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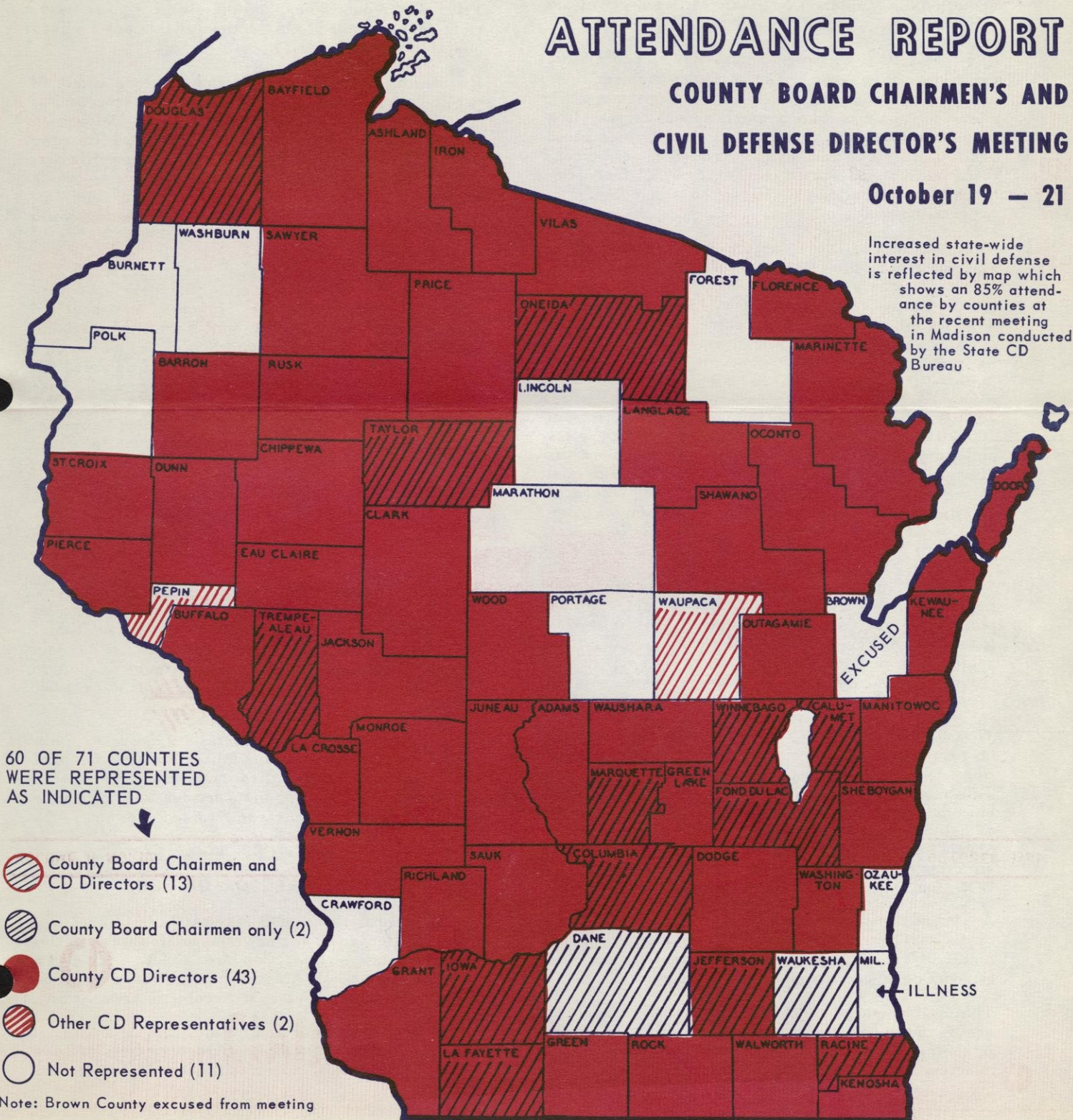
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMEN'S AND CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S MEETING

October 19 - 21

Increased state-wide interest in civil defense is reflected by map which shows an 85% attendance by counties at the recent meeting in Madison conducted by the State CD Bureau



FROM THE DIRECTOR

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

At the meeting of the state CD directors in Washington on 3 to 6 October, we met the new DOD civil defense staff. The overwhelming impression was one of competence and drive. How that drive will be applied and how it will affect all of us was outlined in presentations by Assistant Secretary of Defense Pittman and his staff.

The shelter-survey program was described in more detail than previously. The architect-engineer firms hired to carry out the survey will first make a rough check to locate buildings which appear to provide a protection factor of 20 as they stand, and which could accommodate 50 people, at 10 square feet per person. (That is only 500 square feet, or 20 by 25 feet. Obviously many buildings will be considered eligible for detailed study.)

The next step will be to secure some sort of access agreement from the owner, presumably covering both access for the survey teams and in time of war for the population. The next step will be to get detailed data on all of the buildings surveyed, including dimensions, wall and floor thicknesses, size of window openings, and the like. From this, the protection factor of the basement will be calculated.

Finally, those basements with protection factors of 100 will be stocked with food, water, radiation meters and other supplies. For buildings with basements giving protection factors of less than 100, the cost of improving fallout protection to the 1/100 level will be calculated. (This might involve blocking of basement windows, for example, or thickening basement ceilings.)

We already know from the Milwaukee pilot study that the national survey will show that buildings with a protection factor of 100, unimproved, are relatively few. The DOD hopes that space from 30 to 50 million people may be located by the survey. Even if this proves to be so, the question of shelter for the balance of the population will remain.

Thus one nearly sure result of the federal survey will be to increase citizen interest in home shelters (barring some spectacular easing of international tension). This will in turn result in a steadily increasing demand on local and county directors for advice and guidance to individuals. (The Federal Government is studying plans for offering incentives for home shelter construction, but this matter is far from settled in the DOD, let alone approved by Congress.)

A second, certain result of the federal survey will be to lay upon local directors the mission of placing food and water stocks, and of providing shelter commandants and meter readers (and interpreters).

This is but one of the federal programs we shall be seeing in the next few months. (I shall discuss others in the next Bulletin.) It is obvious why I am urging counties to provide adequate budgets for 1962 now,

in later 1961. There will probably be all the matching funds, we can use starting in July 1962, but there will also be vastly increased responsibilities. We must have county and local budgets to be matched, or we shall never get the jobs done which will have to be done.

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IN MEMORY OF ALLAN OAKEY

Friends of Allan Oakey, and there were a great many, were deeply grieved by his untimely death at a Madison hospital on September 23.

His death, at the age of 57, ended a long career of public service to his country and to his community. Mr. Oakey joined the staff of State Civil Defense on October 1, 1956 following his discharge from the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. His service with the navy spanned a period of 30 years during which time he spent many years in China and saw extensive action with the U. S. fleet during World War II.

Not one to sit idle, Allan continued to serve his fellowmen by helping to organize and develop county and municipal civil defense programs throughout the state. He was especially well known by civil defense workers in southeastern Wisconsin counties where he conducted many meetings and assisted CD officials in organizing emergency procedures for Disaster Region No. 1, now known as the Southeastern Reception Area (SERA). During the annual Operation Alert exercises, he directed activities at the State Control Center at Watertown.

In 1960 he was appointed State Civil Defense Surplus Property Officer and in that capacity assisted many counties and communities in obtaining equipment and supplies for use in their CD programs.

An active member of many civic organizations, Oakey was an avid student of civil war history and founder of the Madison Chapter of the Civil War Round Table. His outstanding collection of historical documents included many original and first copies of letters written by famous persons during the civil war period, including some by Abraham Lincoln.

Although in ill health for several months prior to his admittance to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Madison, he continued to carry on his daily civil defense work. He and his services will be sorely missed by those who knew and worked with him.

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HENSEN TO BE DIRECTOR OF SERA

The September issue of the News Bulletin specified Robert A. Hensen as the newly-appointed area director for the Southwest Reception Area (SWRA). Due to a change in plans, Mr. Hensen has now been assigned as Director of the Southeast Reception Area (SERA).

Funds have been requested for the hiring of additional area directors and the State Bureau expects to know by late November if money will be available for this purpose.

Local CD directors and others in SERA wishing to contact Mr. Hensen may do so by writing to him at 322 Ellis St., Fond du Lac or by calling WALnut 1-1292.

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STAFF COLLEGE COURSES CANCELED

Region 4, Office of Civil Defense, has notified the State Bureau of the cancellation of the following Staff College courses:

- Emergency Food Seminar December 4-8, 1961
- Emergency Stabilization Measures January 8-12, 1962
- Emergency Water Resources Seminar June 4-8, 1962

If other changes in scheduled Department of Defense courses are made, local CD directors will be advised promptly. Space is still available for the Manpower Seminar scheduled at the Staff College October 30 - November 3, 1961.

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EMERGENCY WELFARE INSTRUCTORS TRAINED

22 individuals from Vernon, Grant, Crawford, and Richland counties successfully completed an instructor course for Basic Emergency Welfare conducted by the State Department of Public Welfare at Boscobel, October 2, 4, and 6.

Instructor for the course was Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., Coordinator, State Emergency Welfare Services. Personnel graduating from the course will train other individuals in the Southwest Reception Area in the techniques of caring for evacuees from the Madison Target Area in case of nuclear attack.

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NEW JUSTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR MATCHING FUNDS

Each project application, under the AM-25-1 Federal Contributions Program, must now be supported by a justification which includes statements on the following by the political subdivision making the request:

1. Total civil defense requirement for the items.
2. Total normal requirement for the items.
3. The amount of such items currently available.
4. A statement relating to the use of the items to specific emergency activities and functions as set forth in the political subdivision's approved operational survival plan.
5. A plan showing how future acquisition of the item or items still required to meet the total civil defense requirement will be accomplished.

Copies of the new justification form may be obtained by writing to the State Bureau of Civil Defense.

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DISTRIBUTION OF TV PACKAGE NO. 5 UNDERWAY

The Federal Office of Civil Defense has announced the start of distribution of Television Package No. 5

to all TV stations. The TV package will consist of six releases to all stations at the rate of one per month. The first subject is an animated spot in color titled "The Sky is Falling," and shows fallout protection in its simplest terms.

The initial kit contains:

- Item #5-1a Letter to Program Director
- Item #5-1b One-minute animated film spot (color)
- Item #5-1c Two 2x2 slides (duplicates)
- Item #5-1d Slide copy

Local directors should contact their TV stations and urge extensive use of this kit and those to follow. The kits are also valuable to directors as supplemental material for use in local programs promoting CD activities.

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RUSSIA HAS ENERGETIC CD PROGRAM

Leon Gouré, senior staff member and Soviet area specialist in the social science department of the RAND Corporation, made some interesting comments and observations on Russian civil defense in a recent article written for Air Force and Space Digest published by the Air Force Association.

Gouré said in the article that Soviet leaders have been concerned with civil defense since 1920 and that during the period between 1935 and 1959, six mass CD training programs were instituted. During World War II, he said, such training was compulsory and 137,000,000 persons are supposed to have taken the 28-hour civil defense course.

Unlike Americans, Soviet citizens had considerable experience in shelter life during World War II when German armies and aircraft were invading their country. The importance of civil defense is being continuously stressed by the top marshals of the Soviet Union and has been discussed by ministers of defense at Party congresses. Gouré said that Premier Khrushchev has stated that Russia, because of its size and industry dispersal, is less vulnerable to attack than western countries.

On the municipal level, Russian civil defense, is very similar to our own in that the program is headed by the mayor and a civil defense staff and consists of eleven different services. This is duplicated on the district level and in large industrial installations. Gouré said, that according to a West German writer, Khrushchev has claimed that twenty-two million persons, or ten percent of the Russian population, now serve in civil defense groups. He said this could be a goal rather than an actuality.

Although general information on Soviet shelters is abundant, there is little information on the actual construction of shelters. Soviet plans include extensive utilization of subways for this purpose. In addition Soviet plans call for field and emergency shelters against fallout to be built by the population when the Soviet government announces a "threatening-situation" alert. These would be built mainly in rural areas and hold from 25-60 persons.

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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE



★ ★ ★ what your neighbors are doing ★ ★ ★

KENOSHA – Joseph Ripp, county CD director, has announced the appointment of Dr. Howard L. Gottlieb, assistant professor in chemistry at the Kenosha Extension Center, as director of radiological defense services for the county. Dr. Gottlieb attended the Oak Ridge institute for nuclear studies in 1952 and has taken Federal courses in radiological defense and civil and defense mobilization. Ripp said classes would begin soon in radiological defense and basic civil defense. He also announced the appointment of Michael Plasecki as director of CD mortuary services.

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MUSKEGO – Classes in CD auxiliary police training were begun in this community on October 17. The sessions are being held at the new courthouse in Waukesha with Captain Harold Radki of the Oconomowoc police department as instructor. Persons wishing to take this training may register at the Muskego town hall or call Constable Martin Mayer at OS9-1797 or Clarence Walrath, local CD director.

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NEENAH – Mayor Chester S. Bell, in a recent meeting, stressed the need for volunteers to serve as auxiliary police and firemen. Bell said that, on Sept. 26, he sent memos to all 10 aldermen pointing out the need for such volunteers to aid regular personnel in the event of a civil defense emergency. He asked each alderman to take the responsibility for inducing five persons to apply for positions on the auxiliary force. The mayor said that there should be at least 50 to 60 men to call on if a disaster occurs.

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ELKHORN – The city council has decided that basement fallout shelters may be constructed in Elkhorn without building permits and the structures will not cause increased tax assessments. The action was taken after the council read a letter from Sheriff Pat Welch, county CD director, which suggested that the city adopt minimum standards for shelters and require

inspection by the city CD director as well as the building inspector. The letter also suggested waiving additional assessment.

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EAU CLAIRE – In a recent meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, members passed a resolution making the office of Paul T. Boley, county CD director, a full time position. The board's civil defense committee unanimously agreed that the county's CD program must be significantly increased due to the present communist threat to the security of the United States, and recommended that Boley be appointed to the full time position. At present, Boley is a sergeant in the County Traffic Division and handling the CD program on a part time basis.

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FOND DU LAC – Appointment of Harvey L. Hinkley of this city as Fond du Lac county CD director has been announced by Chairman Walter G. Hollander of the county board. Hinkley will succeed Robert A. Hensen who resigned the post on September 15 to become an area director for the State Bureau of Civil Defense. Hinkley has been acting as county director since Hensen left without compensation in order to assure continuity of the civil defense program in the county. He is an authorized state CD instructor, acted as deputy director under Hensen, and is well known throughout the county in civil defense activities.

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MONROE – Walter E. Drews, Monroe CD director, is currently seeking a family to test a fallout shelter being constructed here. The test has been tentatively scheduled for late October or early November. Drews said the volunteer family should include two or more children. Plans call for the family to remain inside the shelter for a two-week period in order to fully test the effectiveness of ventilation, waste disposal, and other factors. The shelter is being built at 611 Highway 81 north. An open house will be held prior to the test.

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