

# Organized Minute Men Proposed As Home Defense Units

DENVER, Oct. 21 (AP)—A modern organization of Minute Men to meet threats of communist sabotage was proposed today. It was termed the key to adequate security.

The plan was offered by C. B. Lister of Washington, executive director of the National Rifle association. Lister helped draft the first manual on home guard organization in World War II. He asked his board of directors to help establish a new internal security force of civilians in their states "while there is time."

**Quick Cripple**  
"Russia could cripple this nation in 12 hours without ever using an atom bomb," Lister declared in an interview elaborating on his plan. "A lot of talk—and very little action—on civilian defense plans, centering mostly on disaster relief, has

betrayed the average American into a sense of security.

"But the communists could attack without warning. They could do it through their cells scattered over the United States.

**Sabotage**  
"Even if the FBI has spotted every cell and every communist, they could effectively sabotage our power and communication systems, our water supply and transportation net, and our vital industrial plants. They could do it before wholesale arrests could be made."

"While our top military men are wrangling over long range strategy, they are overlooking their own back yard. They are neglecting to provide protection for the base to put their strategy into action and keep it in action."

**Cheap**  
Lister said, "That protection—much as the military thinker may hate to admit it—can be provided by civilians without cost. Those civilians want to protect their home, their jobs and their way of life. All they need is a little direction."

His plan provides simply for matching each communist cell with a cell—or two cells—of minute men. These would be organized in every community and every strategic industrial plant. They would be voluntary. Their assignments would be to guard familiar objects: the highway bridge at the edge of town; the dam backing up the reservoir that provides water for their farmlands; the local power station; the big transformer at the factory; the telephone switchboards.

## Million, Carr Open Station

Glen W. Carr and J. T. Million, both of Klamath Falls have opened an Associated Service station on S. 6th street near the Merrill-Lakeview junction. The new business will offer complete service.

The station is housed in a newly completed masonry and stucco building.

Carr has had previous experience in the business at Oakridge and Million was formerly a carpenter.

# Cordon Tags Congress 'Extravagant'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—Senator Cordon (R-Ore) said today the session of congress just closed "was the most extravagant in history."

"Here," he said, "the whip of the executive was directly responsible. The Truman program from the opening message to the day of adjournment was a calculated scheme to garner for the executive department more and more dictatorial and arbitrary power." Cordon told a reporter, "It became so raw that even stalwart administration democrats rebelled."

# Merrill Court Bury Spot

MERRILL—Police Judge Otis Thompson's court has been the busiest place in town for the past two weeks with the following sentences and fines levied: Clifford Jones, five days for panhandling (suspended); Herman Jimenez and Edward McKinnon drew \$25 fines and J. V. Bishner a \$15 fine for being drunk and disorderly. William Tuft and George Evans drunk, second offense 25 days in jail; Joseph Ybarra, drunk third offense, 25 days; and Al Shive, drunk-disorderly, resisting arrest \$25 and 12 1/2 days (suspended).

The following all drew \$10 fines for drunkenness: Ted Baker, Tom Fitzgerald, Walter Phillips, Antone Sanderson, I. J. Swanson, Victory Montzoni, Pat Lynch, John Flaherty, Thomas Candelaria, Dave Pendergast, Jack McAllister, and Fred Thompson.

# Portland Heads For One-Ways

PORTLAND, Oct. 21 (AP)—Barring unexpected legal challenges, Portland's downtown area will convert to one-way streets November 25. The city council took apparently decisive action last night in voting down a proposal to postpone the one-way street system a year.

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