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## **NOTICE TO ALL CITIZENS OF PORTLAND AND VICINITY**

# **BLACKOUT**

## **AND DEMONSTRATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY AIR INTERCEPTOR AND COMBAT FORCES**

**Friday, October 31, 1941, About 10 P. M.**

**Purpose:** 1-Officially to test the Northwest air combat and interceptor forces of the United States Army.  
2-Officially to test civilian defense units of Portland and vicinity.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PUBLIC**

Complete Public Cooperation Is Urged in All Phases of This Defense Test.

- 1—Warning of impending blackout will be sounded upon the sighting of bombing planes by outpost observers. Exact time indefinite. About 10 P. M., Friday, October 31.
- 2—Air raid warning will be by means of sirens sounded throughout Portland.
- 3—At such warning immediately turn off all light visible from outside. **Do not pull main switches.** Cover all windows where turning off light is impracticable.
- 4—Each resident is asked personally to see that no light is visible from his home or apartment.
- 5—Light no matches during blackout period of approximately 15 minutes.
- 6—If you have a skylight, make sure no light shows.
- 7—Keep tuned in to your radio for warnings and for running description of the test throughout the territory.
- 8—During blackout do not cross streets. Remain where you are.
- 9—Please obey promptly any instructions given by air raid wardens, firemen or policemen in your neighborhood.

#### **Autoists—**

At sound of warning, drive immediately to curb and stop and turn off lights. Do not attempt to operate car with lights off. Do not stop on bridges or street intersections nor in exits to buildings. Do not block fire plugs. Do not double park.

#### **Outside of Portland—**

Each individual owner is asked to turn off lights in home or factory.

#### **Apartment Houses—**

Management of all buildings will turn off all outside signs and lights.

**SPECIAL NOTICE—**If you must be away from home or apartment, do not leave any light visible from the outside.

**NOTE—**This combined test of defense is sanctioned by the military forces and is officially ordained by ordinance of the City Council with penalties for violation (Ordinance No. 76089).

It is the purpose of all concerned to make it a voluntary civic and patriotic undertaking and the public is urged to completely and fully cooperate with the Army and civilian forces on such basis.

#### **Stores and Factories—**

Be sure to have someone on duty to attend to lights.

#### **Main Switches—**

Do not pull your main switch in home, store or factory. To do so may blow main-line fuses.

#### **Air Demonstration—**

If you are outdoors to watch the air-planes, remain stationary. Do not cross streets and do not smoke.

#### **All Clear—**

Three blasts of all sirens and signaling devices will indicate the end of the test. Street and all other lights then will be turned on.

(Signed) **EARL RILEY,** Mayor of Portland and  
Director of Civilian Defense in Portland Metropolitan Area.