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Gov. Reynolds is shown as he studies proclamation officially changing Wisconsin's Civil Defense Policy from evacuation to shelter. Looking on, at left, is State CD Director Owen Monfils.

GOVERNOR REYNOLDS SETS CD SHELTER POLICY

★ A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION signed by Governor Reynolds on April 28 officially changed Wisconsin's Civil Defense Plan against nuclear attack from one of primarily evacuation to one of shelter.

State CD Director Owen Monfils had previously indicated that he was asking the Governor to issue a proclamation calling for Wisconsin citizens to take shelter rather than evacuate. Monfils said enemy missile capability had made warning time so short that evacuation was not now considered feasible. Formerly, when the manned bomber was the primary method for delivery of nuclear weapons, sufficient time existed for evacuation of major target areas in Wisconsin and therefore the emphasis was placed on evacuation, he declared.

A directive has been issued by the State CD Bureau to all local civil defense directors and other personnel with assigned CD responsibilities informing them of the new policy. Monfils said he is also making recommendations to local directors for disposition of the present blue and white evacuation signs.

The new concept supersedes previous Wisconsin civil defense policy set in February 1962. At the present time over 2,000,000 fallout shelter spaces have been marked by yellow and black signs in existing buildings in Wisconsin with over 500,000 stocked with survival supplies and stocking continuing at a rapid pace. These shelters are backed up by an undetermined number of home shelters.

Monfils said the "major program" of civil defense in Wisconsin will be to accomplish a 100 percent fallout shelter capability.

VERSNIK NAMED TO STATE CD POLICE POST

Lewis V. Versnik, Fond du Lac, Former Wisconsin State Patrol captain, has been named deputy co-director of civil defense for police services in the motor vehicle department.



Versnik, 41, commanded the state patrol's district number 3, with headquarters at Fond du Lac. He succeeds Dean Van Gorden, who recently was named chief driver license examiner for the department.

A native of West Allis, Versnik has been with the state patrol for 14 years. He attended the University of Wisconsin and is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute.

He is a Navy veteran of World War II and is married and the father of three children.

In his civil defense post he will work with police agencies throughout the state, helping them plan and coordinate their civil defense activities. In his new post he will be directly responsible to Commissioner James L. Karns.

STATE CD DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

★ WISCONSIN CIVIL DEFENSE Director Owen Monfils issued a directive on May 1 to all county and municipal civil defense directors announcing the apportionment of the state into three areas for administrative purposes only. The 7-area plan previously had been used both for administrative and operational purposes, but will now only be used for emergency operations.

In announcing the change, Monfils defined the three administrative areas as the Southeastern comprised of nine counties and under the direction of Gilbert E. Czarnecki and Robert L. Williams; the Eastern consisting of 27 counties under the direction of Robert A. Hensen; and the Western area composed of 36 counties and directed by W. J. Ewald.

Commenting on the directive, which is effective immediately, Monfils said the change was necessary in order to "build and maintain an effective civil defense for the citizens of Wisconsin."

He said he was greatly concerned with the furnishing of civil defense guidance to the many communities in the state and that the area directors authorized by the legislature are too few in number to give the help which they sorely need and to which they are entitled. Monfils said he had also charged Czarnecki with supervising and coordinating the work of other area directors.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

* THE NUMEROUS MAJOR natural disasters throughout the country since the first of the year have had a noticeable effect in accenting the importance of having prepared emergency plans and trained personnel to assist regular services in combating the many problems resulting from such disasters.

The floods in Ohio, the Alaska earthquake, breaking of the dam in the Los Angeles suburban area . . . all of these were certainly of a scope beyond the capabilities of normal government services to handle adequately and therefore demanded the additional help of hundreds of trained civil defense volunteers to take care of evacuees, assist the injured and restore vital government functions as quickly as possible.

Civil defense units did yeoman work in the Ohio flood and earthquake areas and received high praise for their fine efforts. Gov. William A. Egan of Alaska was especially impressed with CD operations during the emergency. His comment is of special significance because it comes from one who was on the spot to observe CD functions during an ACTUAL DISASTER. His remark on their activities is quoted as follows:

"When we were dropped to our knees by the earthquake and tidal waves in Alaska, the Civil Defense organization was there to pick up and get us started on the road to recovery. I can't give enough praise to the Civil Defense organization. Anyone in Alaska, who had reservations about civil defense I am sure, has changed his mind now after seeing the great job this agency did and is continuing to do for our people."

Others who joined in the praise for civil defense following the disaster included Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California, Mayor Bruce Woodford of Valdez, Frank Perstrovich, President of the Alaska Senate, and Mayor Perry Stockton of Seward.

Contrast the Alaska situation with that of the suburban Los Angeles dam break back in January which cost three lives and caused \$15 million in property damage. Although not nearly of the magnitude of the Alaska earthquake, this disaster caused considerable damage and occurred at a time when Los Angeles CD activities were at their lowest ebb. Quoted following is a statement by Mayor Samuel Yorty of Los Angeles made in a nationally televised interview following the emergency caused by the breaking of the dam:

"During the emergency we were fortunate that the area affected was relatively small, because of the fact that the Los Angeles City Council had all but abolished our central Civil Defense organization. This handicapped us somewhat in communications and in handling people who were made refugees by the flood. It should be a good lesson to other cities who are thinking of scrapping their Civil Defense and disaster organizations, because you can never tell when these things are going to happen—and when they do, you need trained people and ready plans."

We in Wisconsin have been fortunate this spring in that no major flooding occurred and tornado damage has been limited, at least so far. But there is no formula by which we can determine that a major disaster, such as happened in the Colfax area a few years ago, will not happen again. Every county and community in our state with an effective CD program is adding a form of insurance protection for its citizens. The time to build your program is NOW . . . not after disaster strikes.

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NEW INFORMATIONAL AIDS AVAILABLE

* OCD HAS ANNOUNCED the availability of new materials designed to assist community leaders in helping develop an effective local civil defense program. The informational aids consist of a 16-page brochure "Community and Family Service for Civil Defense," and a filmstrip titled "The Citizen and Civil Defense."

The brochure explains to community leaders how they, their families and organizations can make the local civil defense more effective. OCD has indicated that quantities of the brochure will be furnished to local CD directors for distribution to the leaders of local organizations, local chapters of national organizations, and other groups.

The filmstrip is intended for use by local CD directors and consists of 51 separate frames in 35mm color together with a 20-30 minute written presentation. Its general purpose is to suggest specific actions that community organizations and individual citizens can take to support the local civil defense effort. Both the brochure and filmstrip will be sent to local directors direct from OCD. They are not available at the State CD Bureau.

The State CD Bureau now has a limited quantity of 4-part newspaper mats (OCD mat 2 in the "Did You Know?" series) which may be obtained on request. Local directors should contact their newspaper editors and urge them to use these informative CD features to as great an extent as possible. Requests for the mats should be sent to the attention of the public information officer.

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OCD FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

* IN THE SECOND CHANGE within approximately three years, federal civil defense responsibilities have been shifted from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army. In announcing the change on March 31, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara emphasized the move was being made because civil defense functions are essentially operational and therefore should be administered by one of the military departments. Previously, on August 1, 1961, responsibility for the civil defense program had been transferred to the Department of Defense Mobilization by President Kennedy under Executive Order 10952.

In line with the new re-organization, William P. Durkee has been appointed Director of Civil Defense and will report directly to Stephen Ailes, Secretary of the Army. Durkee previously had been Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense to Stuart L. Pittman who resigned the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense on April 1, 1964 to return to private law practice.

Discussing the change further, McNamara said that the civil defense functions were originally assigned to his office in order that he might exercise personal supervision while the program was first getting started under Department of Defense direction. The Secretary pointed out that the initial shelter program is now well underway and that more than 100 million shelter spaces have been located in existing buildings, 74,000 buildings marked, 57.2 million shelter spaces marked, 38,500 buildings stocked and 20 million shelter spaces stocked. Commenting on the shift, Secretary Ailes said he would "put major time and effort into the program."

STOUT COLLEGE TO HOLD CD SUMMER COURSE

STOUT STATE COLLEGE at Menomonie has announced a 32 hour, 2-credit undergraduate course in Civil Defense Education to be held for the four week session from June 15 to July 10. Classes will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday. The following is an excerpt from the 1964 Summer School Bulletin of Stout College describing the course:

“Governmental scientific and moral aspects of Civil Defense with emphasis in the areas of curriculum enrichment, school emergency planning and individual responsibilities. Training beneficial for any teacher but especially valuable for the teacher of social science, general science, physics, chemistry, agriculture, home economics or upper elementary. Certificates granted by the State Board of Vocational Defense Adult Education Program. Individual experiment with radiostope according to teacher’s field and development of curriculum guide or school emergency plan required.”

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EXERCISE “STEP TWO” HELD



The Operations Center was a busy place during the May 2 civil defense “Step Two” exercise at the State Emergency Operating Center at Stevens Point. Seated, left to right, are Rudy Menchel, OCD liaison officer for Wisconsin; Ethelmarie Hende, Wisconsin Telephone Co.; Jack Gourlie, State CD Bureau staff and Norm Blume, standing, State CD Communications and Warning Officer, who is talking on NAWAS. The two Explorer Scouts shown acted as messengers during the exercise.

GETS AWARD



Gil Czarnecki, Area CD Supervisor, is shown, left as he receives a certificate from Owen Monfils, State CD Director, for completion of a correspondence course in “The Economics of National Security” conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. The presentation was made at a State CD Bureau staff meeting on April 20.

NEW AIR FORCE FILM ON FALLOUT RELEASED

★ A NEW 28-MINUTE, 16mm color film titled “Operation Under Fallout” has been produced by the U.S. Air Force as a training film and has been cleared for showings to public audiences and for TV programs.

The film shows how all SAC bases are prepared to operate in event of a nuclear attack on the United States, and particularly under fallout conditions.

Operation Fallout (TF-5528) may be obtained on a short term loan basis by writing to the Air Force Film Library Center, 8900 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. The exact title and identification number should be included in all requests. DO NOT ORDER FROM THE CD FILM LIBRARY OR THE FIFTH ARMY FILM & EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE SINCE THE FILM IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM THOSE SOURCES.

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DISASTER AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH RED CROSS

★ GOV. REYNOLDS ON May 4 signed a “Statement of Understanding” with the American National Red Cross which specifically outlines the responsibilities of the State Bureau of Civil Defense and the American Red Cross in both natural and enemy-caused disasters.

The agreement, which supersedes that signed in April 1955, was also signed by Owen Monfils, State CD Director, on behalf of the Bureau and by Philip Schenkenberg, Manager of the Midwestern Area for the American National Red Cross, on behalf of that agency. Ken O’Connor, state representative of the Red Cross, worked with state civil defense authorities in preparing the terms and conditions provided for by the agreement.

Monfils, in commenting on the action, said the document was a “clear delineation” of operational functions of the two agencies during disasters. He said, generally, the agreement stipulates that in natural disasters State Civil Defense, as a recognized governmental agency, is responsible for the cooperation of all groups, both public and private, participating in a natural disaster relief operation.

Red Cross responsibility in natural disasters, on the other hand, is to offer assistance to individuals and families following the disaster, in such areas as food, clothing, shelter and medical. The Red Cross will maintain administrative and financial control in the conduct of such a relief operation and all assistance is free with no payment asked or expected.

During enemy-caused disasters, however, Civil Defense is fully responsible for the direction of all phases of the operations and will utilize all community agencies, including the Red Cross, in carrying out this responsibility. The two basic legal responsibilities of the Red Cross for services to the military and in natural disasters during a period of military action, will continue.

Copies of the agreement are being mailed to local CD directors and other concerned personnel.

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CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

*** what your neighbors are doing ***



MADISON - Members of the Dane county Traffic Police are shown receiving certificates of graduation from Deputy State CD Director John W. Fitzpatrick, at a ceremony in front of the City-County building, for completion of basic and advanced courses in Radiological Monitoring. All told, including the group pictured above, a total of 44 city and county police personnel and five other citizens completed the courses. Names of the graduates are: Albert M. Amble, Roy D. Anderson, Terry W. Anderson, Melvin N. Bachmann, James R. Behn, Gordon D. Behnke, Robert A. Behnke, Gerald L. Booth, Wayne M. Brink, Wm. E. Christofferson, James R. Cone, Joseph J. Daggett, James F. Fosnot, Eldon W. Gard, Rodney M. Goeden, Donald D. Grundahl, Laurence E. Haak, Donald W. Harless, David A. Hein, Robert D. Hickman, Dahrl E. Hill, Richard L. Hodges, Harold F. Holfman, Paul H. Horstmeier, Jr., George R. Hughey, Tylor M. Johnson, James Joyce, Edward W. Kelzenberg, Russell Klitzman, Franklin V. Knox, Arnold L. Kvalo, Oswald F. Larson, Edmund E. Lawson, Amza R. Lewis, Richard L. Mackesey, George W. Miller, Harold A. Monsees, Thomas S. Muldowney, Charles A. O'Brien, Gerald F. Ott, Arden C. Pope, Marion N. Rhodes, Emil F. Schmale, Richard J. Steimel, Robert M. Storck, Walter Von Allman, Gerald C. Femrite, Robert H. Waldron, and George Wilson.

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BEAVER DAM - Residents of Beaver Dam are being distributed CD warning cards by the local civil defense organization. The cards explain the various warning signals and action to take, including those for a tornado alert. The cards are being distributed by the CD auxiliary police organization with Elmer Draeger in charge of the program.

After 10 days, return to
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JANESVILLE - Forty-seven persons from this area now know what it is to spend the night in a fallout shelter. According to Don Pike, county CD director, that number of persons participated in a special shelter exercise which required them to stay for 24 hours in a fallout shelter set up in the basement of the Rock county courthouse. The exercise began at 7:00 a.m. on April 17. Although primarily for trained shelter managers, families and friends of the CD personnel were invited to participate and some 130 persons visited the shelter area during the test, including 52 persons from Beloit. In addition to Pike, other CD officials participating included Herb Christian, Beloit CD Director and Howard Bates and John Fraboni also of Beloit.

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WEST BEND - Claude Duernberger, local CD director, has announced the start of a training program for fallout shelter managers in this area. Instructor for the course is Hugh Rowlands, who was recently named acting CD director for the City of Milwaukee. Duernberger said eight fallout shelters have been marked in West Bend with six of these stocked. Plans call for each public shelter to have four or more managers for supervision on an "around the clock" basis. Future courses are also planned in radiological monitoring and auxiliary police, Duernberger said.

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LE ROY - Certificates were recently awarded to 36 individuals in this area for completion of an eight-week course in Medical Self-Help. The course was sponsored by Dodge county civil defense and taught by Miss Romona Attenberger.

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ST. CROIX FALLS - St. Croix Central schools have trained 207 students in Medical Self-Help, according to Principal Beiswanger. The Medical Self-Help course is being conducted in many high schools throughout the state and is designed to train individuals in basic health needs when the services of professional medical personnel are not available. The instruction materials were furnished the schools by the St. Croix county CD organization.

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