

Pearl Harbor, Puerto Rico Bombed in Mock Sneak Atomic Attack

Emergency Press Headquarters. Operation Alert—1956—A six-day nationwide civil defense "Operation Alert 1956" was kicked off at 11 a.m. (EDT) today with a mock sneak atomic attack on Pearl Harbor and Puerto Rico.

Some 10,000 federal officials and workers fled Washington to 27 secret emergency centers 50 to 350 miles from the capital. Ten state governments also moved key personnel to places of theoretical safety from hydrogen and atomic bombs.

Reports of the surprise attack were relayed through this emergency press headquarters more than 100 miles from Washington. Though President Eisenhower remained in the capital, his orders were made public.

At 11:05 a.m. (EDT) the press headquarters issued this bulletin: "A simulated surprise attack was launched against the United States at 11 a.m. (EDT) today with the simultaneous mock bombing of Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

"This is the initial phase of a nationwide civil defense training exercise."

Three hours after the first imaginary attack, President Eisenhower issued a test version of an executive order proclaiming an "unlimited national emergency and state of war."

The announcement said if the simulated attacks had been real, the President would have declared the nation at war and in a state of unlimited emergency. Prior to the presidential pro-

clamation announcement, newsmen were told that the first imaginary nuclear air raids hit Seattle, Spokane, Milwaukee, and Rochester, N.Y.

A bit later, five more continental targets were reported "hit" by enemy bombers, including the atomic energy installation at Hanford, Wash.

Further announcements followed from time to time as they came in through the civil defense communications network.

The first imaginary attacks came without warning from off-

shore submarines firing guided missiles nuclear warheads. Honolulu was hit by two missiles, one burst in the air over Pearl Harbor and the other in the air over Hickam Air Force Base.

The hazards of fallout were minimized, press headquarters said, because both bombs burst in the air.

But another imaginary missile hit the College of the Sacred Heart in San Juan, P.R., and burst on the ground, raising the hazard of fallout.

Each missile had explosive

force equivalent to 100,000 tons of TNT.

As air raid sirens shrieked in downtown Washington at 11:12 a.m. (EDT) President Eisenhower met with representatives of the government departments and agencies at an expanded Security Council session in the White House cabinet room.

Assistant White House Press Secretary Murray Snyder said Mr. Eisenhower and the officials reviewed "the program of actions which would be invoked" if this were "a real attack cri-

sis."

Snyder said the President will meet with representatives of these agencies again next Wednesday "to receive assessments of the effectiveness of the exercise."

The alert ends at 6 p.m. (EDT) Wednesday, but officials who fled the capital will return Monday.

Tacoma and Spokane, Madison, Wis., and Anchorage, Alaska, were warned of probable attack at the instant of the surprise island attacks.

Within five minutes after the first surprise attacks, "other alerts" were spread across the northern edge of the nation.

Honolulu and San Juan sounded "all clear" signals at 11:15 a.m. (EDT) and 11:08 (EDT).

But mock yellow alerts continued to spread across the country.

In all there were some 75 hypothetical target areas in 34 states. Some of them planned evacuation, feeding, and treatment of citizens.

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Training Exercise Includes County, City Organizations

Portland was the target of a mock nuclear attack this morning as part of the national two-day civil defense Operation Alert 1956 training exercise.

A total of 13,000 simulated evacuees and 1,500 "casualties" from the Portland area were due in Jackson county for housing, food and medical care in the exercise in which federal, state, county and city civil defense groups participated.

Events Leading to Notice

Events leading up to notice that "33,000 evacuees" would be arriving here started at 7:06 a.m. today, when Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Hicks, county CD director, received "a warning" that Portland would be "bombed" in about two hours, 30 minutes.

Other events:

7:22 a.m.—Message received that Gov. Elmo Smith issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency. The Oregon National Guard was ordered mobilized and "sales of petroleum products, medical supplies and food ordered frozen."

8:36 a.m.—Message received of red warning "Applejack," signifying that an "attack" was due in 30 minutes.

9:30 a.m.—Received message that "bomb" had been dropped on Portland. The Medford weather bureau computed theoretical possible fallout, and said wind conditions would cause fallout to travel north. If a "bomb" were dropped in the San Francisco area "fallout" would end southeast of Mt. Shasta, the weather bureau said.

Evacuees' Due

10:30 a.m.—Message received that "33,000 evacuees" are due in Jackson county for housing, food and medical care.

11:00 a.m.—Message received that "1,500 casualties" due in Jackson county. They were scheduled to be sent to the Medford and Camp White areas.

Meanwhile, the new civil defense control center in the National Guard area in Camp White was opened and radio communication was established with the Salem office. Hicks said.

Local radio stations were set up in Shady Cove, Rogue River and Central Point. The stations, Hicks said, send out information to communities as it is received from the county center.

Civil defense directors in the communities notified dealers "not to sell petroleum products, medical supplies and food," and residents were urged to conserve the products because they will not be available until after the emergency.

Training Exercise

Tomorrow, a civil defense training exercise will be conducted starting at 9 a.m. at Crater High school in Central Point.

More than 100 selected civil defense and Red Cross personnel will register volunteers who are acting as evacuees in connection with the alert.

During the morning, southbound traffic on Highway 99 will be handed cards by county sheriff's deputies. Civil defense and car occupants will be asked to register at the school as evacuees.

Hicks urged the general public to participate in the exercise, and local service clubs and civic organizations have indicated they plan to participate in the exercise.

Radio Broadcast

In connection with the exercise, a 15-minute radio broadcast over Conelrad radio stations KMED and KYJC, Medford, was given starting at 12:10 this noon. All stations went off the air for the 15-minute period, with only Conelrad stations broadcasting.

The first alert activating city crews participating in the training exercise, was received at the city hall about 7:10 a.m., according to Robert Duff, city manager.

Duff said following the alerts there were simulated "movements" by the fire department and an accumulation of emergency crews at the department of public works and water department.

Figures Prove Use Of Medford Water

Medford used a total of 17 million gallons of water Wednesday, while Portland used 181 million gallons yesterday, or 10.64 times as much.

Medford's population is about 20,000, while Portland's is in the neighborhood of 435,000, or somewhere around 21.75 times as many.

The figures indicate that Portlanders used about 415 gallons per day per capita in the 106 degree heat, while in Medford, which has long been known as a town which has a high per capita use of water, residents used about 850 gallons each during a 104 degree day, or more than twice as much as Portland residents.

Air Conditioning Units Donated to Hospital

The Providence Guild and other interested parties in the valley have donated 11 air-conditioning units to Sacred Heart hospital.

The units, valued at \$240 each, are being used in the private rooms and wards at the hospital.

'Little Three' Disclose Conclusions



Portland Blasted by Simulated H-Bomb

Salem—(UP)—Portland was blasted by a simulated H-bomb of 100 kilotons at 9:45 a.m. today as part of the national "Operation Alert 1956."

Gov. Elmo Smith immediately issued an emergency proclamation which would have frozen the retail and wholesale sale of all food, medical and petroleum supplies in the state. He said the supplies would be distributed by civil defense to emergency aid areas and reception centers for the welfare of Portland and "evacuees."

Yellow Warning Flashes

First warning of the mock attack came at 7:03 a.m. (PST) and a yellow warning was flashing to six key points throughout the state.

At 7:06 a.m. the simulated evacuation of all Portland residents was ordered. Traffic control points were manned throughout the state and state police, sheriff's deputies and auxiliary police began halting traffic going towards Portland to advise them of the alert. National Guard units moved to staging areas.

Civil defense, welfare and medical teams were dispatched to emergency aid areas at Scappoose, Banks, Forest Grove, Newberg, Carlton, Salem, Canby, Molalla, Estacada, Sandy and Hood River.

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Rural School Board Group Sets Meeting

The Jackson County Rural School Board association will hold its quarterly meeting at Lone Pine school at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, it was announced today.

Officers for the coming year will be elected, according to John Niedermeyer, Jacksonville, president of the association.

The association includes members of all rural school boards in the county, and Niedermeyer urged newly-elected school board members to attend.

Two Are Sentenced In Circuit Court

Two men charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor were given state penitentiary sentences in circuit court this morning.

Byron Everett Craven, 24, of box 45, Trail, was sentenced to one year, and Robert Paul Bryant, 22, of 832 North Central ave., was sentenced to 2 1/2 years. Both men were arrested July 5.

In other circuit court action today, George Volney Miller, 19, of route 2, box 13, Jacksonville, had his case continued pending receipt of a federal bureau of investigation report. Miller is charged with burglary, larceny from an auto, armed robbery and being AWOL from the armed services.

Another case continued for FBI records was a disorderly conduct charge against Donald Elwood Little, 39, of route 2, box 702, Central Point.

The case of Bergen Hardy Scott, 34, transient, charged with larceny from an auto, was continued for appointment of another attorney.

Zander Appointed Jackson County Jailer

Edward J. Zander, 1146 West Eighth st., has been hired by the county sheriff as county jailer.

Zander resigned July 1 from the Medford city police as a patrolman. According to Police Chief Charles Champlin, he resigned then because he was "dissatisfied" with the department.

Another ex-city policeman, Robert Gheysen, 710 Pennsylvania ave., has been transferred from the jailer's position to the sheriff's patrol. Gheysen resigned from the city police force May 4.

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MURDER TRIAL STARTS TODAY

McKeon's Defense To Give Evidence Of Severe Marches

Parris Island, S.C.—(UP)—Pvt. Thomas A. Grabowski, Kearney, N. J., testified today that he "smelled a little liquor" on the breath of Marine Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon not long before the drill instructor marched his men into a tidal creek where six drowned.

Parris Island, S.C.—(UP)—Marine Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon's defense was permitted today to produce evidence at his man-slaughter court martial that several night marches into the swamps and tidal streams at this depot had been a practice of training Leatherneck recruits.

To Admit Evidence

Navy Capt. Irving N. Klein, presiding as judge at McKeon's trial on charges that his action led to the drowning of six recruits in the salty waters of Ribbon creek ruled that evidence about that type of training will be admitted regarding charges that McKeon oppressed troops under him and charges of involuntary manslaughter as a result of the oppression.

An earlier witness on this fifth day of McKeon's trial testified that the sergeant was an "outstanding drill instructor" who was working with a "mediocre" platoon at the time of the April 8 tragedy.

Victory for Defense

Klein's ruling was considered a victory for the defense which has argued throughout the court martial that long night marches were customary at Parris Island and part of the program it takes to turn a soft civilian into a Marine toughened for battle.

Klein ruled that such evidence must be confined to practices "under the same and similar circumstances" as those that prevailed when McKeon led 74 members of a recruit platoon into Ribbon creek to "teach them discipline."

Six of the recruits drowned, and national attention has been focused on this resultant court martial as it has on no other since the famed trial of Billy Mitchell.

US Withdraws Offer To Build Egypt Dam

Washington—(UP)—The U.S. decision to withdraw its offer of aid for Egypt's Aswan dam was a calculated risk designed to deflate Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and put Russia on the spot, informed sources said today.

The surprise action, announced Thursday night, deprives Nasser of continuing his game of playing the United States against the Soviet Union in an attempt to get the best deal possible for the

Log Hauling Gets One Hour Extension

The state highway commission has authorized an extension of one hour for log hauling in the state on week days, but denied a request for hauling all day Saturdays.

The commission authorized effective immediately log hauling between 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily. Previously, log hauling was prohibited after 3 p.m. Hauling is allowed only Saturday mornings.

The Oregon Log and Lumber Truckers League of Medford, the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm Association of Medford, the Oregon Timber Transport Operators and the Associated Forest Industries requested the changes.

According to H. B. Glaisyer, secretary of the commission, the commission "could not see its way clear to grant the request for hauling on Saturday afternoons."

Hauling has been prohibited at night and Saturday afternoons during the tourist season because the commission said it endangers the lives of tourists.

12 Buildings Damaged In Fire at Astoria

Astoria—(UP)—A fire that spread to 12 buildings was brought under control last night after blazing for over three hours.

The flames started originally in a group of three old buildings at the west end of Astoria. Two of the buildings, including a condemned hotel, were destroyed and the third was nearly gutted.

From these buildings, a high wind carried burning composition shingles to the roofs of other buildings, setting nine other residences and buildings on fire. Numerous brush and grass fires also were started by the wind-carried embers.

Fire companies from Seaside, Hammond, Warrenton, Knappa, the U. S. Coast Guard station at Point Adams and the Tongue Point Naval Station at Astoria fought the flames.

Camp White Man Fined In District Court

Horace Phinney Isaacs, 61, Camp White, was fined \$250 and court costs and had his driver's license suspended for 90 days in district court yesterday.

Isaacs was arrested July 8 by state police for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was given a suspended jail sentence of 30 days for good behavior and upon payment of the fine.

The Dalles Records 108; Portland Bakes With 106

The Dalles, Ore., and Yuma, Ariz., yesterday were the two hottest spots in the United States with 108 degrees each. Portland was not far behind with 106 degrees as the state's fiercest heat wave in years hit its climax.

Forestry officials, at 5 p.m. yesterday, clamped a closure order on the Tillamook burn area, forbidding persons to enter the area without permit until rains ease the serious fire hazard. The state has gone 14 days without measurable rainfall and blazing skies have turned the forests into a tinderbox.

The 106 degrees clocked at the customs house in downtown Portland yesterday was only one degree short of the city's all-time heat record. In 1942 the temperature hit 107 and 18 persons died. So far, the city has not attributed any deaths directly to the heat.

A slow cooling trend was expected to make Portland and the Willamette valley about 15 degrees cooler today as marine air pushed into the super-heated air hanging over interior valleys.

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Elimination of Trade Embargoes Asked in Report

Pula, Yugoslavia—(UP)—The "uncommitted" chiefs of state of Yugoslavia, India and Egypt called today for elimination of all trade embargoes, freedom for Algeria and admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

They also urged settlement of the German problem by peaceful negotiation as a means of easing world tension.

A joint communique, released simultaneously in Cairo, New Delhi and Belgrade, outlined the conclusions reached in 10 hours of talks between Yugoslav President Tito, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The "Little Three" conference at Tito's summer residence on the island of Brioni ended late Thursday. Nehru accompanied Nasser on his return trip to Cairo for further talks in the Egyptian capital. The Egyptian president held private talks with Tito before Nehru's arrival in Yugoslavia.

The joint declaration opened with a series of general statements along the expected lines advocating "peaceful and active coexistence."

But setting down to specific problems, the 13-paragraph statement said the leaders of the three nations "emphasize the great importance of removing embargoes and obstacles to the normal development and broadening of international trade."

Significant Point

Observers said this point may have special significance to Israel. In addition to the Western strategic embargoes against Eastern Europe and Communist China, it was also believed to refer to the current "Arab blockade" of Israel because Egypt herself has led the Arab blockade.

The joint statement then took up some of the specific international trouble spots, declaring that "the three principal areas of tension and possible conflict are Central Europe, the Far East and Asia and the Middle East area between Europe and Asia."

Calling for United Nations membership for Red China, the little three declared that "the problems of the Far East cannot be solved in a satisfactory manner without the full cooperation of the Peoples Republic of China."

"They said other countries, too, should be admitted to the United Nations if they apply and if they meet conditions of the U.N. charter. This was believed to refer specifically to Japan, but could also refer to Russian-sponsored Outer Mongolia, which failed to gain admittance under the U.N. "package deal" last fall.

Concerning German reunification, they said "This important question should be resolved in accordance with the desires of the German people through an agreement reached by peaceful negotiations." West German circles, which hoped Nehru would offer his services as a mediator, were reported disappointed by his middle-of-the-road attitude. The West has advocated free elections by the German people on the question of reunification, while the Soviet bloc insists on direct negotiations between East and West Germany.

Nehru, Nasser and Tito called for a cease-fire and complete independence for Algeria, considered by the French as part of metropolitan France.

Witnesses Start Testimony; Second Alternate Selected

State Police Sgt. Thomas Eaton this morning described to the jury the sequence of incidents as he remembered them from the time the body of Alvin William Eacret, 14, Klamath Falls, was reported discovered April 29 at Tub Springs state park, to the arrest of Billy Junior Nunn, 28, Klamath Falls, May 2 at Alturas, Calif.

Nunn is on trial for his life charged with first degree murder of the Eacret boy. The trial got underway about 9:50 a.m. today, after the second alternate juror, Melvin Dyer, was selected.

First Alternate

First alternate juror, Joe E. Crawford, was selected yesterday afternoon. He was appointed to the regular jury this morning after Judge H. K. Hanna granted the request of Mrs. Betty Lacy to be dismissed for physical reasons.

In his opening statement, District Attorney Walter Nunley said he intended to prove Nunn was guilty of committing vicious, deliberate, premeditated homicide.

He said he expected evidence to show Nunn had picked up the murder victim in his car at Klamath Falls, had stopped at a grocery store where a friend saw Alvin and the car in which he was riding, had stopped at the Mountain View cafe and service station where the attendant remembered Nunn and that Nunn's car had a defective reverse gear, and that Nunn and the Eacret boy had stopped to inspect a wrecked car near Soda Springs.

Further Evidence

He further stated his evidence would show that Wilbur Hammond, whose daughter is mar-

Bids Called for Lone Pine Addition

Bids for construction of an addition to Lone Pine school will be received by the school board until 8 p.m., July 31, according to Estelle Bailard, clerk.

Plans call for a six-classroom addition with boiler room, teachers' room, two toilet rooms and covered passages.

The addition will have pumice block exterior walls, concrete slab floors, wood decking with insulation and built-up roof, and aluminum sash. Floors will be covered with asbestos tile, and walls will be painted on the block, plastered and finished with plywood in various areas.

The new section will have radiant heat in the floor, and a new oil-fired hot water boiler will be required.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Architect Jack A. Edson, 34 North Central ave., Medford.

Weather

FORECAST: Continued fair and dry through Saturday. Slightly cooler. Low tonight 60. High Saturday 95.

Highest Yesterday	97
Lowest this Morning	41

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	4:52 a.m.
Sunset	7:42 p.m.
The Moon rises	8:13 p.m.
sets Saturday	3:55 a.m.
and will be full	Sunday
MARS rises	10:41 p.m.

This ruddy planet is now less than 48,000,000 miles from the Earth and it has become brighter than Jupiter.

Central Point Youth Wins Designer Contest

John Foley, 15, route 1, Central Point, has been named a first place winner in his age division for Oregon in the 1956 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition.

Foley, with the other Oregon winner, Jim P. Schneider, Portland, will be given \$150 cash prize. The contest is sponsored yearly by the guild, with \$115,000 in cash and university scholarships given to the nations best teen-age model car designers.

Theodore Jasper Daily, 19, of 544 Effie st., city jail prisoner being held on a vagrancy charge, broke away from an officer and escaped this morning when he was being led back to the jail from the courtroom, police reported.

Daily was arrested Wednesday with other youths in connection with an auto theft case. Officers said he broke away about 9:45 a.m. today and had not been apprehended by early this afternoon.