BILL HR-3516 IMPORTANT TO FULL SHELTER CAPABILITY

A vital second step in the Federal government’s long range civil defense program to ultimately provide adequate fallout protection for all of our nation’s 180 million citizens is now under consideration by the House Committee on Armed Services.

This is Bill HR-3516 which would authorize the Shelter Development Program (formerly called the Shelter Incentive Program) and, if passed by Congress, would provide for payments up to $2.50 per square foot, or $25 for each shelter space, for the addition of fallout shelters to new or existing schools, colleges, hospitals, we have institutions and other buildings erected by non-profit organizations, e.g., courthouses, city halls, etc.

The present Shelter Survey Program has created considerable shelter space in existing buildings, but predominantly in urban areas where an abundance of heavily constructed buildings are located. The yellow and black signs used to designate public shelters are now a familiar sight in most downtown areas of Wisconsin communities and represent a shelter capacity for over 1.15 million of our citizens, with more facilities still to be marked. Stocking of these shelters with food, water drums, sanitation and medical supplies and radiological instruments is proceeding according to plan with supplies being trucked to shelter sites daily (see photograph.) The Federal warehouse at Green Bay, which had been in short supply, is scheduled to receive 47 carloads of supplies, sufficient for 142,000 shelter spaces, within the next few weeks.

In rural and many suburban areas, however, the picture is quite different. Here the yellow and black shelter signs are conspicuous by their absence. Most buildings in these areas are lightly constructed and do not meet the minimum protection requirements for adequate shelter under the survey program, thus leaving some 2 million Wisconsin citizens entirely dependent on home or privately financed community shelters. This same general situation prevails nationwide, although some of the more highly industrialized states with their correspondingly less rural population show a higher incidence of shelter capability than the predominantly agricultural states, such as Wisconsin.

Federal and State CD authorities have long been concerned with the need for an effective rural civil defense program to protect those who live and work (Continued on page 2)
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Elsewhere in this issue appears an item telling what H.R. 3516 will do for civil defense. Hearings on H.R. 3516 are now being held in Washington before Subcommittee No. 3 of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives. In reading the reports of the hearings, some of which are as diametrically opposed as it is possible to get, one cannot help but be impressed by the evident sincerity of all who testified. It is fitting that all sides of the program for which H.R. 3516 stands be thoroughly examined and discussed. This Chairman Hebert is endeavoring to assure. Proponents of the bill are convinced that the better it is understood, the greater chance it stands for passage.

So much for legislation in Congress. In our Legislature, there are five bills about which we should be informed. Four of the bills originated in the Senate and one in the Assembly.

Bill No. 503.S. is to create 22.10 of the statutes, relating to granting immunity from damage suits resulting from use of public shelters. It has passed the Senate, and has been read the first and second times and referred to the calendar in the Assembly.

Bill No. 542.S. is to create 22.25 of the statutes, relating to immunity from civil liability for persons who permit their property to be used as a civil defense shelter. This bill has been recalled from committee on Judiciary and laid on table, so that it has not left the Senate.

Bill No. 553.S. is to amend 22.02(11)(d) of the statutes, relating to rate of pay for workmen’s compensation coverage purposes for civil defense workers. This bill would place civil defense workers on a par with others by increasing workmen’s compensation from $28.00 to the same maximum of $60.00 per week, which applies to other employees. Where no prior pay agreement exists, or where the contract pay is less, pay for workmen’s compensation purposes would be computed at $5.00 per annum instead of $5.00 as now applies. This bill has passed the Senate, has been read the first and second times in the Assembly, and referred to the calendar.

Bill No. 568.S. is to create 101.085 of the statutes, relating to fallout shelter potentials in public structures. This bill would make it mandatory for architects and engineers working on any structure using public funds which would lend itself to use as a fallout shelter facility, to submit a report indicating that such fallout shelter capability exists to the contracting agency and industrial commission. A public hearing has been held on this bill and its passage recommended by the committee on Judiciary.

Bill No. 622.A. is to create 22.10 of the statutes, relating to the granting of immunity from damage suits resulting from use of public shelters. This bill is identical with Bill No. 503.S. and similar to No. 542.S.

The bill has passed the Assembly, has been read the first time in the Senate and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

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in the "bread baskets" of America. The Shelter Development Program, as set forth in Bill HR-3516 would be a vital step in this direction and unquestionably must be considered the "cornerstone" on which the building of a sound rural civil defense would be predicated.

President Kennedy, in his message to the annual Spring conference of the National Association of State CD Directors, urged Congressional support to complete all key phases of the nation’s civil defense program. He called the program "sensible and practical" with the potential of saving tens of millions of lives which would be exposed to lethal fallout radiation in event of a major nuclear attack on the United States.

"This program does not purport to offer security under these dreadful conditions, but it does significantly improve the chances of survival of our people as individuals and communities and thus of national survival and recovery...I consider this program a sensible and necessary undertaking in which the Federal government has clear responsibility to provide consistent and continuing leadership, including the necessary financial support without which the states, counties and local communities cannot meet their responsibilities," the President said.

Hearings on Bill HR-3516 are expected to continue for several weeks and should be supported by all as important and constructive legislation vital to the overall defense posture of our nation.

CONSOLIDATED SETS EMERGENCY POWER PLAN

Plans to keep electrical power facilities operating in event of a national emergency were recently announced by George W. Mead II, vice president of operations for Consolidated Papers, Inc. which operates the six hydroelectric sites serving Wisconsin Rapids, Biron and adjacent areas on the Wisconsin River.

Mead said that all of the company’s plants except the six hydroelectric plants would be shut down in event of a CD alert. He said any one of the six water power sites could provide the necessary power for Wisconsin Rapids and Biron in an emergency and that excess power would be furnished to neighboring utilities if they need it.

Consolidated operates hydroelectric plants at Du Bay, Stevens Point, Biron, Wisconsin Rapids, Petenwell and Castle Rock. The plants are interlinked with one another and with the Wisconsin Power and Light Co. and Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Mead said that special shelter areas were being prepared at the six sites to accommodate powerhouse operators in an emergency. Under such conditions, communications would be set up and control of the river and generating facilities would be handled from the shelter areas. He said survival kits, including RADEX meters, cots, food, and first aid supplies, would be stocked in the shelters.

Mead also said that five public shelters on company premises have been approved by the federal office of civil defense and a two-week emergency food supply has been authorized. These have a capacity for 717 persons and include facilities at the Wisconsin Rapids Division, Biron Division, Stevens Point Division, Wisconsin River Division and Menominee. In the event of an alert all employees would be free to go to their homes except volunteers who would handle an orderly shutdown of all plants. Since the plans for Wisconsin Rapids plant, this is necessity due to limited shelter space. Material expediting CD measures in the home has been made available to all employees Mead said. In addition, he said that 200 employees had received first aid and CD training and that the volunteer fire departments at each plant would be available for emergency duties.

Consolidated is to be commended for these fine emergency planning efforts designed to provide for the welfare and protection of their employees and area citizens in time of disaster.
RED CROSS URGES CD COOPERATION

The American National Red Cross at its 38th annual convention commemorating the 100th birthday of that organization, adopted a resolution urging continued cooperation and assistance with civil defense authorities in the training of personnel responsible for management of community fallout shelters and in the training of citizens in first aid, medical self-help and care of the sick and injured.

The resolution stresses the great importance of cooperation by local chapters in the CD program and says, among other things, that "...in the event of nuclear war the success of the new community fallout shelter program may depend upon adequate pre-disaster training of personnel to manage such shelters...".

Copies of the resolution were sent to every Red Cross Chapter.

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BARRETT ASSIGNED NEW DUTIES

John Barrett, MMA Area Director of Emergency Welfare Services, has been assigned by the Dept. of Public Welfare to a new position as District Director of the Division of Public Assistance at Ashland, Wis.

Barrett, who will assume his new duties effective July 1, will be responsible for the public assistance program in the Ashland district. He will also serve as District Director of Emergency Welfare Services for that area.

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STATE NAVAS SYSTEM TESTED

Wisconsin's 16 primary warning points in the National Warning System (NAWAS) chain tested their effectiveness in emergency transmission of messages under simulated attack conditions on June 4 as part of a 3-hour exercise conducted by the Air Force.

"Exercise Slider," as the test was called, consisted of an intelligence build-up and attack against the 26th and 30th OCD Warning Areas, the latter which includes Wisconsin. The simulated attack situation involved the launching of nuclear weapons by submarines off the eastern coast of the U.S., and attacks by enemy aircraft.

To inject realism into the exercise, the State CD Bureau furnished local warning point personnel with pre-written emergency messages in sealed envelopes which were opened at designated times and transmitted to the State Warning Point in the Emergency Control Center at Stevens Point. Wisconsin participation in the test began with a "Checkerboard" warning of attack at 1:00 p.m. which was flashed simultaneously to the state's 16 warning points from the National Warning Center at Colorado Springs. They in turn passed the warning on to their assigned secondary warning points located at county seats in their areas.

State CD activities at Stevens Point were handled by Ron Treichel, Plans and Operations Officer and Norm Blume, Communications and Warning Officer. Treichel reported the operation went very smoothly with all warning points reporting in and transmitting their messages according to plan. Blume will send an evaluation report to NAVAS Warning Officers as soon as data can be compiled.

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SURPLUS WAREHOUSES TO BE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY

The State Agency for Surplus Property has announced that their two warehouses at Madison and Camp Douglas will be closed for inventory during the period July 1 - July 12. Warehouse visitation should be avoided during this period, as no property issuances will be made. The warehouses will re-open on Monday, July 15, with daily schedules of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHAT PRICE EQUALITY?

Every now and then we read or hear about the advantages of a Communist society over our democratic way of life and that soon Russia will surpass us in production of consumer items as well as raw materials and services. Just to put the situation into proper focus, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce recently came up with this little gem:

"IN ORDER TO BE EQUAL TO RUSSIA TODAY, WE IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO

1. Abandon three-fifths of our steel capacity.
2. Abandon two-thirds of our petroleum capacity.
3. Scrap two out of three of our hydroelectric plants.
4. Forget over 90% of our natural gas.
5. Eliminate 95% of our electric motor output.
6. Rip up fourteen of every fifteen miles of our paved highways.
7. Destroy two of every three miles of our railroads.
8. Sink eight of every nine of our ocean going ships.
9. Slash all paychecks by three-fourths.
10. Junk nineteen of every twenty of our cars and trucks.
11. Transfer 60,000,000 Americans back to the farm.
12. Destroy 40,000,000 television sets.
13. Rip out nine of every ten telephones.
14. Tear down seven of every ten houses that now stand."

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DEFACING SHELTER SIGNS CAN BE COSTLY

With reference to isolated instances of threats by organized groups or individuals to deface, damage, or destroy the yellow and black shelter signs marking public fallout shelters, the Office of Civil Defense, Department of Defense, has issued the following warning:

"Prosecution of individuals guilty of malicious destruction of property is primarily a matter of State or local law enforcement. However, any individual participating in deliberate injury to shelter signs may also be subject to prosecution by the Federal government. Under the terms of the shelter license, the shelter signs are and remain property of the United States and specifically of the Department of Defense. Injury to the signs would be a violation of the provisions of 1361 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code. Pertinent parts of this section provide:

"Whoever willfully injures or commits any depredation against any property of the United States, or of any department or agency thereof...shall be punished as follows: If the damage to such property exceeds the sum of $100, by a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment for not more than ten years, or both; if the damage to such property does not exceed the sum of $100, by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both."

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DIRECTORS PLEASE NOTE!

When preparing OCD Form 234-3 (Summary of P&A Expense) for the month of June 1963, Directors should be sure to complete that portion of the form marked "TOTAL AMOUNTS OBLIGATED BUT NOT EXPENDED."

Completion of this column showing the amounts of money obligated for various expenses, but which will actually be paid in the month of July, must be accomplished if reimbursement is to be made for these expenditures. Directors will submit a Supplementary Billing during July for these obligated expenses.
HAMMOND—Arnold Feiler, St. Croix county CD director, reports that all six CDAE course in "Individual and Family Survival" are being well attended throughout the county. A total of over 155 persons are attending the courses being held in New Richmond, North Hudson, Hudson, Glenwood, Spring Valley and Deer Park, Feiler said. In addition, new classes are expected to begin shortly. Feiler also reported that the county's recent CD school warning test was completed successfully and was very beneficial in determining future procedures. A total of 7,540 children, 462 teachers, 82 bus drivers, and 24 custodians participated in the drill. All schools will now evaluate their particular problems and make changes, where necessary, to assure smoother operations in the future.

SUN PRAIRIE—Diplomas were awarded to 19 persons from this community who completed the 16-hour medical self-help course at a dinner held on June 10 in the Triax Field Officer club. The course was sponsored by the Dane county office of civil defense and was the first course of this type completed in the county. The awards were presented by George Walk, city CD director and chief of police. Speakers on the agenda were John Schermerhorn of WKOW-TV and Jack Borders, Red Cross training director.

MADISON—James Joyce, operator of the Madison Ambulance Service, has been named as part-time training and education officer for the Dane County Office of Civil Defense, according to a report received from Curt Brauhn, county CD director. Brauhn said Joyce will be in charge of all training and education for the county. He recently attended the OCD staff College at Battle Creek, Mich. where he completed the Shelter Management Instructor and Civil Defense Management courses.

MADISON—Richard C. Wilson, City CD director, has notified the State CD Bureau that he has completed arrangements with the Police Department whereby the city's civil defense sirens will be sounded in event of severe weather warnings. The procedure calls for the Police Dispatcher to sound the "ALERT" signal, when received from the U.S. Weather Bureau station at Triax Field, 45 minutes prior to the arrival of the storm. The severe weather warning will also be transmitted by the Weather Bureau to the usual news media, the Police Department and the city Office of Civil Defense so that the public can be informed immediately. Upon hearing the sirens, citizens should immediately turn on their radios to learn what the situation is and to receive instructions. Recent severe storms in the Madison area have accounted for several deaths on the city's lakes due to lack of sufficient warning. The 30 CD sirens will give broad coverage and when supplemented by other visual warning devices now being planned will be of invaluable assistance in protecting the lives of Madison residents from the effects of such severe storms. This is another fine example of the use of civil defense facilities in event of natural disasters, as well as for protection against nuclear attack.

AUGUSTA—Twenty-two graduates of the auxiliary police course were awarded certificates of completion by Paul T. Boley, Eau Claire county CD director, at a June 11 ceremony in the Augusta City Hall. Chief of Police, P.N.K. Englesby was the instructor for the group which received training in police work, basic civil defense, first aid, radiological detection, and radio amateur communications. The group was also briefed on the national warning system, the standard operating procedure for Eau Claire county during an emergency, and explosive ordinance reconnaissance procedures.