ORDER ON AMATEUR PORTABLE TRANSMITTERS MODIFIED
TO PERMIT DOMESTIC EMERGENCY USE

The Federal Communications Commission today amended its Order No. 73, banning use of licensed portable and portable-mobile amateur stations on frequencies below 56,000 kilocycles, to permit domestic communication with such licensed equipment in the public interest during a "bona-fide" communications emergency when normal facilities are inadequate or non-existent, and to allow actual domestic testing and developing of this emergency use equipment on Saturdays and Sundays of each week, between sunrise and sunset, providing notice is given at least 48 hours in advance to the Commission's inspector in charge of the district in which such domestic operation is contemplated.