

President, Other Officials Flee Capital in Big Defense Test

Emergency U. S. News Center (U.P.)—The wailing of air raid sirens signalling a make believe H-bomb attack sent President Eisenhower and other government officials fleeing to safety in emergency secret hideaways today.

Some 15,000 key government workers and officials and members of the Cabinet fled by automobiles and helicopters to places where they could continue their work during "Operation Alert, 1955," the nation's biggest Civil Defense exercise.

Besides Washington, other targets for imaginary enemy bombers were New York, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Seattle and 41 other cities.

When the sirens whistled

their chilling warning the President and a staff of 30 to 35 key White House personnel left the White House in a convoy of automobiles. Accompanying Mr. Eisenhower were Harold E. Stassen, his assistant on world disarmament problems, and Nelson A. Rockefeller, White House expert on psychological warfare.

Mr. Eisenhower's base of operations tonight will be in a mountainous wooded area. Its location is secret although described as from 30 to 300 miles from Washington. This emergency White House is patrolled by armed servicemen on orders to challenge any passerby no matter what his credentials.

But even before the President fled the capital, work went on as usual. He signed five bills into

law in the morning, and had several calls. Congress continued its sessions as usual during the "raid."

Many government press information officers had long since departed to key communications points where the temporary flow of government messages and news will be carried on during the three-day operation.

While Mr. Eisenhower hastily left the capital with other officials, Mrs. Eisenhower remained at their farm home at Gettysburg, Pa.

Peoria, Ill., a city on the list of communities which might be "attacked" by the enemy bombers, ignored the alert. Peoria Civil Defense Director Marvin L. Merritt said he just

couldn't see "lots of people running around with arm bands."

The most dramatic events, however, were centered in Washington, where Mr. Eisenhower and the cabinet led the way in making the exercise a completely authentic preview of the measures that would be taken to keep the federal government functioning if real war comes.

The H-hour plan called for key officials of 31 federal departments and agencies to drop their work the moment the sirens went off and to scatter, by limousine, private car and helicopter, to 31 previously designated "emergency relocation centers" dispersed over the eastern seaboard within a radius of 30 to 300 miles from Washington.

The various relocation centers are linked by an elaborate communications system, including closed-circuit television that would enable Mr. Eisenhower to hold "face-to-face" conferences or even a full cabinet meeting with his top advisers.

All of the centers in turn are linked to this emergency news center, located more than 100 miles from Washington. Through this center, where about 100 press, radio and television representatives are on hand, news of the exercise will be funneled to the public, just as in real war news of draft calls, rationing orders and similar measures would be disseminated.

Voluntary censorship forbids

publication of the actual sites of any of the 31 secret relocation centers.

But at least some of the officials will go underground literally. It is a well-publicized fact that the military's alternate headquarters, the so-called "Underground Pentagon," is deep inside a mountain in western Maryland.

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland civil defense officials today joined in a nation-wide "Operation Alert" exercise, starting shortly after 8 a.m.

There was no public participation in the exercise in which simulated atomic attack and evacuation occurred. The exercise lasts 26 hours.

Annexation Offer To Areas Seen Part of Sanitation Solution

(Editor's Note: Many questions concerning Senate Bill 434, commonly known as the "Metropolitan Sanitary District Bill," have arisen since its passage during this year's session of the Oregon state legislature. In an effort to answer these questions, A. D. Harvey, Medford engineer who originated the plan, has prepared a series of three articles for The Mail Tribune concerning the bill. This is the third in the series.)

By A. D. HARVEY

With an election on annexation to the city of Medford coming up in the near future, residents of the area involved are faced with a question.

It is this: "Should I vote to come into the city, or wait for this sanitary authority to be formed and avoid possible greater taxes due to being in the city?"

These people must remember that they have to pay for everything they get, and how much they pay depends generally on how valuable it is to them.

That applies to sewers. If the area proposed to be taken into the city wants sewers and does come into the city, they will pay for them and pay for them just as the other residents of the city do.

Same Thing True
If a sanitary authority is formed, the same thing will be true, and it is doubtful that the costs will be much different, one way or the other.

It does not appear that anybody is being forced to vote to come into the city just to get sanitation. The area contemplated in one which can make use of, and seriously needs, many services offered by a city. These include police and fire protection, streets, zoning, and many others.

One of the best things the city can offer is an already organized "business" that takes care of many problems and which eliminates the necessity of organizing a separate group or board every time something is required for the benefit of the community.

Also, it is without doubt going to take some time to get a sanitary authority organized, if at all. Meanwhile, epidemics can happen, and progress is halted.

For these reasons, it is recommended that they take advantage of the city offer.

Offers General Facts
Finally, here are a few very general facts about the local situation and the proposed sanitary measure.

The man living in the hills around this valley is as concerned and affected by the health of the valley as the man living along Bear creek or in the city. Likewise, the resident of the city, apparently well taken

care of by his sewer, is affected by the health of the man along Bear creek and those in the hills.

They eat in the same places, their children go to the same schools, and they congregate in the same churches and attend the same theaters. These things make it a valley-wide problem and responsibility, and not one to be handled by individual groups.

Not New Idea

Second, it should be pointed out that the idea for a metropolitan district is not a new one. The same idea has been in existence for many years in the Oakland-Berkeley area with the East Bay Sanitary district, and similar organizations have long been in effect in the Los Angeles area and in the east.

It has not been possible in these three articles to outline all of the actual advantages of such an organization, with the selling points for businesses, residents, and newcomers to the valley. However, most people will appreciate the financial and promotional benefits of the proposed organization.

Jackson County Sen. Philip Lowry and Rep. Al Littrell have worked hard to get this bill passed. It would be a shame to not give it at least a chance to become operative.

Oil Lease Report Slated Monday in Sams Valley Area

Sams Valley—Findings of a committee which has been investigating proposed oil leases in a large area in the north part of the county will be reported Monday evening.

All landowners in the area are invited to attend a meeting at 8 p.m. that day at the Sams Valley Grange.

Investigation of the possibilities of oil exploration and development in the Sams Valley, Beagle, Ramsey Canyon and Meadows districts has been under way for six months or more, and a Sams Valley-Beagle Landowners committee was set up to look into the proposal. The committee's report will be given Monday.

Oil Firms Interested

Last January, when interest in the project was at its height, it was reported that two major oil companies as well as a promotional group were interested in the exploration of the area. It is understood that oil and mineral lease proposals will be discussed at the Monday meeting.

Earlier reports indicated that some 15,000 acres of land may be involved.

Spotty Rainfall Heavy In Some Areas of City

Yesterday evening's heavy shower in the Medford vicinity brought at least .15 of an inch to the area just south of Medford, but only a trace was recorded at the U.S. weather bureau station at the airport.

The .15 was measured at the southern Oregon branch experiment station properties on Kings highway south of Medford and a "good sprinkle" was reported at the other station near Talent.

Heavy rainfall deluged Medford residents on two occasions within an hour and water was running hard in gutters.

Some shower activity is expected here early tonight, the weather bureau reported. A few thunderstorms are likely in the mountains.

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Spencer Apple has been appointed head of the horticulture department at Oregon State college.

Molotov's Arrival Backed by Massive Propaganda Plan

Broadcast Sets Forth Aims at Big 4 Meeting

New York — (U.P.) — V. M. Molotov, stony-faced apostle of Soviet foreign policy, arrived today from Moscow, backed by a massive Communist propaganda campaign aimed at winning the Big Four talks.

The Soviet foreign minister, making his first visit to the United States since 1946, disembarked from the luxury liner Queen Elizabeth one day before the western Big Three foreign ministers assemble in New York to reforge their united front.

Coinciding with Molotov's arrival was a major broadcast by Moscow Radio setting forth the Kremlin's aims at the forthcoming "meeting at the summit" and blaming the United States in advance for failure should failure occur.

Speaks for Peace

Molotov, who remained aboard the liner with the other passengers, spoke briefly in Russian before a battery of television and newsreel photographers and newsmen.

"On behalf of the delegation of the Soviet Union I greet cordially the people of the world famous city of New York and with them all those in the United States who are in favor of lasting peace, international cooperation and consolidation of friendship among nations."

Moscow Program
Moscow Radio's latest outpouring set forth what is expected to be the Kremlin's official proposal for the Geneva conference agenda. The broadcast, quoting the official Communist newspaper Pravda, listed four major topics:

1. "Reduction in the armaments of states and the prohibition of atomic weapons."
2. "The creation of collective security in Europe."
3. "The safeguarding of peace and security in Asia and the Far East."
4. "The restoration of the legitimate rights of the Chinese Peoples Republic (Communist China) in the United Nations."

But with the simple listing of broad topics was a blunt rejection of United States hopes to discuss such matters as freeing the Communist satellite nations from bondage and a condemnation of international Communism.

Such proposals are "nonsense," Pravda said.

Adenauer Sees Late Summer for Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer believes a meeting between him and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin may be possible late this summer or in the early fall, a high diplomatic source disclosed today.

That would be after the Big Four "summit" conference in Geneva in July. It also would give the West German government time to sound out the real intentions behind the Soviet invitation.

Adenauer is not convinced that the meeting necessarily would be in Moscow, the source said. He may propose that the Soviet leaders come to meet him in some other city after preliminary behind-the-scenes contacts between West German and Soviet officials during the Geneva parley.

Dr. Dierdorff Heads Osteopathic Association

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. G. A. Dierdorff of Medford yesterday was elected president of the Oregon Osteopathic Association at the group's annual convention in Portland.

Other new officers include: Dr. H. W. Merrill, Tigard, president-elect; Dr. John Wood, Forest Grove, vice president; Dr. David Reid, Lebanon, secretary-treasurer.

Portland — (U.P.) — The price of haircuts in Portland will jump to \$1.50 on July 1.

Train

Baseball

AMERICAN
Kansas City 8 8 1
Boston 9 11 2
Herbert Harrington (8) and W. Shantz; Parnell, Herd (9) and White.

Six Traffic Lights Going Up in City Along Highways

Six new traffic lights are being set up on state highways through Medford this week, according to Vern Thorpe, city public works director.

The lights will be situated at the Manzanita and Riverside, Edwards and Riverside, Court and Manzanita, Eighth and Central and Ninth and Riverside intersections, and where Court, Edwards and Central come together.

The state highway department and the city of Medford will share half and half the total cost of \$18,200, Thorpe said. The cost includes the contract price, an interconnecting signal system, and engineering.

The lights will begin operation within two weeks. The state highway department will set the timing.

Thorpe indicated that one of the main reasons for the new traffic lights is speed control. The signals at Manzanita st., are necessary because the distance from Edwards st. to McAndrews rd. is too great to maintain the necessary control, he said. The signals at Ninth and Central and Court and Riverside were also placed to prevent excessive speed.

The lights will be on an interconnecting system for maintaining a progressive speed. If for any reason, one light should go out, when put back into operation it will still be synchronized with the other lights.

Plans to inter-connect the signals on Main st. between Riverside to Oakdale ave., is now being studied by city and state engineers.

Petitions Request Steelhead Fishing

Gold Hill — Petitions requesting winter steelhead angling on the Rogue river above Grants Pass have been signed by more than 2,000 people, according to H. D. Force, Gold Hill, temporary chairman of a group interested in the plan.

A meeting of interested sportsmen will be held Friday, June 17, at 8 p.m. at the Gold Hill Grange hall. During the meeting a representative will be elected to present the petitions to the state fish and game commission.

"Anyone interested in winter steelhead fishing is invited," Force said. A permanent chairman will be elected at the meeting.

The petitions have been circulating for more than two months in Shady Cove, Ashland, Central Point, Gold Hill and Medford.

Civilian Defense Units Assemble Within 30 Minutes During Test Alert Here Today

Medford and Jackson county civil defense units were assembled within 30 minutes after receiving a "lemonjuice" alert that Portland would be attacked in the nation-wide test alert today.

Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Hicks, county director of civil defense, said the alert was received at 8:20 a.m. today and personnel was assembled at defense headquarters at the Federal Building, 33 North Riverside ave., within 20 minutes.

However, the Radio Amateur Emergency service and other temporary offices were not set up until after 9 a.m. because

Democratic Chairman Named By State Leader

Boyer Appointed To Executive Group

Robert Boyer, Medford attorney and chairman of the county Democratic central committee, has been named to the executive committee of the state party by Chairman Howard Morgan, it was announced today.

Morgan made the appointment at a state Democratic central committee meeting in Portland, held last week end in connection with the annual Jefferson-Jackson day dinner.

Praises Chairman

In announcing the appointment, Morgan said he was adding to the number on the executive group to make it more representative of regional interests, and to utilize skills Boyer has demonstrated "as a county leader. He praised Boyer's organizing abilities, and the spirit of the county committee.

Former President Harry S. Truman, who spoke at the annual dinner, made an unexpected appearance at the committee meeting, and spoke informally for about 20 minutes. He said he may run for precinct committeeman in Missouri next year.

Boyer's appointment to the state executive committee follows by only a few weeks the appointment of Mrs. Frank C. Bash, chairman of the county Republican central committee, to the executive committee of the state GOP organization.

Blood Collection Total Near Quota

The blood collection program here yesterday fell short of its quota by 19 pints, but did better than was expected on the basis of advance appointments.

Twenty-nine of the 210 donors who showed up were rejected, so 181 pints were collected. Donor appointments were far short of the number needed, however, and it was "drop-in" donors who brought the total up to a number not far short of the goal of 200 pints.

One of the donors yesterday was sent to Community hospital to act as a "walking donor" for an emergency case, it was reported. Since the last visit of the bloodmobile, 10 such walking donors have been provided for similar cases.

There were twice the usual number of replacement donors yesterday, those who come to give blood to make up that used by friends or associates in local hospital cases.

IN GOOD CONDITION

Terry Neilson, 18 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Neilson, Ashland, is reported in good condition today at Sacred Heart hospital after being treated about 8 p.m. yesterday after he drank a poison, attendants said today.



HE'S PRETTY RUGGED—Lee Hibbs, 78, lost for four days in the Three Sisters Wilderness area of the Cascade mountains east of Eugene, Ore., rests in Eugene Hospital. He is being comforted by his wife Alma (right) and daughter, Mrs. Dan Piper. Hibbs only food during the four days was three fish he caught. He credited his experiences as a fisherman and hunter for his survival.

Second in Anti-Polio Shots, Makeup Clinic, Scheduled in County

More than 1300 first and second graders in Jackson county will receive their second anti-polio vaccine shots starting Monday, June 20, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, announced today.

Those who received their first shots the week of May 23-27 will be given second inoculations next week at the Jackson county health office, at city grade schools, and at Central Point, Ashland and Phoenix.

Makeup July 12th

Dr. Merkel said those children who missed the first series and took make-up shots will receive their second shot July 12 at the courthouse. Those who miss the second shots next week also will receive make-up inoculations July 12.

The incubation period for contracting polio averages 7 to 18 days, Dr. Merkel said, and that period has passed for those who

Wholesale Food Prices Highest in Eight Weeks

New York — (U.P.) — Wholesale food prices as measured by the Dun & Bradstreet Index in the week ended June 14, rose 12 cents to \$6.51, sharpest price increase in more than seven months, the agency reported today.

The latest price, highest in eight weeks, marked the greatest price fluctuation since a similar 12-cent increase in the week ended Oct. 26, 1954.

received shots in May.

Thus far this year, there have been no cases of polio reported in the county. There had been three cases at this time last year.

Schedules Given

Shots Monday will be given at the health office in the courthouse. Children from Jacksonville and West Side will receive shots at 9 a.m.; those from Sams Valley and Howard at 10 a.m.; children from Ruch and Applegate at 10:30 a.m.; and those from Butte Falls at 11 a.m. Children from Griffin Creek will start receiving their shots at 1 p.m.; those from Gold Hill at 1:45 p.m.; and those from Rogue River and Evans Valley at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, shots will be given at Central Point Elementary school gymnasium between 9 and 10 a.m., and at St. Mary's school during the same hours. Shots also will be given at the courthouse Tuesday for Lone Pine children at 9 a.m.; Eagle Point at 9:30 a.m., and Shady Cove and Rogue River Academy at 10 a.m.

In Ashland

Second shots will also be given in Ashland Tuesday morning. Children from Brisco school, where inoculations will be held, will report at 8:30 p.m., students from Lincoln at 9 a.m., Bellview at 9:30 a.m., and Walker at 10 a.m.

Shots will be given at the health office in the courthouse Tuesday afternoon for Oak Grove children at 1 p.m., for Elk Trail at 1:30 p.m., and for Prospect at 2 p.m.

Clinics will be held for second shots at Medford's Lincoln school cafeteria, and at Jackson school's gymnasium between 9 and 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Thursday Schedule

Thursday's schedule includes shots given at the Washington and Roosevelt school gymnasiums between 9 and 10 a.m.

Phoenix and Talent first and second graders will receive second shots in the east entrance of the Phoenix old grade school between 9 and 10 a.m. Thursday.

Notices are being sent to parents of children who received the first series of shots the week of May 23-27, and Dr. Merkel said those parents who do not receive notices by Monday should contact the Jackson county health department office in the courthouse.

Crewman Killed, Nine Injured in Colorado Mishap

Communication Trouble Delays Word of Wreck

Fort Morgan, Colo. — (U.P.) — The Union Pacific railroad's streamliner Challenger was derailed at a bridge washout six miles northeast of here early today killing a crew member and injuring nine others, including four passengers.

The train, en route from Chicago to Los Angeles and carrying 309 passengers and a crew of six, was derailed off the Union Pacific's main line and through the Colorado section because of other washouts in Wyoming when the accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. (PST). Word of the accident was delayed over an hour because of knocked-down communications.

The dead crew member was identified as electrician George F. Hobsusch Jr., Sandy, Utah. His body was crushed between two cars and he died instantly.

Taken to Hospital

The injured included at least three women and a child among the four passengers.

At nearby Brush, Colo., the hospital reported three victims had been admitted from the accident. They included Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Campbell, East Lansing, Mich., and a porter, Stanley Murrell, Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Campbell was believed to be suffering from a back fracture the hospital said.

At Fort Morgan, another woman passenger, Mrs. Milton A. Barlow, 33, Silver Spring, Md., and an ex-patient mother, was admitted for observation. She suffered only a gash on the leg. Of her five children with her, only one, 10-year-old Allen Barlow, was hurt. He had a gash on the forehead.

Engineer Injured

The injured included engineer Harold H. Johnson, 60, Cheyenne, Wyo.; fireman Willis Green, 41, also of Cheyenne, and road foreman Everett E. McGraw, North Platte, Neb.

Union Pacific headquarters at Omaha also reported another passenger, Constance Addaway, 62, Long Beach, Calif., among the injured.

Johnson told Mrs. Helen Cudworth, editor of the Fort Morgan Herald and United Press correspondent, he saw the washout ahead and began slowing the train. Otherwise, he said, the accident could have been much worse.

Heavy Rain Falls

All but the last two of the Challenger's 18 cars went off the tracks. The three-unit diesel locomotive was jack-knifed and overturned; a baggage car lay across the track behind it, and two Pullmans were off on their sides, one in four feet of water and a foot of water inside it.

Downpours estimated up to three inches had fallen in the area during the night and a flash flood had swept down Wildcat creek, where the train was derailed, washing out its trestle and a portion of the tracks on both sides.

Bramblett Receives Fine and Probation

Washington — (U.P.) — Former Rep. Ernest C. Bramblett (R-Calif.) today was fined \$5000 and put on probation for a year for padding the payroll of his congressional office.

Appellate Judge Walter M. Bastian first sentenced the former congressman to not less than four months or more than 12 in jail, and then suspended the sentence and put Bramblett on probation for one year.

Bramblett was convicted on seven counts of padding his payroll. He could have received five years in prison on each count and a \$10,000 fine on each.

Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with showers early tonight. A few thunderstorms in mountains. Partly cloudy and a little warmer Thursday. Low tonight 48. High Thursday 74. Temp. Highest Yesterday 71. Lowest this Morning 51. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace.