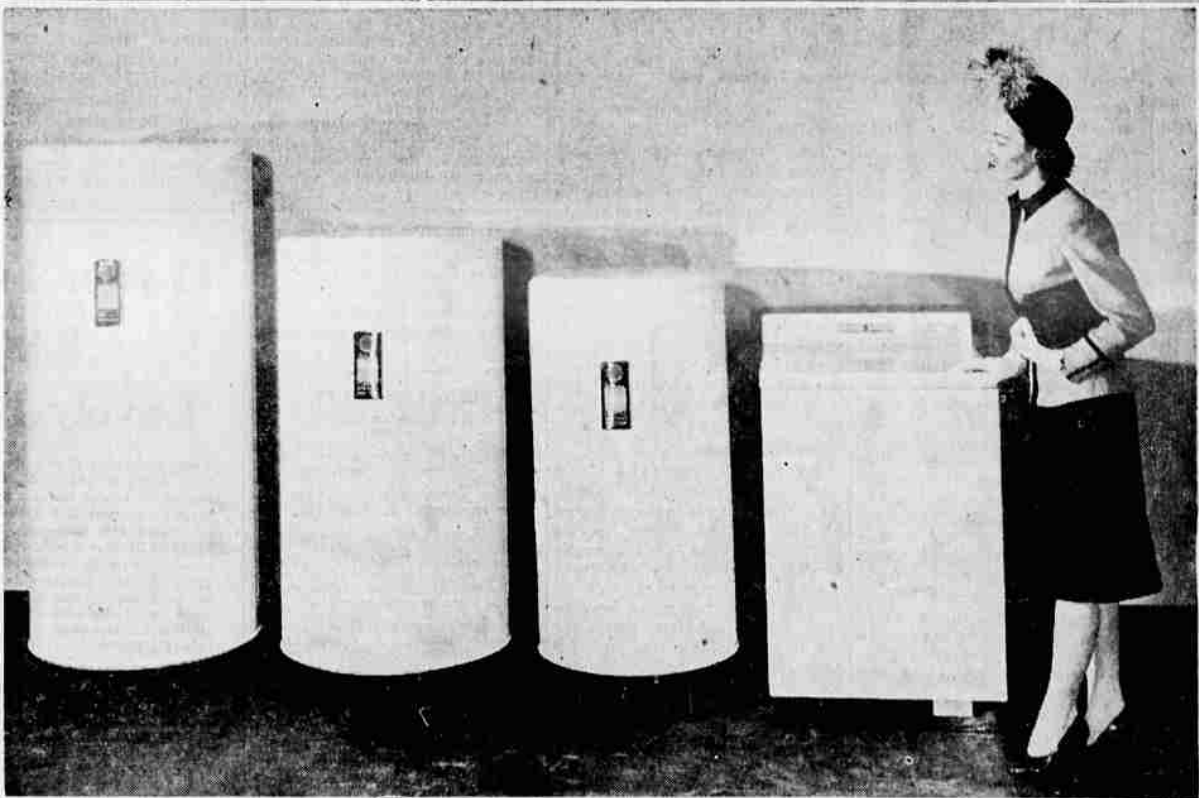
St. Brigid's church in San Francisco is constructed of slabs of hewn granite that served as pedestrian crossings in the days of cobblestone streets.

Parents may "park" their children in nursery compartments on trains of the German Federal Railways. Playthings and children's books are provided. Besides, there is a large assortment of phonograph records available so that the little ones may have their music when the radio broadcasts are not to their young taste.

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Raspberry Crop In Production

Gold Hill, June 26—The 1950 crop of raspberries have just come into production and the first shipments of Rogue valley fruit were scheduled to leave for San Francisco this morning.

J. Wallace McCloy, Gold Hill, president of the Rogue River Valley Berrygrowers association, said he expects a heavy crop this year—possibly about 15,000 crates from association members. The association represents 95 per cent of all the growers in the valley.

Expects Good Price
The association also expects a healthy price situation this year. Last year, which McCloy called a poor year, raspberry growers cleared \$1,000 per acre after all harvest charges. Unlike the strawberry crop, raspberries this year suffered no spring cold damage so consumers will get the full production. No raspberries grown by association members will go to processors this year. Air express shipments to the Los Angeles area begin tomorrow.

Raspberries will be in production about 30 days and the first boysen and nectarberries should reach the market shortly after July 4, lasting throughout the month. A good crop and good prices are also expected for the fruit and 20 per cent of the crop will go to processors, McCloy said.

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