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# CONGRESS APPROVES \$111.6 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Congress has approved the Civil Defense Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 1964, authorizing \$111,589,000. This did not include any funds for the Shelter Develop-ment Bill as it is still before the Senate for final action.

The \$111 million voted OCD was the result of an agreement reached by a joint Senate-House conference com-mittee. Previously the House approved \$87.8 million and the Senate voted \$135,338,000.

The following table gives a comparison of the Fiscal Year '63 and '64 Budgets:

#### CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM BUDGET (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Item	FY 63 Approved Budget	FY 64 Congressional Approval
1. Shelter Survey	\$ 9.3	\$ 7.8
2. Shelter Development	_*	_*
3. Shelter In Federal Building	_*	_*
4. Shelter Provisions	32.7	23.5
5. Warning	4.1	1.5
6. Emergency System	13.0	6.1
7. Financial Assistance to States		
Hardware	7.5	7.0
Emergency Operating Centers	7.1	9.0
Personnel and Administration	12.9	15.0
8. Research and Development	11.0	10.0
9. Management	13.6	14.1
10. Public Information	4.4	3.8
11. Training and Education	10.2	13.8
Civil Defense Total	\$125.8	\$111.6

H.R. 8200 Awaiting Senate Action

# CD HEAD ATTENDS AREA MEETING



Courtesy Rhinelander Daily News

State CD Director Owen Monfils, second from left, is shown examining one of the pocket dosimeters which were distributed to local CD officials at a recent 16 county area CD meeting in Rhinelander. Looking on, from left, are Gordon Reese, acting NWA Director, Alvin P. Dietz, Oneida county CD director, and Margaret Doolan of DePere, Wisconsin.

# GOVERNOR SIGNS CIVIL DEFENSE BILL \*\*\*

An important bill relating to public fallout shelters (S-568) was signed into law by Governor Reynolds on January 2. The Governor's action created Section 101.085 of the statutes (Chapter 460, Laws of 1963) as follows:

"FALLOUT SHELTER POTENTIAL. Every architect and every engineer submitting plans for the construction of any structure using public funds shall, prior to the letting of final bids on such structures, submit a written report, indicating whether such structure meets or does not meet federal fallout shelter engineering standards, to the contracting agency."

Owen Monfils, State CD Director, praised the Governor's action as a "significant step" toward helping to develop a full public shelter capability in Wisconsin. He also lauded James Smyth, Sheboygan county civil defense director, for his efforts in getting the legislation passed. Smyth had requested the legislation at a public hearing as earnestly needed in order to help Wisconsin communities establish adequate public fallout shelter facilities in schools and other public buildings. The bill will serve to focus attention of the contracting agencies on the shelter values of proposed new buildings which are to be constructed with public funds.

A special Senate Armed Services Subcommittee is presently holding hearings on a proposed National Shelter Development Program (Bill HR 8200) already passed by the House which, if passed by the Senate, would provide up to \$2.50 per square foot - or \$25.00 for each shelter space - in federal funds for incorporation of fallout shelters in public buildings and other non-profit institutions. The bill would authorize FY 1964 expenditures of \$190.6 million for this purpose, including \$15.6 million for inclusion of shelters in new and existing federal buildings. This amount is in addition to the \$111.6 million appropriation recently approved by Congress for FY 1964 for the purpose of completing the current Shelter Survey Program and to carry out other existing programs.

The chances for the passage of Bill HR 8200 in the Senate appear to be excellent, since the House approved the program 172 to 67 and it has been endorsed by all of the State governors and many other prominent civil officials and leaders of industry.

The Department of Defense has continuously stressed that no other defense weapon - neither the present bomber defense nor the potential missile defense - can be effective without fallout shelters. New Pentagon studies have shown that, even in the worst conceivable kind of attack, fallout shelters of the kind recommended by the federal Office of Civil Defense would save from 25 million to 65 million people, and that the cost of saving these lives through a shelter program would be vastly less than the cost per life saved of any other defensive weapon now known.



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Although the federal Shelter Development Bill (HR 8200) still awaits final action by the Senate after passage by the House of Representatives, the Wisconsin legislature has passed and Governor Reynolds has already signed into law Bill S-568 which requires architects and engineers, who submit plans for public buildings, to indicate in writing whether such structures meet adequate federal standards for use as public fallout shelters. (See front page story.)

This is the type of advance planning that has consistently characterized civil defense efforts in Wisconsin and kept the state continuously among the nation's leaders in preparing its citizens to act wisely and effectively in event of a major disaster.

Civil defense has often been defined as "government in emergency." Certainly this is true, when one considers that every agency of government and our industrial and commercial activities, as well as each individual citizen, would play an important and vital role in the recovery of our nation should we ever suffer nuclear attack.

As a result, civil defense is becoming increasingly apparent as a necessary element in the economic and social structure of our society. The inclusion of public fallout shelters in existing public and private buildings under the shelter survey program and government subsidy of shelters in non-profit institutions under the pending shelter development program is but one example. There are many others.

For instance, we could point to the vast federal highway construction program which, in addition to its normal peace-time purpose of providing modern, 4-lane, divided highways, for the safety of millions of American motorists, would also serve to provide life-saving arteries for the rapid transportation of food, water, medical supplies, personnel and equipment to major disaster areas in the post-attack period of a civil defense emergency.

If the economic and safety arguments for improving Wisconsin's highways are compelling, so then also are those affecting the welfare and security of our citizens should disaster strike. Wisconsin citizens will have an opportunity this spring to express their views on safe, adequate and modern 4-lane highway needs. I urge all persons to consider these pressing needs when they vote in the spring referendum.

Education is another field in which civil defense has made a valuable contribution during the last year and a half. The civil defense Medical Self-Help course is being given in most high schools in Wisconsin this year and the Civil Defense Adult Education (CDAE) program is progressing steadily with about 5,000 adults having completed the "Individual and Family Survival" course since July 1962. In addition, instructor courses in shelter management and radiological monitoring are being conducted by U. W. Extension Centers throughout the state as are correspondence courses in shelter design for architects and engineers.

By preparing for the ultimate in disaster, nuclear war, civil defense is also preparing millions of Americans each year in basic useful home preparedness measures and emergency actions which may some day prove invaluable in combating peacetime accidents and catastrophes caused by acts of nature.

## HEALTH DISASTER COURSE GIVEN

A two-day course titled "Environmental Health Personnel in Disaster" was sponsored by the Wisconsin State Board of Health and the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Public Health Service on Feb. 5 - 6 at the Wisconsin Center in Madison.

The course was designed to acquaint public health personnel with their civil defense emergency responsibilities. Featured speakers on the agenda included Dr. Carl N. Neupert, State Health Officer and Codirector State CD Health Services; Louis E. Remily, Director CD Division, State Board of Health; Dr. William L. Lea, State CD RADEF Service Director; and Martin P. Wendt, Deputy Director, Technical Operations Office, OCD Region 4, Battle Creek, Mich.

Owen Monfils, State CD Director, greeted the group on behalf of state civil defense following an opening welcome address by Dr. Neupert.

Various representatives from state, district, county and municipal public health agencies attended the course and were briefed on problems and solutions of problems that would occur in Emergency Health-Medical Services following a nuclear attack against our country.

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## -NOTICE -----

In event some of our readers have not been notified – REMEMBER... The new location of the State Bureau of Civil Defense is on the top floor (Rm. 260B) of the smaller building in the new Hill Farms State Office Building complex at 4802 Sheboygan Ave., Madison. Our phone number is 266-3232 (Area Code 608).



The latest report on the Civil Defense Adult Education program furnished by the General Adult Education Division of the State Board of Vocational and Adult Education shows that, as of Dec. 31, 1963, a total of 4,863 Wisconsin adults have completed the CDAE course in "Individual and Family Survival." The program was initiated in Wisconsin in July 1962.

During the month of December 1963, 153 adults completed the 12-hour CDAE course making a total of 1,181 persons who have completed the course during the last six months of 1963. The report also shows that five more teachers completed the 15-hour teacher training course in December making a total of 56 teachers who completed the course during the past six months. A grant total of 359 teachers have now been trained to teach the CDAE courses in various parts of the state. During the period between July 1 - December 31, 1963, eight teacher courses and 68 courses in "Individual and Family Survival" were completed.

The report further indicates that preliminary contacts have been made at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Madison to conduct an in-service training program similar to the one recently completed at the Tomah V. A. Hospital. Other contacts to further the CDAE program have been made with agricultural and conservation services, the Dual Transportation Board and the Wisconsin Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

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## POST OFFICES TO BE MONITORING STATIONS

The Department of Defense recently announced that it is preparing plans in cooperation with the Post Office Department to utilize local post offices as fallout monitoring stations in event of a national civil defense emergency.

The first step in the program to incorporate postal facilities into the national monitoring network, according to DOD, will be the establishment of monitoring capability in approximately 4,400 cities. Monitoring equipment will be provided to first-class post offices by the federal Office of Civil Defense, and postal workers will receive training in its use by attending locally sponsored courses.

The federal radiological monitoring network which has been developed over the past four years presently includes 44,000 operating stations - 9,000 in field facilities of federal agencies and 35,000 in state and local government facilities. Wisconsin has around 1,100 such stations located in state and local facilities. Generally, federal monitoring stations are located in installations of the Department of Agriculture, the Weather Bureau, the Federal Aviation Agency, and the Dept. of the Interior. State and local stations are usually located in public health, fire and police installations.

Addition of the post offices as monitoring points will serve to increase the capability for providing post-attack fallout information to communities to a considerable extent. No information is presently available as to how many first class post offices in Wisconsin will receive the equipment and participate in the program.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON COMPLETES SHELTER STOCKING

According to a report in the State of Washington CD Bulletin, the University of Washington at Seattle has stocked 35,000 shelter spaces in parts of approximately 45 buildings in the campus area with enough food, water and other supplies to last for a two-week period. Most of the buildings with shelter areas are tunnel-connected. The complex has its own internal water supply although, in addition, 10,000 cans of water containing  $17\frac{1}{2}$  gallons each have been stored in the shelters.

The university's CD program also includes 300 trained shelter managers made up of safety division personnel, staff members and students. Students, faculty members and volunteer truckers assisted the Seattle-King County CD organization in stocking the shelters, Dugald Pinyan, Safety Supervisor for the University of Washington, claims the school has one of the most complete civil defense programs of any institution its size in the country.

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## ANNEX G TO OSP UNDER REVISION

Annex G, the State of Wisconsin's plan for the use and control of transportation during an emergency is now in the process of revision. When finalized, it will show the relationship of the State of Wisconsin Emergency Transportation Board to Directors for Transportation at the Area and County level of civil defense. The revised annex is expected to be ready for distribution by the latter part of February, 1964.

# **RATIONING WORKSHOPS HELD**



Members of financial institutions, industry and agriculture, and government officials from the Northwest CD Area are shown participating in a USDA State Defense Board economic stabilization workshop on rationing held in Spooner on December 19. A series of five such meetings were held throughout the state during Nov. and Dec. 1963, and stressed the food allocating responsibilities of the USDA to the State of Wisconsin's Consumer Rationing Probram. Stan Grimstad, State Economic Stabilization Officer, assisted USDA officials in conducting the workshops.

#### BROCHURE ON CD EXTENSION COURSES ISSUED

The University of Wisconsin Extension Division has distributed a new brochure on special instructor training courses being offered in Radiological Monitoring and Shelter Management. The courses are being given in cooperation with the federal Office of Civil Defense and the State CD Bureau and are for the purpose of training instructors in all areas of the state so that they can teach the courses in their own areas to persons interested in becoming public shelter managers or radiological monitors for the shelters.

Shelter Management Instructor courses are to be conducted at U. W. Extension Centers in Madison, Milwaukee, Racine, Wausau, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. Radiological Monitoring Instructor courses will be held in Madison, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Appleton, and Wausau.

Applicants for the courses must have teacher or training experience with the additional qualification of college level science and algebra for the Radiological Instructor course. There is no enrolment fee for the course but applicants must agree to complete the entire course and teach at least one course per year if requested to do so. A minimum enrolment of 15 students is required to start a course at anyone of the extension locations. The brochure, which was mailed by the Dept. of Public Instruction to all school administrators and principals in Wisconsin, has a handy application form which can be detached and returned postage-paid to the U. W. Extension Division in Madison. Additional information on the course, including date, time, and place course will be offered, will then be furnished to the applicant.

One Radiological Instructor course is presently underway in Eau Claire with two others to start soon in Milwaukee and Green Bay. A Shelter Management Instructor course is scheduled to begin shortly in Racine. Local CD directors should urge qualified persons in their areas to enroll in these vital courses.



SHEBOYGAN-James P. Smyth, county CD director, found an excellent way to acquaint area residents with civil defense training programs now available or presently being organized throughout Sheboygan county. With the cooperation of County Treasurer Carl Richter, Mrs. Olga Gordon, supervisor of tax descriptions, and 27 city, village and township treasurers, self-addressed double postcards describing the courses and urging citizen participation were enclosed in the 1964 property tax bills of all county residents. All that interested citizens have to do to enroll is to fill in their name, address, and phone number on the card, indicate their choice of course, and return to Smyth at the Sheboygan county CD office.

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**MENOMONEE FALLS**-A hard working and true friend of civil defense passed from the scene with the recent death of William H. McConighen, civil defense director of this community for approximately eight years. "Mac", as he was known by almost everyone, was a frequent visitor to the State CD Bureau and worked closely with the state staff in his untiring efforts to establish a sound and efficient civil defense for the citizens of his area. It won't quite be the same without "Mac" who always felt that "if things were worth doing, they should be done right." This philosophy was clearly evident in the manner in which he carried out his many and varied duties as Director of Civil Defense.

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**MADISON**-A total of 72 Madison and Dane county residents were awarded certificates of completion in auxiliary police and medical self-help training at a ceremony in the citycounty building on January 7. All told, the volunteers completed 37 hours of training with subjects ranging from radiological fallout to emergency childbirth.

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After 10 days, return to STATE BUREAU OF CIVIL DEFENSE Hill Farms State Office Building 4802 Sheboygan Avenue Madison, Wisconsin 53702 JANESVILLE-Rock county CD director Donald L. Pike has issued a special course training schedule announcing the dates and locations of Shelter Management and Radiological Monitoring courses beginning in Janesville and Beloit in February. The courses are recommended for all personnel having public fallout shelter assignments, members of law enforcement agencies, fire and rescue services, public schools, public health, public works services, safety directors and other interested organizations. Further information on enrollment in the courses may be obtained by writing to Pike at the Rock County CD Office, Courthouse, Janesville.

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**HORICON**-A Medical Self-Help course got underway in this community on January 20. The course will be a ten week, 2-hour per week course and is being held in the basement hall of St. Malachy's church. The training will be conducted by qualified instructors, Mrs. Jerome Hartl, a registered nurse and Mrs. Thomas Weymier, a nurses aid. All persons in the community have been invited to enroll and anyone unable to be placed in the present class will be placed on a waiting list in the county home agent's office.

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**MERTON-**A training course in rural civil defense for boys and girls 15 through 20 years of age was started on Jan. 28 in this community. The purpose of the course is to create an awareness on the part of young people of the importance of civil defense to the welfare and security of their community. Classes are being held in the Merton Town Hall at North Lake on Tuesday evenings for eight weeks. The course will include home survival techniques; protection for crops, livestock, and farm buildings; soil protection and decontamination, fire prevention and control; reading and use of radiation detection instruments; warning information; and general safety instruction for modern everyday living. The course is being taught by LeRoy Lachmund, Town of Merton CD director.

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