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OVER 200 ATTEND ECONOMIC STABILIZATION MEETINGS

County responsibilities in the administration of economic stabilization measures during a national emergency were explained to over 200 key county officials at a series of six civil defense area briefings held May 21-28 at Madison, Waukesha, Fond du Lac, Wausau, Spooner and Eau Claire.

The series of meetings, which was conducted by the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Government in cooperation with the Graduate School of Business, University of Wisconsin, and the Federal Office of Emergency Planning (OEP), covered newly developed plans in the areas of price stabilization, wages, salaries, rents, and in the rationing of essential consumer goods in an emergency situation.

Specific subjects discussed on the agenda included the role of state civil defense in economic stabilization, national economic stabilization objectives, the Wisconsin plan for economic stabilization, the development of county economic stabilization staffs, plans and programs, and the use of registration and rationing forms.

County clerks attending the meetings were advised that they held particularly important positions in consumer rationing programs since they would be the official custodians of sealed envelopes containing reporduction "proofs" of ration cards that would be printed and issued by county officials following such an emergency situation. In addition, the county clerks were informed that the facilities utilized by them for normal voting requirements could also be effectively used to register the citizens of the county, in the event a consumer rationing program ever became necessary.

In event of a "federal freeze order" on commodities in an emergency, plans call for a five-day prohibition of retail sales. During this period, the county must register its citizens and issue rationing cards, since a consumer rationing program will be initially imposed by the county.

Federal and state speakers at the briefings included James Gruentzel and Stanley Grimstad of the Division of Emergency Government, Terry A. Vangen, OEP Region 4, and Dean E. A. Gaumnitz, U. W. Graduate School of Business.

Economic Stabilization is one of 13 resource categories included in the overall Wisconsin Plan for the Emergency Management of Resources, and the responsibility for its implementation, if necessary, has been assigned by Gov. Warren P. Knowles to the Graduate School of Business. Other resource plans include the areas of Construction and Housing, Electric Power, Food Resources, Gas, Health Resources, Industrial Production, Manpower, Petroleum, Solid Fuels, Transportation, Water and Telecommunications.

Featured speakers at the six area Economic Stabilization briefings were, left to right, Terry A. Vangen, Region 4 OEP; James A. Gruentzel and Stanley Grimstad, Division of Emergency Government; and Dean E. A. Gaumnitz, U. W. Graduate School of Business.

County officials from the Southwest CD Area listen intently as Stan Grimstad explains procedures for the development of county economic stabilization programs at the Madison meeting on May 21. The state-wide briefings were conducted in each of the new Area CD Emergency Operating Centers.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to devote this issue's column to a discussion of the current status of federal civil defense budget requests for the next fiscal year and the probable effects upon state and local civil defense programs and operations should present budget recommendations by the House Appropriations Subcommittee be carried out.

Despite the fact that Congress has overwhelmingly passed H. R. 15004 (the House by a vote of 319 to 1 and the Senate by a voice vote) which extends the authorization for federal assistance to (1) match funds for personnel and administrative expenses, (2) to procure, maintain and donate radiological instruments, and (3) to match funds for travel and per diem for staff college - drastic cuts have, nevertheless, been made in the original budget request submitted by the Federal Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

The request, submitted by OCD Director Joseph Romm, totalled $159.7 million in overall expenditures for civil defense, and was within the approved OCD five-year program. This request, however, was cut to such an extent by the Department of Defense that the Secretary of the Army personally requested restoration of a major portion of the funds slashed by that agency. Despite this personal request, OCD's budget was limited to $77.3 million in contrast to the present budget of $86.1 million.

Hearings were then held before the House Appropriations Subcommittee which, after some 80 pages of testimony, recommended the OCD budget be further cut to $58.5 million for fiscal year 1969.

If this figure of $58.5 million stands, those programs that will be directly affected on July 1, 1968 will be as follows:

1. Personnel and Administrative (P&A) expenses will be held to the same level as this fiscal year.
2. The "Hardware" program will be very limited. However, money will be available for recurring charges for those jurisdictions eligible.
3. The EOC program will suffer considerably. Most likely, those in process already will be able to proceed.

The following contract programs will not suffer any immediate cutbacks because most of them have been recently negotiated from money available for this fiscal year. In any event, cutbacks in these programs would not come until after the contract termination dates indicated after each program:

Medical Self-Help	December 1968
CDAE	December 1968
CDUEP	June 1969
Radef Calibration & Maintenance	May 1969
CSPOS	March 1969

In closing, I would like to quote in part the Policy Statement adopted by the National Governors Conference on March 5, 1968:

"The states and their political subdivisions have accepted the joint partnership responsibility for civil defense as contained in Section 2 of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended.". . . . "The Federal Government should continue to support this partnership approach to civil defense . . . . by appropriating not less than that proposed by the President for civil defense in his FY Budget."

326 MSH COURSES COMPLETED IN MARCH-APRIL

The latest Medical Self-Help Status Report received from Jim Joyce, MSH Consultant with Emergency Health Services, indicates that 326 MSH courses were completed during the period March 1 - April 25, 1968 with an enrollment of 8,979 students.

Since March 1963, a total number of 4,445 courses have been completed with an enrollment of 165,954 students. The top ten counties in the number of total students trained in MSH are: Milwaukee (29,097), Dane (12,464), Fond du Lac (10,879), Waukesha (9,747), Racine (5,820), Winnebago (5,734), Brown (4,919), Kenosha (4,008), Outagamie (3,792), and Sheboygan (3,393). Monroe county with 3,073 persons trained is the only other county having trained at least 3,000 students.

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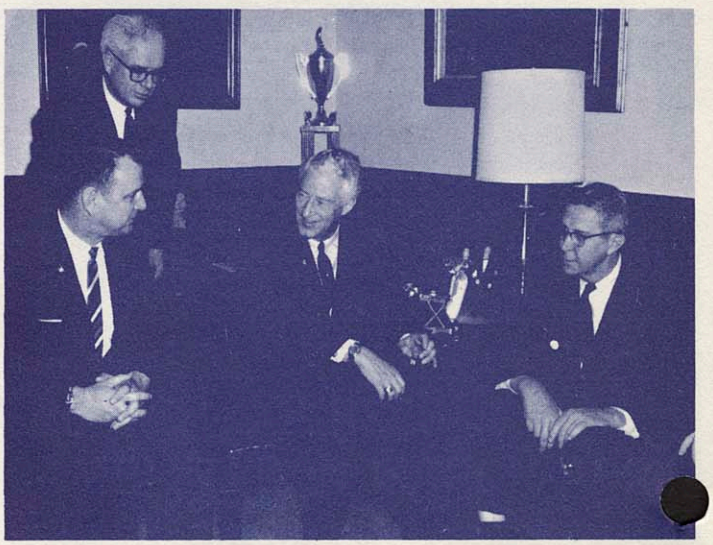
DIVISION MOVES TO NEW OFFICES

The State Division of Emergency Government has moved to its new dual administrative and operational headquarters in Room 99-A of the larger building of the Hill Farms State Office Building complex.

The new facility, which was partially financed by the federal government, will be the state's primary Emergency Operating Center (EOC) in event of a national emergency and will also be used for major natural disaster operations. The former state primary EOC at Stevens Point will be maintained as an alternate operating center.

In addition to being fully fallout protected and equipped with emergency standby power, the new State EOC will contain necessary supplies for at least a 14-day period of emergency operations, have access to all state and federal communcations systems needed for disaster assistance to communities, and provide complete message center and operating facilities for the various agencies that would be manning it in time of crisis.



During a recent three-day inspection tour of Wisconsin's new civil defense facilities at Waukesha, Madison and Eau Claire, OCD Deputy Director Hubert Schon paid a visit to Gov. Warren P. Knowles. Left to right, are Schon, Gov. Knowles, Reg. 4 OCD field officer Seaman Knapp, and James Gruentzel, Acting Administrator for the State Division of Emergency Government.

OBSOLETE FILMS

The new OCD Motion Picture Catalog (MP-6, Apr. 1968) specifies the following films as obsolete: Crisis (DOD CD 5-107); No Time To Lose (DOD CD 20-121); Objective: Survival (DOD CD 8-202); and Ten For Survival (a series of seven films – DOD CD 5-536). **Anyone having these films on hand is requested to return them to the** FIFTH U. S. ARMY, AUDIO–VISUAL SUPPORT CENTER, BUILDING 2113, CAMP MCCOY, WISCONSIN 54656 **for disposal.**

The new MP-6 also contains copies of film loan order forms for added convenience of borrowers and to assist Audio-Visual Support Centers in expediting requests.

Jury Nason, background, Division of Emergency Government Fire and Rescue Chief, distributes material on school shelter planning at the civil defense display booth during the State PTA Convention held at the Milwaukee Auditorium, Apr. 30 - May 1, 1968.

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CDAE ACTIVITY REPORTED

Lloyd Berray, Civil Defense Adult Education (CDAE) Supervisor for the Department of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, reports that 1,950 adults and 335 high school students have been enrolled in the 12-hour Personal and Family Survival course since the first of this year. Of these, 1,822 adults and all of the high school students (335) fully completed the course. Course completions for the month of April 1968 totaled 1,221 adults and 143 high school students. Since the program was initiated in Wisconsin in March 1962, a grand total of 19,125 persons have completed 12-hour courses.

Data on the 15-hour Personal and Family Survival teacher training course shows that 31 new teachers were trained since Jan. 1, 1968, and 54 received refresher training. A total of 331 teachers are reported as being currently active in the program.

In other activities, Berray reports that Shelter Management training programs are running behind schedule. Only two classes with an enrollment of 23 students were reported in April. Since the program began in the fall of 1967, there have been fourteen classes scheduled but only eight reported as of April 30, 1968. 192 persons enrolled in these classes, 83 completed the course.

The Radiological Monitoring (Ramont) training program reflects a fairly heavy enrollment in 16-hour classes with lesser activity in the 8-hour and the 2-hour refresher courses. In the first four months of 1968, 331 students completed the 16-hour course, 92 the 8-hour course, and 77 the 2-hour refresher class.

4–H CLUBS HONORED

Forty-five leaders and members representing 10 4-H clubs in Wisconsin were recently honored by the Milwaukee Journal and the Allis Chalmers Company for their outstanding efforts in promoting safety and emergency preparedness.

The recognition program included representatives of the following clubs: Rib Falls Ramblers, Black Creek, Longwood Center, Decatur, Rolling Rockets, Oxford Record Makers, Brush Creek, Skillet Creek, Namekagon Beavers, and Twin Valley. As part of the recognition ceremonies, members were given a tour of the Allis Chalmers plant, the zoo, the Milwaukee Journal building and Billy Mitchell Field.

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PUBLICATION NOTES

Local CD directors have been mailed copies of the revised Wisconsin Civil Defense Motion Picture Catalog (Revised June 1968). The catalog replaces the prior issuance (Revised Jan. 1967) copies of which are obsolete and should be destroyed. When ordering from the film library, instructions contained on page 1 of the catalog should be explicitly followed. Directors are also reminded that the Fifth U. S. Army, Audio-Visual Support Center at Camp McCoy is now open. Requests to that agency should be addressed to Building 2113, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin 54656.

The 1967 Civil Defense Annual Report is presently at the printers and should be ready for distribution sometime in June. The report contains over 50 pages and gives a comprehensive, illustrated picture of overall state civil defense activities during the period January 1 - December 31, 1967.

The new OCD publication "In Time of Emergency" (H-14) is probably the most comprehensive and informative booklet on disaster preparedness ever published by the federal office. OCD advises that it is hard pressed to fill all the requests for the booklet.

Norman H. Blume, center, State CD Communications and Warning Officer, is presented with a citation by Warren P. Cleary, Reg. 4 Director of the Office of Civil Defense, for outstanding achievement in the development of a state-wide emergency communications plan.

CIVIL DEFENSE AROUND THE STATE

what your neighbors are doing

EAU CLAIRE – State Patrol troopers, left to right, Carl Gasper and Sam Young are pictured at the West Central Area EOC as they participated in a recent Radiological Monitoring refresher course. All State Patrol vehicles are equipped with the instruments and personnel trained in their use. The instructor for the course was State Patrol Sgt. Lloyd Lind.

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BALSAM LAKE – The Polk county civil defense office has announced the establishment of a county-wide Tornado Alert and Warning System. The system will involve the use of volunteers from the Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative at Centuria and the Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's main office at Grantsburg. The two companies will employ their personnel to observe and report unusual weather conditions and will relay such information to the Polk county sheriff's office. Threats of severe storms or tornadoes will be relayed by the sheriff's office to radio stations WIXK, New Richmond and WCSW, Shell Lake which will immediately broadcast the information.

SPARTA – Monroe county official participated in an Emergency Operations Simulation Training (EOST) exercise on May 9. The test, which was conducted under the Civil Defense University Education Program (CDUEP), was held in the basement of the courthouse annex. The purpose of the EOST exercise is to acquaint responsible local officials with those emergency actions they would be expected to take during a major disaster situation. Don Heimlich, Director of the CDUEP program for State University-Stevens Point, conducted the test. Gordon Reese, Division of Emergency Government Plans and Operations Officer, acted as observer for the state.

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Don Sleeter, director of the Wood county Office of Emergency Government, has announced the creation of a new emergency operating center. The facility will be based in the Wood county courthouse and will be used for both nuclear and natural disaster operations. Sleeter said the center will tie in the police and fire departments, hospitals and industry so that full cooperation will be achieved during emergency operations.

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