

Writer Describes 1954 Attack Of Suicide Plane on Portland

(Editor's note: This is the third and last in a series on Oregon and national defense planning. Today: Civil defense and war on Portland.)

A ground observer in the Grays Harbor, Wash., area spots the submarine from his lookout post and reports it to the Seattle filter center via direct telephone hook-up. The center relays the information to military officials at western air defense headquarters at Fort Lewis, who, in turn, notify Oregon filter centers at Portland, Pendleton, The Dalles, and Salem.

Ten minutes after the enemy plane started its 115-mile trip to Portland, most of the city's 400,000 residents have gone underground or have taken shelter in buildings. During the 11th minute, the 8-ton atom bomb explodes in the plane 1,000 feet above Portland.

During the explosion and subsequent fires, the majority of Portland's 172,541 dwellings and buildings are destroyed or damaged, a loss equal to a B-29 raid by 270 airplanes loaded with "conventional" bombs.

However, less than 10,000 residents are killed and injured. Yet only nine years before, in Hiroshima in 1945, one-third to one-half of that city's 340,000 persons were casualties.

Here's why civil defense planning saved lives in the mythical raid on Portland:

1. Portlanders had advance warning of the attack. A five-minute atom bomb attack warning can reduce casualties by as much as 80 per cent, according to Lt. Col. T. R. Clinkscales of Seattle, western air defense operations officer.

2. Residents rushed to shelter. Any kind of shelter was better than no protection at all against burns, radiation, and explosive pressure.

3. Well-dispersed fire and medical equipment converged on the city after the explosion.

Residents wore radioactive, sensitive photographic "button" plates, in order to be treated if they caught too much radiation. Mist deaths and injuries were unavoidable because of crumbling buildings, flying debris, and lethal pressure around the center of the blast which damaged wooden buildings as far as six miles away.

Radiation deaths and deaths from burns were confined chiefly to persons caught in the open. Hiroshima and Nagasaki radiation and burns deaths ranged between 50-60 per cent of the total casualty count because very few persons took shelter.

So far in this make-believe attack, one point is emphasized:

Just because an atom bomb killed or injured more than 100,000 Hiroshima residents doesn't mean it always has to kill that many.

Quoting "To Be Or Not To Be" an outline on the atom bomb and its effects published by the New York Alumnus Chapter of Tau Beta Pi:

"Consider how much the Japanese casualties could have been reduced if:

"1. Air raid warnings had been properly given and followed.

"2. People in the streets had sought any type of shelter.

"3. All householders had been trained to handle small fires.

"4. Fire-fighting equipment had been reasonably adequate and well-dispersed.

"5. Physicians and nurses had been well-dispersed and trained to handle radiation sickness with adequate, well-dispersed medical supplies."

Medford Artists to Display Pictures

Brookings, June 28—Art exhibits at the fourth annual lily festival here, July 2, 3, and 4, will feature paintings of Eugene Bennett and Clifford Platz, Medford, and Hal E. Bishop, Gold Hill, festival officials have reported.

Conducted tours through lily fields and tours of three state parks are part of the program for the festival. There will be a fireworks display and a carnival. A feature attraction will be a lily parade on July 3. Festival committeemen say the parade is the only one of its kind in the world.

Azalea Garden club will sponsor a flower show in addition to the art exhibit. The flower show will meet national standards. Photography will be included in the art show this year.

Jamboree Scout News

The special train carrying 30 northwest Boy Scouts, 71 of them from southern Oregon and northern California, was to arrive in Valley Forge, Pa., yesterday. The boys, together with their 37 leaders, spent Monday in Washington, D. C.

The next nine days will be spent in the famous winter camp of George Washington before the boys start the return. The train will cover a total of 8,000 miles and touch 25 states before returning.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Portland Man Hurt When Hit by Train

Klamath Falls, Ore., June 28 —U.P.—Ruth E. Robison, 47, Portland, lost his right hand and suffered a crushed elbow and head injuries when he apparently was struck by a Southern Pacific train Monday night, railroad officials reported today.

Railroad officials said the engineer of SP train No. 11 spotted Robison lying beside the tracks about two miles south of the Cascade summit at 2:30 a. m. today. The train stopped and Robison was brought to the Klamath

MORE WORKERS ASKED

The Dalles, Ore., June 28 —U.P.G. H. Charters, manager of The Dalles state employment office, today appealed for an additional 500 cherry pickets to help harvest the cherry crop in The Dalles area.

Valley hospital here.

Attendants said Robison was in a semi-conscious condition.

Officials surmised Robison was struck by a train preceding the southbound No. 11. It was not determined why he was on the tracks.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Bend Weekly Paper Suspends Publication

Bend, Ore., June 28—U.P.—The weekly Bend Pilot has suspended publication.

C. L. McCallister, publisher, announced in the Sunday, June 26, issue that the weekly newspaper was suspending publication. The paper had published on Sundays.

McCallister said the paper's job shop would continue operation.

Portland, Ore., June 28—U.P.—Mrs. Mary Ager evacuated her home here yesterday after a dog chased a skunk under it.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at Noon, Saturday's

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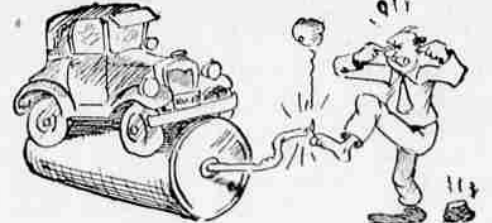
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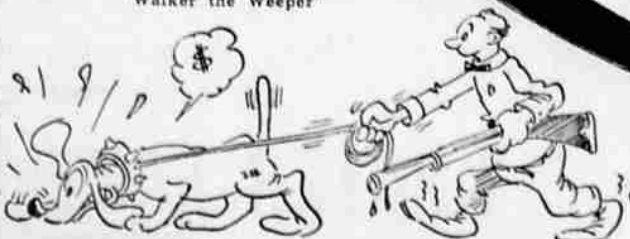
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