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RADIO SCRIPT #2- TITLE "CITIZENS ALERT"

ANNOUNCER: (Introduce Mr. Ernest Brewer, Director, Oregon American Legion Air Raid Warden Training Program, and Mr. Robert C. Dillard will assist in the program).

MR. BREWER: The Air Raid Warden is now a type of civilian amongst us and his duties are many and strange. It takes time and effort to learn the things to do to take care of the lives and property of our neighbors in time of stress. It is as grave a responsibility as was ever thrust upon a civilian. To help our brave and public spirited fellow citizens to do this job, we offer whatever help we can give. As a graduate of the War Department Civilian Defense School, I will endeavor to answer any questions if you will send them to this station. Now, Mr. Dillard, do you have any questions we have received from our radio audience?

MR. DILLARD: "Yes, Mr. Brewer, we have received the following questions: "Can our cities on the coast be bombed?"

MR. BREWER: The answer is what we have done to Tokio and other Jap cities can be done to us.

MR. DILLARD: How does the fire hazard of Oregon towns and cities compare with those of Japan? In other words, are we as vulnerable as they are, from incendiary bombs?

MR. BREWER: Without disclosing information of value to the enemy, the fire hazard in late summer is shown by our charred forests even in peace times. We also know the kind of houses we live in, and the relatively higher fire losses in the U.S.A. as compared with other countries. And we must bear in mind the Japs have ten times as many people to watch and fight fires to a given area than we have on the Pacific Coast. So we must be on our guard and learn and practice the methods taught us by the Office of Civilian Defense.

MR. DILLARD: Why do we have to have Air Raid Wardens when the pamphlets tell us what to do in any emergency?

MR. BREWER: Text books are not printed to take the place of teachers, nor can we learn first aid, firefighting, policework, building inspection gas and incendiary bomb warfare by reading about them. And an Air Raid Warden is expected to know about all these things and many more.

MR. DILLARD:- As an Air Raid Warden I would like to know when I can expect to receive my official arm band, helmet, gas mask and other supplies?

MR. BREWER: - The Office of Civilian Defense will issue these supplies as fast as they are available to cities where Air Raid Wardens are trained according to rules laid down by them. Federal recognition is given when Air Raid Wardens have received proper schooling from competent instructors.

MR. DILLARD: A lady writes: "Why should I bother with the Air Raid Warden and have him poke his nose in my affairs?"

MR. BREWER: "Madam, that warden is your neighbor who spent many nights learning how to help you...He is not being paid but is ever ready to see that your life and property is safe during a possible Air Raid... The least you can do is to answer his questions and take his advice about making your home ready so it will not burn down, should a bomb crash through your roof and set fire to it."

MR. DILLARD: A puzzled citizen would like to know: If I were an Air Raid Warden what would I have to know to make a good one? "

MR. BREWER: "You would have to know in your sector or block: everyone, every house, every street, lamp-post, manhole, gas shut-off, and electric connection...To know what your neighbors can do and are willing to do to help in an emergency...To see that attics are cleaned out and every house has a garden hose with spray and jet nozzle... You should see that buckets, emergency water supply and all tools, such as shovel, rake and hoe, together with a large bag of dry sand are on hand near the attic.

MR. BREWER:- Now, Mr. Dillard, our time is about up and we cannot answer any more questions this evening. Friends of the Air, another of these broadcasts will be given over this Station Friday evening at 10:25. We urge you to tune in, as the subject matter under discussion may be of interest to you. Thank you.