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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

of

Governor Sumner Sewall

From April 3, 1943 to January 1, 1945

(as reported to the Revisor of Statutes)

STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Augusta

Executive Order—No. 38

Whereas, under authority of Section 1 of Chapter 305, of the Public Laws of 1941, approved January 21, 1942, and entitled "An Act to Create the Maine Civilian Defense Corps and provide for the Safety of the State in Time of War," the Governor is empowered and directed to provide for the security, health, and welfare of the people of the State, including the Civilian Defense of the State; and

Whereas, the Maine Civilian Defense Corps, under the Director of Civilian Defense, with the faithful cooperation of County and Municipal heads, has effectively trained and organized the members of the Corps, and has instructed the people of this State to protect themselves against the impact of modern warfare, and against internal dangers always present in a nation at war, and, through the Citizens Service Corps has acted as the principal State agency for the coordination of Federal and State agencies and activities related to the war effort; and

Whereas, the military situation in respect to the external defense of this State, no longer requires the retention of the Protection Services of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps on an active basis,

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of Maine, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue this Executive Order, governing the activities of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps for the time being.

1. The Protective Services of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps shall, as of November 1, 1944, be placed upon an inactive status insofar as the State organization of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps is concerned, but shall continue under the control of County and Municipal heads for such local activities as they shall deem necessary.
2. In cases of emergency arising from military or natural disasters the emergency communications system prescribed in Executive Order No. 34, dated June 8, 1944, and in the orders of the Director of Civilian Defense issued under the authority of said Executive Order shall remain in effect.
3. Local Municipal Chairmen, or their duly appointed deputies shall have the authority to sound the public alarm for their communities whenever, in their opinion, the nature of the emergency warrants such action. They shall, however, in every such instance im-

mediately inform Headquarters, Maine State Police, Augusta, (Maine District Warning Center, telephone Augusta, 2411), of their action and the details of the local situation. On receipt of such action, Headquarters, Maine State Police shall proceed in accordance with existing orders.

4. County Sheriffs and Chiefs of Municipal Police Departments shall continue to function as heretofore in the event of an emergency.
5. The personnel of the Emergency Medical Service of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps shall perform their functions under the direction of local authorities except when called upon by the Director of Civilian Defense to furnish aid and material under the War-time Mutual Aid Plan (see Section 5, Protection Memorandum No. 38, dated October 15, 1942, as modified by the communications system now in effect). As in all cases the local Municipal head is responsible in his discretion for the proper functioning of all Civilian Defense agencies within his jurisdiction.
6. Municipal heads shall, therefore, immediately take the steps to reorganize, if necessary, their local organizations to conform to the decentralization of authority contemplated in this Order.
7. Federal Property and equipment loaned to the State of Maine shall remain the responsibility of the Maine Civilian Defense Property Officer pending the final disposition of such property.
8. New members who may be added to local organizations of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps shall, as heretofore, be reported to the Director of Civilian Defense, in order that, in case of injury in the performance of duty, they may be eligible for assistance under the War Civilian Security Program (see Protection Memorandum No. 66, dated July 9, 1943).
9. The Civilian War Services section of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps (Citizens Service Corps) shall continue to function on its present basis until further orders.
10. Nothing in this Order shall be construed in any way as a disbandment of the Maine Civilian Defense Corps or as a limitation on the power of Municipal heads to make use of their local organizations in such fashion as they consider for the best interest of their communities.
11. The Director of Civilian Defense shall issue such additional orders as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Order.

SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor of Maine.

November 1, 1944