

Nation's Civil Defense Inadequate for Nuclear War, Val Peterson Agrees

Washington—(U.P.)—Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson agreed with critics today that the nation's civil defense is "inadequate to meet an all-out thermonuclear attack."

But Peterson insisted his agency has made and is making progress. "If there is anyone ready for the thermonuclear war I'd like to be introduced to him," the former Nebraska governor said in an interview with the United Press.

Critics have charged in testimony before a House Government Operations Subcommittee that the nation's non-military defense program is "ineffective" and "worse than no program at all."

This specific charge was made by Maj. Gen. Otto Nelson, director of the so-called "Project East

River," a scientific survey of homefront defenses. Peterson said Nelson was quoted in the press as criticizing civil defense alone when he meant all non-military defense, of which civil defense is only a phase.

Non-military defense, Peterson said, also includes the dispersion of industry outside target areas and providing for

continuity of government and other operations in case of a nuclear attack.

Many Functions
Many of these functions are not under jurisdiction of his Civil Defense Agency, and others have been delegated to it as recently as a few weeks ago, he said.

Peterson said many of the in-

adequacies of civil defense lie in the size of the problem; the newness of it, and the fact that the problem is being dealt with by using volunteers and small expenditures. But, he said, his agency has made great progress in the past five years.

"There is no easy solution to the problem," Peterson said, but he disagreed with pessimists that

nothing can be done or is being done to save lives in event of attack.

He said civil defense has shown its worth in disasters. It has trained thousands of people and created emergency stockpiles, including \$160,000,000 in medical supplies. Every state and city has some kind of civil defense organization, although it func-

tions better in some areas than in others, he said.

Peterson said survival plans are now being studied for the nation's big metropolitan target areas. When these studies are completed, he said, a sound program can be worked out for the nation on a cost-account basis.

Peterson said this country has made little progress in getting

industrial operations under ground. He said future industrial expansion should be scattered to non-target areas.

"The real test of whether America is serious about survival lies in her willingness to disperse the expansion of industry and start building shelters, including putting elements of our military productive fac-

ilities under ground," he said. He also said there should be more unity and centralization of all non-military defense.

"I personally believe there should be created a department of non-military defense including all these elements. I have recommended it, and it is receiving study in the government," Peterson said.

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Gloria Swanson Finds Refugees in Italy Escapee Camp To Be Courageous Group

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for United Press

Rome—(U.P.)—I suppose more children per capita have been adopted in the United States than in any other country in the world.

If you were to ask a foster parent (and I should know) what difference there is between their own children and an adopted one, I'm sure you would find that they have given their love equally to those not of their own flesh.

Displaced persons—"escapees"—are no all children, to be sure, but they do need sponsors before they can leave an escapee camp.

I visited the nearest camp to Rome, one of six in Italy. Members of the camp were of every age—wee babies to grandparents.

The character and courage of these people have to be great, for escaping from behind an Iron Curtain is a feat—walking hundreds of miles, swimming rivers, being terrorized with fear, especially when handicapped by youngsters who cannot

help themselves. And the penalty when caught more often than not is death. I trembled when I thought:

"But for the grace of God, there go I..."

Tiny Community

Although the comforts of this camp are small, still they do live in cleanliness of their own making. There is a tiny church, a canteen, a television room, a hospital, plus of course the possibility of learning new lan-

guages. And there also is the privilege of leaving the camp at certain hours.

But still these people must get very low when years start to pass and they have not yet found a country that will embrace them.

It did not take long for me to become acquainted because I had a polaroid camera and they had never seen a photograph made and developed in a minute. The camp houses about 300 persons. I must have seen about 100. Seven or eight were in high spirits for soon they would be departing for their new adopted countries.

For Information

They have an ideal, as we do, of freedom. So, if you wish to sponsor an escapee you can go either to your local church or you can write to the refugee relief program in Washington, D. C.

As I left and drove back to Rome as the sun was setting I looked at all the beautiful scenery and thought of the vast spaces in America that I know, and of the many thousands of miles that I do not know. I thought that if these people were given a chance they would help build fine communities.

I hope Uncle Sam spans me where it hurts if I ever complain about high taxes that could be and are being put to good use.

Permit Issued for Packing Shed Here

Permits for \$51,849 worth of construction were issued by the city between March 3 and March 20, according to records in the office of Herb Mackie, city building superintendent.

A permit was issued on March 20 to Nye and Naumes Packing company for a \$36,800 packing shed on South Fir st. and Melrose ave.

Company officials explained that the shed is being built on Nye and Naumes property and will be leased to the Crystal Springs Packing company. Crystal Springs Packing company has leased its former warehouse to Davis Transfer company. The new shed will be 260 feet long and 72 feet wide. It will be constructed with bolstering trusses and no posts will be used. Columns will be 20 feet high. The building is expected to be ready for packing by the middle of August.

Other permits were issued to Rogue Valley Construction company for a \$11,000 residence at South Ivy st. near Holmes st.; J. M. Taylor for a \$500 garage at 422 South Fir st.; and to T. L. Black for a \$3,500 residence at 2473 Barnett rd.

About 270,000,000 persons speak English, making it a principle world language.

Grange

Sams Valley Grange

The last meeting of the Sams Valley Grange was one in which several ideas projected. Lester James suggested a large bulletin board to be placed on the outside of the Grange so that Sams Valley residents having livestock, machinery or surplus produce to sell could advertise.

He also suggested that a small slaughter house and meat cutting room be set up on the Grange grounds so members could cut and package their own meat.

The lectures have consisted of a picture on oil drilling and processing.

Next Grange will be held Saturday March 24.

SELF HELP

Brookings, S. D. — (U.P.) — Students at South Dakota State college at Brookings have incorporated to provide themselves with employment. The non-profit firm, Collegiate Enterprises division of the S. D. State College Foundation, will assist students to help themselves by providing part-time jobs.

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County 4-H Members To Attend Show

Six Jackson county 4-H club members, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert and daughter, Doreen, Central Point and Glenn Klein, county 4-H agent, will leave Friday for San Francisco where they will attend the Grand National Junior Livestock exposition at the Cow Palace between March 24 and 28.

Jackson county 4-H members participating in the exposition will be Don Bradshaw, route 1, box 20, Central Point, entering a pen of Herefords; Judy Bradshaw, Lake Creek, one Hereford; Robert Hayes, route 1, box 87, Eagle Point, one Hereford; Linda Mallory, route 1, box 93, Eagle Point, one Aberdeen Angus; Dale Smith, route 2, box 661, Central Point, one Hereford, and David Woolfolk, Eagle Point, one Hereford.

The youths, who will enter exhibits in the marketing and showmanship divisions, and seven other 4-H club members from other counties will represent southern Oregon.

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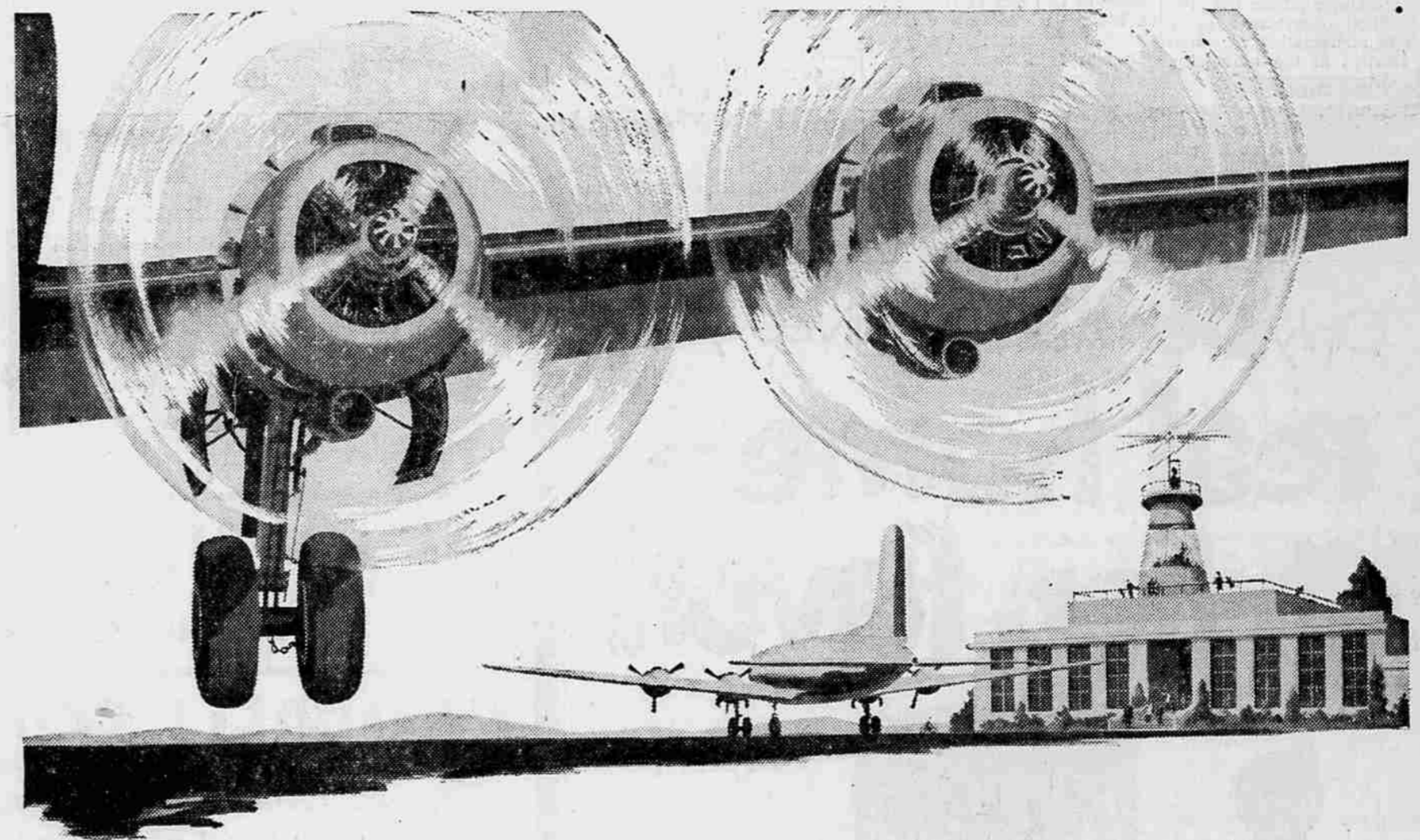
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