

If the Bomb Drops

Advance CD Plans May Save Lives

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The world is on the verge of war.

Any minute now it is expected that an atomic bomb may be dropped on Seattle, the nearest strategic target to Eugene.

Eugene is relatively safe from fallout since winds blowing due south from Seattle occur on an average of only two days in a month.

BUT — THERE is the possibility of a close hit, or of winds blowing fallout in this direction.

Years before attack became probable, University President Arthur S. Flemming, University Civil Defense Director, and his deputy director, Col. Louis D. Fransworth, Jr., spent much time in the planning of civil defense for the University.

THE UNIVERSITY Civil Defense program they designed now provides protection and care for all students, faculty members and their dependents and civil service employees and their dependents.

The "average" University

student—let's call him John Rediman, knows that the present possibility of attack does not catch the University unprepared. Civil Defense organizational training and planning have been intensified, especially since it became probable a few days ago that the enemy might attack.

Today relations with the enemy have become worse and the threat of attack greater.

FLEMMING calls off classes and John, along with all others in the campus community, returns to where he lives, in his case, a dorm.

When John arrives back at this dormitory, he finds that his counselor had called an immediate dorm meeting. At this meeting the counselor will review Civil Defense procedures, which he has outlined at an earlier meeting. And, he will tell students not to leave the dorm.

In the living organizations student wardens (counselors in dormitories and men's cooperatives, presidents in fraternities, and house mother's in women's

organizations) have direct supervision over all the students in their living organization.

THERE WILL be no chance for phone calls to parents or friends. No calls will be allowed as the phones must be reserved for instructions from the Civil Defense control center in Johnson Hall.

After John receives his CD instructions he will go to his room and prepare the items he will need in case he has to go to his designated fallout shelter.

He will provide himself with a fork, knife, and spoon, a large metal cup or small saucepan from which to eat, a blanket, a small pillow, a towel, a flashlight, and suitable packaged foods, if available, for one or two cold meals.

THEN JOHN, and everyone else, will just wait until told to take cover or that the all clear signal has been given.

What would happen now, in case of the remote possibility that the enemy did drop a bomb and winds did blow fallout towards Eugene?

The decision to take cover would be made by the coordinating members of the Civil Defense organization in John Hall.

CALLS WOULD be made to the living organizations in structing them to go to their fallout shelters. (Off-campus University personnel not residing in a living organization or housing project will be instructed to listen to a local AM radio station for instructions.)

Once John's group is ready to go, it would proceed to its shelter area. In the fallout shelter, a

shelter warden, who is a faculty member, is in charge, and student wardens become his assistants.

The duty of the shelter warden is to supervise all persons in his area and to be responsible for its supply and operation.

SHUT UP in a large room with many other people, what would there be for John to do?

An underground tunnel system connects all the fallout shelters. Messengers will be needed to carry messages between shelters. Carrying parties will be needed to transport food and water from cooking areas to the living areas and waste products to disposal areas.

There will be opportunities for students to join bands or other groups and provide entertainment.

How long could John be maintained in his shelter?

THE UNIVERSITY has enough food available to supply 10,000 people for 15 days. Leighton Pool will be drained and refilled with water for emergency drinking purposes in case local water becomes contaminated.

Medical teams will visit the shelters handling any sickness. Public health teams will be responsible for maintaining sanitation.

Heat and electricity from the

physical plant will be conserved to allow for an adequate supply.

Returning to the present, all students, faculty members, and civil service employees have been assigned designated fallout shelters. Student wardens have been assigned and shelter wardens are presently being assigned.

UPDATE — Bomb shelter signs are still around on a few buildings around town, but rarely do they evoke more much response than a curious look or two.

The signs may be still up, but the bomb shelters are slowly losing their civil defense supplies, according to the Lane County Emergency Board.

The board reports most medical supplies once kept in the shelters have been taken out and given to fire departments and the Red Cross. Some of the food rations have been discarded.

According to reports of the time, many students rejected the idea of bomb shelters, calling them products of a scared society.

Others supported their installation as perhaps the last best hope in the face of a missile crisis that plagued the world at the time.

Fortunately, the shelters were never used, at least for civil defense, and Emerald writer Dick Richardson's fictitious tale remains just that so far.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

By JENNIE WILSON

BUEL-WHITESIDE

Merrie Whiteside and Ron Buel were married during the summer at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis. Mrs. Buel is an Alpha Chi Omega journalism senior from Corvallis and Buel is a Sigma Phi Epsilon senior majoring in journalism from Tillamook.

McCORMICK-BROWN

Kathy Brown announced her pinning to John McCormick, Phi Sigma Kappa junior math major from Eugene, during the summer. Miss Brown, also from Eugene, is a senior Phi Mu sociology major.

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