

San Jose

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'DISASTER' RADIO SET PLANNED FOR EMERGENCY HERE

Powerful Plant To Be Installed For Use If Other Services Fail.

Should San Jose be stricken by disaster in the form of fire, flood or earthquake, and her telephone and telegraph system destroyed, she will still not be without means of communication with the outside world.

For a powerful and completely equipped emergency radio station soon to be installed in the San Jose municipal auditorium or some other centrally located downtown building will stand ready to take over communication needs in event of such an occurrence, according to plans of the San Jose American Legion-Red Cross disaster relief committee.

A detailed arrangement whereby messages from all Santa Clara valley communities can be cleared through the San Jose station during emergency situations has been worked out by the committee, under the chairmanship of Neil O. Thomas, reserve captain of the United States army.

Amateur radio operators in all localities throughout the horseshoe-shaped area will relay these messages to the San Jose station, where they will be transmitted to any part of the country, or the world, if necessary.

The radio transmitting set now being considered for this work is five times as powerful as local station KQW, according to Thomas. Willis S. Clayton Jr. will be in charge of the radio division of the disaster organization.

The San Jose American Legion-Red Cross disaster relief committee is a recently reorganized group combining two independent groups working toward the same purpose, efficient relief activity during time of disaster. Under present plans the San Jose State college campus would be headquarters for such activity, and its grounds and buildings would be used to shelter injured and homeless persons, and for administration headquarters.