

"We have established an efficient civilian defense organization in the State of Oregon and have no apologies to make for it. It has been operating smoothly and effectively and while much remains to be done, we are prepared to take every step necessary to meet contingencies regardless of cost.

"We are willing to follow the program of OCD faithfully and cooperate in every reasonable way with requests from sectional, regional and national headquarters but we rapidly are getting fed up with the imperious, domineering attitude of the sectional and regional offices which lack information on local conditions and apparently are utterly incapable of evaluating the importance of various matters on which action is requested.

"Not only do these offices display a woeful lack of balance and horse sense, disrupt orderly channelling of information and instructions by seeking direct communication with county defense councils which are responsible primarily to the state, but we are told bluntly that unless we create a flock of useless jobs to deal with a vague program of coordination of all federal agencies and long range volunteer programs that the OCD will move into Oregon, establish its own office in Portland, staff it with personnel of 25 people and take over the operation of civilian defense in this state.

"We wish to do our part in every way and to follow all reasonable directives from OCD but we also wish to preserve some essential state rights and avoid complete regimentation and federalization of civilian defense."

---Governor Charles A. Sprague.