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Governor John W. Reynolds and members of the State Executive Medical Self-Help Committee are shown reviewing the materials and equipment contained in the Medical Self-Help Training Kit. The kit and supporting materials are used to instruct lay people in basic health survival principles. The State MSH Committee is responsible for implementing this ambitious training program which has a national and state goal of training at least one member of each family. Committee members shown meeting with the Governor include from left to right: Governor Reynolds, Robert C. Van Raalte, Assistant Superintendent, representing Angus B. Rothwell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; W. J. Egan, M.D., President, State Medical Society and Carl N. Neupert, M.D., State Health Officer.

## CD EDUCATION WEEK HELD



Governor Reynolds is shown as he signs document proclaiming the week of March 9-15 as Civil Defense Adult Education Week. Intently watching are, standing left to right, Owen Monfils, State CD Director; Dr. Carl N. Neupert, State Health Officer, and Clarence L. Greiber, Director, State Board of Vocational and Adult Education. In the Proclamation, the Governor called upon all citizens to participate in CDAE and Medical Self-Help courses now available in communities throughout the state. The two programs are administered statewide, respectively, by the Board of Vocational and Adult Education and the State Board of Health, in cooperation with the State CD Bureau.

## GOV. REYNOLDS URGES MSH TRAINING FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Governor John W. Reynolds, in a letter to all directors of state departments on March 6, requested that they arrange for all their employees who wish to do so to take the 16-hour Civil Defense Medical Self-Help course.

The full text of the Governor's letter is as follows:

*"Every individual and family in Wisconsin is a potential survivor in the event of a nuclear attack on the United States. There is, therefore, an urgent need for preparing our citizens to meet their own health needs to the best of their ability in the event of a national emergency.*

*To provide this valuable knowledge for the public, the Medical Self-Help Training Program was jointly developed by the American Medical Association, U.S. Public Health Service and National Office of Civil Defense and has been endorsed by counterpart agencies in Wisconsin; the State Medical Society, State Board of Health and State Bureau of Civil Defense.*

*These three agencies, along with the State Department of Public Instruction, form the State MSH Executive Committee which advises the State Health Officer on implementation of the program in Wisconsin. The goal -*

**Conduct an organized statewide self-help training program and train at least one member of each family in the State of Wisconsin in Medical Self-Help.**

*Because of the importance of this knowledge, which will also be of value to any person under normal living conditions as well as following a national emergency, state employees should join with educational, industrial, farm and other community groups, many of whom are already participating in this program, and learn basic health survival principles.*

*I, as Governor, recommend that the various state departments participate in this training program and all department heads are hereby requested to arrange for the instruction of all state employees from within their department, who wish to avail themselves of this 16 hour course of instruction during normal working hours, but without unduly hindering each employee in the performance of individual job responsibilities. Further, each department director should review the attached material, provide instructors from within the respective departments, obtain necessary instructor and student materials from the State Board of Health, and organize classes and provide instruction to all employees who wish to participate."*

Thus far, Louis E. Remily, Director of the CD Division for the State Board of Health, reports that two groups of 35 each from that department will begin classes on April 3 and April 6, respectively, and that two more groups from the Public Service Commission totalling 67 persons will also commence training on the same dates.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The decision of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee to defer action on the Shelter Development Program (Bill HR 8200), while certainly an unwelcomed and unexpected development after House passage by a substantial majority, does not mean that we can now ease up on the present program of marking and stocking fallout shelters located in existing buildings under the federal shelter survey. On the contrary, we must now pursue the present program to its completion even more vigorously than before in order to obtain the absolute maximum shelter capability possible under the program. When this is accomplished, only then can we accurately and actually show the importance of the Shelter Development or similar program, as a follow-up to the survey program, toward providing shelter facilities for the hundreds of thousands of rural and suburban area citizens not covered by the present shelter program.

In general, publicity on HR 8200 has been fairly accurate in most news media although there were a few isolated instances in which the stories intimated that the present shelter program had been discontinued. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. Congress has already approved \$111.6 million to carry on civil defense operations during FY 1964 which includes, among other things, \$7.8 million for updating shelters under the present program and another \$23.5 million for provisioning with survival supplies. A breakdown of the 1964 fiscal year budget appeared in the February 1964 issue of the CD News Bulletin and should be of help to local directors when discussing budgets in their areas.

Briefly then, the two most important points local directors should keep in mind when discussing shelter bill HR 8200 are:

1. The Senate Armed Services Subcommittee did not kill the Shelter Development Program (HR 8200), but merely voted to defer action on the bill for the present.
2. The decision to defer action on shelter bill HR 8200 has no bearing on the continuance of the present marking and stocking of existing shelters located under the shelter survey program. Funds are available to carry that program to completion.

Local CD directors may be interested in some of the reasons given by Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Subcommittee, to Assistant Secretary of Defense Stuart L. Pittman when the latter asked him for his comments on the bill's deferment.

In his reply to Secretary Pittman, Senator Jackson said the decision was based on several factors not necessarily related to the substance of the bill. Principal reasons given were that our ballistic missile defense and the shelter program have been closely related and it is believed that a decision as to both should be similarly related. In addition, Jackson said the subcommittee believes that all civil defense organizations will be fully occupied during the coming months with their current efforts to organize a working shelter program under present ground rules. Jackson also mentioned that all programs involving the expenditure of Federal funds must be closely reviewed in light of the current program of economy.

Regardless of the ultimate outcome of Bill HR 8200, one thing is certain. . . a basic need exists to provide fallout protection for millions of American citizens residing outside of large metropolitan and other urban areas where the great bulk of shelters were located by the shelter survey. Bill HR 8200 or similar legislation would help immeasurably to fill this need.

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### HAMEL APPOINTED NEW CD RADEF COORDINATOR

Dr. William Lea, State Radiological Officer, has appointed Louis Hamel as Civil Defense Coordinator of RADEF Services for the State Board of Health. Hamel, who began work in his new position on March 9, succeeds George Nelson who has assumed the duties of Health Educator, Radiation Protection Division of the Board of Health.

Hamel is a graduate of Central State College, Stevens Point and served in World War II as a pilot in the Air Force from 1941 - 1946. Following the war, he was employed as a school teacher in the Minocqua, Reedsburg and Madison School systems. Prior to his new assignment with the State Board of Health, Hamel was employed by the State Tax Department.

\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*

Make your plans now to attend the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Civil Defense Council scheduled for May 16 at Stout College in Menomonie, Wis. Featured speaker will be Pat Frank, Director of Public Information for the National Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. An agenda and other information on the conference will be forwarded to local directors in the near future.

### SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS ON LOCAL CD DISASTER ACTIVITIES

*Recent natural disasters, especially the earthquakes in Alaska, floods in Ohio and brush fires in the Los Angeles area, focus attention on local civil defense participation in such disasters. Region 4 OCD is interested in any photos (preferably 8 x 10 glossy prints) and newsworthy clippings relating to any actual local CD participation in natural or other disasters. If photos are available from a newspaper or commercial photographer, OCD desires source and cost. Items may be sent to the State CD Bureau or direct to OCD Region 4, Public Information Section, at Battle Creek, Mich.*

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### NEW SURPLUS WAREHOUSE REGULATIONS

The following directive governing the donation of federal surplus property to eligible civil defense organizations was issued by the State Agency for Surplus Property on March 20 to its two property distribution centers at Madison and Camp Douglas, and is reproduced here for the information of all concerned:

"In order to alleviate some of the difficulties that Civil Defense Agencies are having in obtaining surplus property and to put them more in conformity with other eligible donees, the following agreements were made with the State Bureau of Civil Defense.

1. That, under no circumstances should property be removed from the warehouse without prior approval from this office.
2. That available property selected which does not have prior approval is to be set aside, tagged with the agencies name and date of selection. This does not apply to items on allocation.

3. That property selected as in paragraph 2, is to be held for the agency for a period of ten working days, but not to exceed the ten working days unless otherwise specified by this office, or if a fixed date which may exceed the ten day period is agreed upon at the warehouse at the time of selection of the property. In this case, the removal date should also be written on the "hold tag."
4. That during the ten day hold period, or as agreed in paragraph 3, the Civil Defense Agency will make application for the property (on standard application form to the State Bureau of Civil Defense) and arrange for the removal of it. They are to present their approval from this office.
5. That, if the property is not picked up during the period specified above, it will revert back to stock for issue to other eligible donees.

According to existing regulations, eligible Civil Defense Agencies are to be given equal priority with other eligible donees in the procurement of surplus property."

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**SECOND CD TRAINING EXERCISE  
TO BE HELD IN MAY**

Exercise "Step Two", the second in a series of short-term Regional CD Operational Training Exercises will be held on May 2. The exercise is a follow-up to the "Step One" exercise held on December 12 and will be a 10-hour test stressing civil defense activities in the early post-attack phase. Major emphasis will be placed on shelter activities and will include total shelter occupation, partial emergence, and locations allowing complete outside activity.

The previous "Step One" exercise involved civil defense actions in pre-attack and early attack phases of a simulated nuclear attack on U.S. military installations and population centers, during which 18 nuclear weapons were dropped on states in Region 4, including a 5 megaton air burst just north of Madison. The exercises are designed to train federal and state civil defense personnel and services for emergency operations in event of a national emergency. No public participation is involved.

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE  
DEFERS ACTION ON BILL HR 8200**

A Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on March 3 voted to defer action this year on the Administration's \$190.6 million Shelter Development Program (Bill HR 8200). The bill, which would have provided federal incentive payments for the construction of fallout shelters by non-profit institutions, was passed overwhelmingly by the House earlier and its chances of passage by the Senate had been expressed as fairly good.

Admittedly disappointed by the Subcommittee's decision on the bill, which would have provided up to 10 million additional shelter spaces to help fill the rural and suburban gap in such facilities, Assistant Secretary of Defense Stuart L. Pittman found solace in the subcommittee's support of the bill's objectives. One of the principal reasons given by Chairman Henry M. Jackson for the subcommittee's decision was that the ballistic missile defense and the shelter program are closely related and "that a decision as to both should be similarly related."

Secretary Pittman stressed that the subcommittee's action would in no way retard the present program of stocking 70 million shelters located under the shelter survey program with food and other necessities since funds had already been appropriated for this purpose.

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**MENDOTA HOSPITAL PERSONNEL COMPLETE  
MEDICAL SELF-HELP COURSE**

Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., Coordinator for State Emergency Welfare Services, reports that 24 staff personnel of Mendota State Hospital in Madison recently completed the civil defense Medical Self-Help course as part of the institutions in-service training program.

Personnel completing the course were: Jean Benesh, David Cavanaugh, Janet Clarkowski, Ingvald Dahl, June Farr, William Gaither, Eugene Hooker, Gladys Jones, Alton L. Lewis, Virginia McCumber, George Mulcahy, Robert Pennie, Irene Quam, Lynn Schoeninger, John Schultz, Mary Stewart and Alice Watkins, all who reside in Madison; Robert Buechner, Route 1, Dane; Hazel Conway, Route 2, Waunakee; Frederic Dunn, Alma Center; William Graham, Lodi; Philip Hill, Marshfield; William McFarland, Waunakee; Norma Sainsbury, Route 1, Cottage Grove; and Jack Wells, Cazenovia.

Instructors for the course were Mrs. Marilyn Norris of Madison and Miss Jean Graber of Middleton.

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**PUBLIC FALLOUT SHELTER PROGRAM**

	CD Moved To DoD 1961	Cuba Oct. 1962	March 1964
Shelter Spaces Located	0	Over 100 Million	Over 100 Million
Buildings Marked	0	796	74,000
Shelter Spaces Marked	0	640,000	57,220,000
Buildings Stocked	0	112	38,500
Shelter Spaces Stocked	0	170,000	20,000,000*

\*Local officials have stocked or have placed firm orders to stock shelter space for more than 30,000,000 persons. Goal for July 1, 1964: Public shelter space for 50,000,000 persons stocked with water, food, medical and sanitation items, radiation detection instruments.

**PITTMAN LEAVES AS U.S. CD HEAD**

Stuart L. Pittman, who recently resigned his position as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense, has received the highest praise, both from President Johnson and Secretary of Defense McNamara, for his outstanding job in administering the nation's civil defense since his appointment by President Kennedy in August 1961.

Pittman served as the first full-time administrator of the program from the Pentagon, and earned the full esteem of Congress for his vigorous efforts in attempting to develop a nation-wide system of fallout shelter protection for American citizens. As head of one of the country's most thankless, yet vital, programs, his testimony before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Bill HR 8200 played an important part in completely reversing the line of thinking of House members on the need for a shelter program, and enabled passage of the bill by an overwhelming vote. Although action on the bill was subsequently deferred by the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee, it did not, as some had feared it would, denounce the shelter program.

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# CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

\*\*\* what your neighbors are doing \*\*\*



**ATHENS** - Civil defense training by a young boy's father can be thanked for saving the youngster's life, according to a recent story in the March 5 issue of the Athens Record. Seems that 5 year old son Terry of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Balz of this community locked himself in an abandoned freezer in the basement of his parent's home. After much searching for the boy, he was finally located when faint gasps were heard from the freezer. While the father applied artificial respiration procedures he had learned from first aid training in the Marathon county CD organization, in which he serves as an auxiliary policeman, Mrs. Balz called the fire department rescue squad. Athens Police Chief Lawrence Tessmer credited the father's fast action with saving his son's life.

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**MILWAUKEE** - The sixth annual Milwaukee County Civil Defense Institute will be held on Saturday, May 2, 1964 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Union, Marquette University, 620 N. 14th St., Milwaukee, Wis. This year's program will feature speakers and workshops on medical and hospital services in civil defense. A \$6.00 registration fee includes luncheon and institute materials. Checks should be made payable to: Civil Defense, County of Milwaukee, 9722 W. Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226. Prominent speakers include Dr. Paul A. Skudder, Ass't. Attending Surgeon New York Hospital, Cornell University, who will talk on "The Hospital Emergency Room," and Dr. Gabriel P. Ferrazzano, Chief, Division of Health Mobilization, Office of the Surgeon General, DHEW, Washington, D.C., who will speak on "Public Health Aspects of Disaster."

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**SUPERIOR** - Richard McGrath, Douglas county CD director, reports that 34 persons are to be graduated from the first Medical Self-Help course to be sponsored by the Superior and Douglas county Civil Defense Agencies. McGrath called the course "a big success" and said that everyone completing the course learned a great deal about basic medical actions in an emergency when professional help is not available. McGrath said that if other persons in the area are interested, additional courses will be held in the future.

**HORICON** - Thirty-four persons from this area were awarded certificates on March 9 for the completion of the Medical Self-Help course. The nine-week course was taught by Mrs. Jerome Hartl, R.N., and Mrs. Thomas Weymier, a nurses aid at St. Malachy's church hall. Another Medical Self-Help course is scheduled to begin at Mayville on April 1 and enrolment is expected to be good. Students completing the course at Horicon commented that the course is "very worthwhile" and urged others in the area to enrol in the next course that was given.

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**BELOIT** - Herb Christiansen, city CD director, has announced that a 16-hour emergency mass feeding course got underway in this community on April 1. Christiansen said the course is being sponsored by the Beloit chapter of the Red Cross and the local Office of Civil Defense with classes being held at the Wisconsin Power and Light Co. Training officer for the course is Mrs. Marie Baebler, co-chairman of Beloit's Red Cross emergency feeding program and a certified civil defense instructor. The classes are being held in 2½ hour sessions each Wednesday night.

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**APPLETON** - The Outagamie County Amateur Radio Club has announced organization of a statewide emergency communications radio network. All alternate control stations will be based in Appleton. Broadcasting operations begin at 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday with network control stations calling on 145.23 megacycles. The alternate control stations in Appleton are W9FBC, K9GGA, and K9TQX. Bill Day of Appleton, WA9FFT club president, has asked all "ham" stations in the Fox Valley area to make check-in contacts with the network. "We want as many active operators from this area as possible to take part," he said. The primary purpose of the emergency network is to cooperate with civil defense and to speed the handling of messages through the MARS system and other priority communications.

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