

Governor Smith, Other Officials To Participate in CD Operation

Salem—Gov. Elmo Smith will participate in the nation-wide civil defense exercise, Operation Alert 1956, Friday when he simulates evacuation of his office in the state capitol building.

Governor Smith's action will parallel that of President Eisenhower who, with members of his staff and cabinet, and other government officials will evacuate Washington, D.C., and set up government functions some 200 miles from the nation's capitol.

Governor Smith will leave his office for the state civil defense control center in Salem, and then will leave Salem for Canby where he will observe operation of the emergency welfare center.

stations KYJC and KMED, both in Medford.

The drill will be a highlight of the first day of the nationwide civil defense training exercise, and is the first time a Conelrad drill has been held during the day.

Conelrad is an abbreviation of the technical phrase, Plan for Control of Electromagnetic Radiation. The plan was devised by the Air Force, the broadcasting industry, and the Federal Communications Commission to permit broadcasting of civil defense news and instructions during a national emergency while denying the navigational aid of regular broadcast waves to an enemy.

Under the plan, all stations sign off the air when an alert is signaled. Conelrad stations then change the broadcasting frequency to 640 or 1240 kilocycles and return to the air. Conelrad stations in cities with several radio stations form a cluster, and broadcast a common program, with each of the stations on the air for only a few seconds at a time.

The smaller communities where only one station is on the Conelrad system will broadcast at either 640 kc or 1240 kc for a brief period, then remain silent for a period of minutes.

These on-off stations make up the bulk of the Oregon Conelrad system with 28 stations.

In the 15 minutes between 12:10 and 12:25 p.m., PST on July 20, the Conelrad stations throughout the nation will broadcast a material especially prepared for Operation Alert in the first test of ability of the emergency network to reach the public with civil defense messages which would be the nation's only broadcast source of official information and instructions in the event of an enemy attack.

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The OCDA control center will direct traffic control; food, petroleum and medical supplies; radiological and damage control; rescue and damage control services in the stricken areas; security and policing details; and many other problems in the exercise.

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Representatives Present

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He promised to ask for disaster relief, should it appear necessary.

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GOING TO THE FAIR—Jean Aigner, 10-year-old great grandniece of famed novelist Jack London, prisms a newly arrived member of the London Ranch's famous Jersey herd for the Sonoma County Fair at Santa Rosa, Calif. July 20-29. Jean lives on the Valley of the Moon ranch founded by the late author.

Boat Mishap Fatal To California Boy

Newberg — (UP) — A 16-year-old youth from San Lorenzo, Calif., drowned in Skookum lake, two miles south of here yesterday afternoon when his small boat capsized.

Police identified the victim as Fred Emmery. His body was recovered about an hour after the mishap. Emmery had accompanied a Berkeley, Calif., family on a vacation trip here.

His companions, Bill Dold, 22, and Crement Dold, 18, both of Berkeley, said they and the Emmery boy had gone swimming at the small lake.

The two brothers set out in a boat to cross the lake and picked up their towels which had been left on the opposite shore. They told police Emmery swam to another boat and a few minutes later they looked back and discovered the boat had capsized.

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Reed College Picks New President

Portland — (UP) — Richard H. Sullivan, 38, will be the new president of Reed college here.

His appointment was announced yesterday by Harold E. Sanford, president of the Reed board of trustees. Sullivan will succeed Dr. Frank L. Griffin, who came out of retirement in 1954 to take over the presidency upon the resignation of Dr. Duncan S. Ballantine.

Sullivan currently is executive vice president and treasurer of the Educational Testing Service at Princeton, N. J. The service conducts measurement tests for business and foundations.

Sullivan will assume his new duties in September.

Neuberger, Holmes Criticize Governor In Mitchell Stand

Portland — (UP) — Two Democratic leaders of Oregon, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Robert D. Holmes, candidate for governor, yesterday criticized Gov. Elmo Smith for not requesting federal aid for the flood-stricken town of Mitchell in central Oregon.

Sen. Neuberger said he was "amazed" to receive a letter from the White House stating that Gov. Smith had not yet requested the President to authorize federal assistance for the town.

Neuberger had sent a telegram to President Eisenhower requesting disaster relief for the town, struck by a flash flood last Friday night. Neuberger said he received a reply stating that the President could not act until he received a request from the governor of the state.

In Salem, Gov. Smith said state agencies, including the governor's office, were doing everything possible to ascertain the needs and requirements of the flood-stricken town of Mitchell.

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Archeological Theft Attempt Reported

The Dalles — (UP) — Officials of the National Park service said today that someone had tried to steal a petroglyph that had been uncovered by archeologists at the Wakemak mound.

An attempt to break a 500 pound rock and take only the portion that contained an ancient carving of a mountain goat was discovered yesterday when archeologists made their way back to the area that had been blocked by high waters from the Columbia river.

Definite chisel and hammer marks were visible. The attempt to steal the carving failed, however, when the rock broke, leaving half of the carving on the remaining part of the rock.

ALI PLANNING RED VISIT

Karachi, Pakistan — (UP) — Prime Minister Mohamad Ali will leave here Oct. 6 for a two-week state visit to Communist China, authoritative sources reported Tuesday.

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