

GREAT BLACKOUT PLAN LAUNCHED

Washington, British Columbia and Oregon will be blacked out in observance of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, if a proposal made yesterday by the Washington State Defense Council is approved by Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command.

Council Votes Request

The council voted at a meeting here yesterday to ask permission for the blackout and full-scale air-raid drill, and in another resolution urged that local defense councils observe Armistice Day November 11, not to "celebrate a lost peace," but to dedicate Americans to winning the present war and the peace that will follow.

The Northwest's first international blackout and "incident drill" can be arranged without hindrance to war industries, council members said.

Washington Takes Lead

Irving S. Smith, executive director, was asked to seek cooperation and work out details of the big maneuver with authorities of Oregon and British Columbia. "We believe December 7 should be an opportunity to test all civilian-defense facilities, giving the various organizations and the 500,000 volunteers active in the Pacific Northwest their first chance to demonstrate their abilities and training under simulated air-raid conditions," the resolution declared.

"This suggestion is in line with the repeated request of Dean James M. Landis, director of the Office of Civilian Defense, that frequent and complete incident drills and tests be held on a state and interstate basis, as well as locally."

Kirwin, Sea Photo Expert, to Talk

Air-raid wardens of Precinct 248, and their friends, will hear their lieutenant, Harry A. Kirwin, widely known marine photographer and former globe trotter, lecture on "Pre-War Japan" next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The meeting place will be the Lake Union Luncheon at East Galer and Fairview Avenue North. He will use colored slides.

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DEFENSE COORDINATION SOUGHT



Army, Navy and civilian-defense officials from Washington and Oregon who met in the Office of Civilian Defense here didn't take time out for lunch yesterday at a parley in which closer coordination between all the agencies of the two states was sought. They ate over the conference table. Left to right—Vice Adm. C. S. Freeman, commander of the 13th Naval District; Maj. Gen. James I. Muir, commander of the Northwest Sector; Stanley W. Donogh, executive director of the O. C. D., Northwest Sector; Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, and Gov. Charles Sprague of Oregon.

Camouflage Program Planned For Region

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knowledge and specialized experience needed for effective application of the principles of the work.

Another development of the session was a decision to send all the official civilian defense personnel of both states, including Governor Langlie and Governor Sprague, to the War Department civilian protection school. For this purpose the War Department will conduct the training at the two state capitals.

Greater Coordination Seen

This program would make for a greater coordination between the public officials and civilian defense functions, conferees said.

More realistic civilian defense drills were discussed, with the officials favoring much practice in maneuvers simulating actual combat conditions as nearly as possible. Mock invasions and "air raids" probably will be carried out to drill defense personnel.

Zone 8 Wardens to Meet

Air-raid wardens and members of the seven defense auxiliaries in all sections of Zone 8, Area No. 2, who have not received registration cards are asked to report to the old schoolhouse, Greenwood Avenue and West 105th Street, from 7 to 10 o'clock tomorrow evening for fingerprinting and registration.

Portland Gets Rent Czar
PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 3.—Daniel D. Cagle, director of the Portland-Vancouver defense-rental area, today announced the appointment of Peter R. Damskov, Portland, as supervising rent examiner.

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FARMERS CAUGHT IN LABOR FAMINE

Notified of presidential approval of a \$1,000,000 appropriation to move farm labor to critical areas, A. F. Hardy, state director of the United States Employment Service, said yesterday this state will have to dig deeper into its own ranks for more farm labor, despite the appropriation.

Senator Mon C. Wallgren recently urged the Budget Bureau to approve the appropriation to relieve the farm-labor shortage in Washington. He pointed out that growers had been unable to obtain sufficient labor to harvest apples, pears, beans, onions and other crops.

Not Many Available

Hardy estimates that 15,000 laborers are needed to harvest the crops. He said it is hoped that about 1,200 to 1,500 may be obtained from the Midwest, but "this is only a drop in the bucket in comparison to what we actually need."

The delayed maturing of Eastern Washington crops, which will crowd six weeks' harvesting operations into three weeks, has added to the seriousness of the problem, he said.

Estimates Difficult

"We would not attempt to forecast just how many laborers will be brought into the state with the additional funds we will get, nor how much it will help," he said. "The additional help probably will come so late it will be difficult to correct the situation. We estimate only about 500 farm hands have come from Illinois and 700 from Wisconsin."

"We need 15,000."

He said about 700 more are scheduled to arrive in the farm country of Eastern Washington this week, beginning today.

Scheduled to arrive today from Chicago are 106 workers at Wenatchee, 102 at Yakima; tomorrow, 150 at Wenatchee and 100 at Yakima; and Tuesday, 250 at Wenatchee.

"There is one thing certain," Hardy said. "Appropriation or not, this state will have to dig deep, right here, for its farm hands."

Plant Air-Raid Wardens Get Orders to Attend Sessions

Lieut. Harry P. Hale has called a meeting of men air-raid wardens in Precinct 36, Section 4, Northeast Zone, at 7:30 o'clock Friday night at the Y. M. C. A., 12th Avenue Northeast and East 50th Street.

Lieut. C. F. Erickson announces a meeting of air-raid wardens in Precinct 19, Section 4, Northeast Zone, at 7:30 o'clock Friday night at 5228 15th Ave. N. E.

Clerks of War Commission To Get Instruction

To speed up its placements, which now average more than 100 persons a week, the Civilian War Commission volunteer office will give a brush-up course on procedure to its interviewers and placement clerks at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening in Room 214, Rialto Building.

Mrs. C. L. Egtvedt, chairman of the filling committee, and Mrs. W. D. Askren and Mrs. E. Gibson Meyer, co-chairman of the placement committee, will conduct the class. Each has given more than 250 hours to volunteer war work.

N. Y. Scrap Pile Grows

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—The scrap-metal collection in Queens Borough—the first of New York City's five boroughs to observe "salvage day"—reached 31,373,400 pounds today, and was growing. Salvage sentries—uniformed women who rode in collection trucks to make sure that householders had searched thoroughly for scrap—collected bills of sale for 5,000,000 more pounds sold recently to junk dealers.

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Coast Jap Evacuees Tell Of New Life in Own Paper

The Minidoka Irrigator, six-page weekly newspaper of 10,000 Japanese residents recently transplanted from the cities and fertile fields of Washington and Oregon to the arid lands of Southern Idaho, has begun to roll off the mimeograph machines.

Numbers 1 and 2, Volume I, recently reaching Seattle, give a poignant picture of the determined struggle of these Niseis (American-born Japanese) and Iséis (Japanese-born) to carve a new life for themselves out of their strange new surroundings. They are a record of the civic, business and social organizations, work projects and recreational activities of the group.

Editors are Dick Takeuchi, formerly one of the editors of The Great Northern Daily News, erstwhile Japanese daily; Dyke Miyagawa and Rube Hosokawa. Reporting are Daiki Miyagawa, Taka Oka, Makiko Takahashi, Tadako Tamura, Jackson Sonoda and Sumie Itami, Tak Hirai and Karl Fujimoto are staff artists; Thomas Yamauchi, circulation manager; and Shizuko Kawamura, Takako Matsumoto and Gertrude Takayama, typists.

New Town Serves Colony

Minidoka, 68,000 acres of land accommodating duration activities of the 10,000, is centered about Hunt, new town-site with 35 blocks of barracks and additional areas for a 16-wing hospital, administration building, warehouses, fire and police stations, stores, schools and sewage disposal.

Rich sedimentary loam covers the project, and plans for extensive plantings of sugar beets, beans, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, alfalfa and grain are planned as soon as water can be brought to the area by irrigation canals. Drinking water now comes from a 400-foot well. Three other wells are being drilled.

Boom spot of the project is the community store, managed by Yoshitaka Takayoshi and a staff of nine Niseis... on September 5 records were broken when sales receipts totaled \$1,012. There is "an ever-increasing demand for ice cream, fruit juices, popcorn and potato chips... the daily supply of 350 dozen 'creamsicles' and other frozen stick novelties is exhausted long before the day is over, children consuming most of the iced sweets."

U. S. Envoy Lauds Mexico Friendship

PUEBLA, Mexico, Oct. 3.—Mexican-United States Friendship is growing stronger each day and "is destined to continue and be one of the strongest contributing forces to world peace and a better life in the future," U. S. Ambassador George S. Messersmith declared today.

Messersmith spoke at ceremonies in which two American flags were presented to the governor of the state of Puebla and the mayor of this city and a water-color painting was presented to the George Washington School by the American colony of Puebla.

AUXILIARY FIRE UNITS LAUDED

Auxiliary firemen of the civilian-protection division laid 8,350 feet of fire hose, got water to 27 "incidents" and made 47 runs with auxiliary trucks during last Sunday's air-raid practice, Maj. Walter C. Best, auxiliary fire chief, announced yesterday.

Four hundred and six auxiliary firemen devoted 858 man hours to the practice. Not a fireman was injured, no equipment was damaged and the fire service performed an "outstanding public service," according to Best's report.

R. B. Rogers, assistant chief of the Seattle Fire Department, told civilian protection unit chiefs at a meeting Friday night that the performance of the auxiliary firemen was inspiring.

"At one period of the mobilization there were 20 auxiliary trucks out on calls at the same time," Rogers said. "What this means in the way of assistance to our professional Fire Department, only an experienced fireman can know. The auxiliary fire service has proved itself invaluable. I have only the highest praise for the volunteers."

20,000 Wardens on Duty

Unit chiefs as a whole reported the Sunday mobilization the best held thus far. Between 20,000 and 24,000 air-raid wardens were at their posts from sunrise until after 1:35 p. m. Warden officials recommended that future practice involve more "incidents," traffic control and decentralization of dispatching. They recommended that the public participate as much as possible in future mobilizations and again asked for night practice, use of sirens and complete-surprise practice alarms.

Auxiliary police were complimented for the manner in which they responded to all calls and protected command posts at 50 points throughout the city. "As far as we were concerned this last mobilization was just a breeze," Capt. R. W. Olmstead, acting unit chief of the auxiliary police, remarked.

Medical Personnel Secure

Dr. Donald Evans told the chiefs that he was concerned about the loss of trained personnel in the medical units, the elapsed time required to get things done after executive decisions are reached and the technical handling of casualties. These are general concerns that affect all wartime activities, he said.

City utilities in general praised the mobilization and the manner in which it was handled. W. Allen Grubb, chief of engineers, reported. All utilities, he said, have pooled repair and maintenance facilities so that one crew can take care of all the requirements of any single "incident."

Japs in Red Sea—Vichy

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The frequently inaccurate Vichy radio reported as from Rome today that Japanese submarines were operating in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden just below it.

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