

Bomb Shelters, Warning System For Civil Defense Demand Billions Of Dollars

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 WASHINGTON — To the estimated 40 billion dollars which would be needed for a national program of building H-bomb shelters, add another 700 million dollars for establishing a reliable warning system to tell all the people to take cover.
 A study made for the National Academy of Sciences' Advisory Committee on Civil Defense makes that cost estimate for the warning system.
 The report was prepared last year by Willard Bascom, an engineer and scientist, but comes to attention now in light of a White House announcement last week that it has an H-bomb shelter program under active consideration. That announcement said the cost of such a project might run between 20 billion and 40 billion dollars.
 Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Tex.) said a shelter program to provide "minimum protection" against hydrogen bomb attack would cost from 35 to 40 billion dollars based on civil defense estimates.
Weapons' Effects Spread
 The study prepared for the academy is based on two premises:
 1. "The old concept of warning only those who live near the centers of potential target areas is not acceptable. Initial weapons effects can reach out 50 miles and fall-out can go many times farther; bombs in aircraft which are brought down by our defenses may explode and missiles from submarines or other continents may go wild and miss their targets by many miles."
 2. Probably by 1960, when transoceanic missiles are ready for use,

warning time will drop to "a matter of minutes."
 The academy study says that "a reasonable goal" to aim for is the ability to warn 95 per cent of the United States population within five minutes.
 A nationwide, effective warning system would include both interior and exterior systems such as radio and telephone devices, sirens and specialized equipment for sounding warnings in factories and other places where the normal noise level might drown out a siren sound.
 Speed of clocks is based on the turning of the earth which varies less than 30-100ths of a second in a century.

Oregon Log Markets Remain Fairly Stable

CORVALLIS — Log markets in Western Oregon remain fairly stable, with lumber production below normal for this time of year, the farm forest products market report said Tuesday.
 The report, issued weekly by Oregon State College and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, listed second-growth Douglas fir sawlogs in the Central Willamette Valley at \$45 per thousand board feet, camp-run Hemlock was \$38 and White Fir \$31.
 Peeler log prices showed a slight downward pressure in the Eugene area, with sales from \$70 to \$80, \$80 to \$90 and \$95 to \$110. In Douglas County, Douglas fir peelers were \$60, \$75 and \$90.

CIVIL RIGHTS STUDY

SALEM — An interim committee to study civil rights would be created by a resolution introduced in the Senate Tuesday by Sen. Jean Lewis (D), Portland.
 The committee would study racial bias and discrimination, and recommend legislation to the 1959 Legislature.

Changes Offered For Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has made public a series of suggestions it has received for foreign aid changes — including United Nations loans for Jordan and Israel.
 The suggestions were contained in a report by Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of the magazine Foreign Affairs, who conducted a first-hand survey for the committee in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. They included:
 1. A 10-year U.N. loan to Israel, "supported largely by a United States contribution, to replace the direct aid now received from the U. S. government, this loan to be made on specific conditions regarding frontiers and refugees."
 2. United Nations financing of "a return of some considerable number of the Palestinian refugees from Jordan to areas in Israel not fully settled."
 3. A 10-year U. N. loan to Jordan, to be supported largely by a U. S. contribution, "to finance its economic development and provide for its internal security on the condition that the remainder of the refugees in Jordan become the charge of the Jordanian government and merged into the local social economy."
Fine Arts Commission Proposed By Sweetland
 SALEM — An Oregon Fine Arts Commission, to sponsor art exhibits and acquire works of art, would be created by a bill introduced in the Senate Wednesday by Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie.
 It would consist of an executive board of three members, plus an advisory committee for music, and an advisory committee for the visual arts. Each advisory committee would have five members.
 All would be appointed by the governor.



CROWNED SWEETHEARTS at the First Christian Church were (left to right) Sharolyn McClune, junior sweetheart; Darla Montgomery, sweetheart of the Bible school; and Terry Cornutt, "little sweetheart." Sharolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClune, Darla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Montgomery, and Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Cornutt. (Photo Lab).

Nuclear Scientist Asks For Revision On Data Release

WASHINGTON — A nuclear scientist called Wednesday for revision of the Atomic Energy Act to permit release of additional technical information to university and industrial atomic researchers.
 V. Lawrence Parsegian, professor of nuclear engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., said the nation's atomic program was "seriously hampered by secrecy" despite declassification of large volumes of technical information.
 "The fault lies in the concept that information is 'born classified' in reactor technology," he said in a statement prepared for a hearing of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.
 In effect, he said, this "eliminates the majority of technical men in universities and in industries from effectively participating in the 'idea' or exploratory stage of reactor development."
 Parsegian said that because the United States no longer had a monopoly on the atom "our defenses must improve and depend primarily on the industrial and technical strength of the nation."
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