

# Chicago Senses Mounting Tide of Impatience as Racial Tension Grows

Editor's Note: The following is the third in a series of five dispatches by United Press International on racial problems in key northern cities.

**By DAVID SMOTHERS**  
Chicago — (UPI) — Racial tensions are nothing new to the nation's second largest city, but this spring civil rights leaders sense a mounting tide of impatience in the air which could lead to serious trouble in the weeks ahead.

If racial conflicts do explode here, they are likely to do so during the summer, which Chicago Urban League Director Edwin C. Berry calls "the riot season."

"Chicagoans are sitting on a

tinder box and they very narrowly missed an explosion in the last few weeks," Berry said in a warning to the Urban League's board of directors.

**Mood Is Critical**  
"The mood is more critical than at any time I've ever seen it. This mood will be very serious this summer as long as we don't do anything about it."

"We need to take immediate action in a crash type of program related to equality of opportunity in jobs, housing and education."

"We currently live in an unjust society, racially speaking, and the ingredients of this racial unrest are always

present. When anything happens — like the Birmingham situation or like the gathering of the mob on the Southwest Side when there was supposed to be a Negro moving in — any little thing like that can touch it off."

**Problem Grows Worse**  
Berry and other experts in the field agree Chicago's race problem is longstanding and is growing. The ground roots of the problem can be told in statistics:

—Of the 3.5 million inhabitants of metropolitan Chicago listed in the 1960 census, 813,000 were Negro.

—The 1950 census listed 3.6 million persons in Chicago, 492,000 of them Negro. This meant Chicago's Negro population had risen 65 per cent in 10 years while the overall population had dropped.

—Of the city's 813,000 Negroes, 520,000 live in the South Side area nine miles long and three miles wide, known as "The Black Belt."

Of the rest, the overwhelming majority also live in all-Negro pockets. This is the situation that has led some to describe Chicago as the nation's most segregated city.

—Almost half of Chicago's Negroes came here from some where else.

—Seventy-five per cent of the persons on county relief rolls are Negro.

**Spell Trouble**  
These figures add up to trouble in the vital areas of housing, education and jobs. The housing issue is toughest.

Chicago Negroes and whites may often work side by side, but they rarely live side by side except in the tense neighborhoods where the "Black Belt" is growing. And it is growing constantly as a steady tide of job-seeking Negroes from the South pours into the slums at the core of the "Black Belt."

In case after case, Negroes with the money to afford good housing must move into white neighborhoods to find it. Over and over again, the whites leave and the neighborhood becomes all Negro. Bitterness remains behind. If the trend continues and Negroes cannot break out into the suburbs surrounding the city, sociologists warn that Chicago could become a predominantly Negro city by 1975.

**Efforts Mount**  
Although Chicago's race problem is mounting, so are the city's efforts to meet it.

Within the last decade, acres of "Black Belt" slums have been leveled. High rise apartment buildings and public housing developments have taken their place. Whites and Negroes have learned to live together in some of the South Side's best residential neighborhoods. There are more Negro policemen, and the department's ability to deal with racial troubles has increased markedly.

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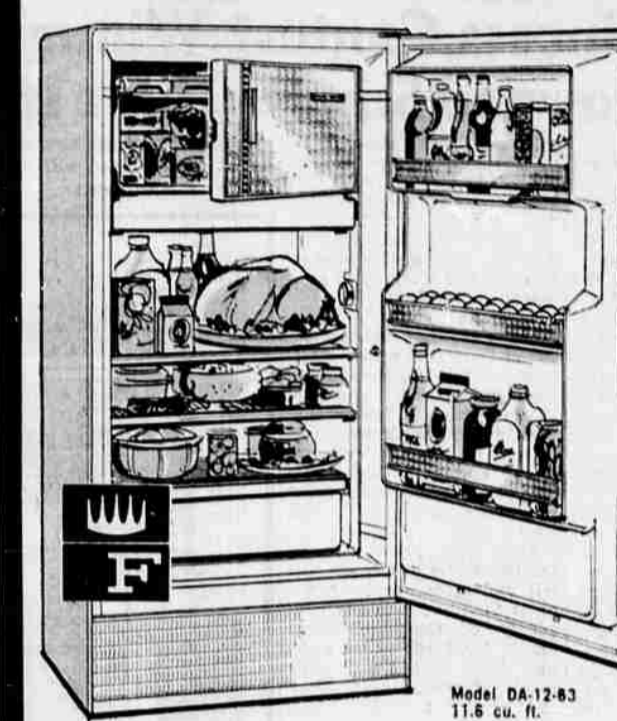
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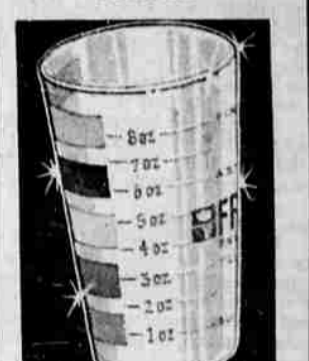
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# Oregon's Civil Defense Stand To Raise Questions

**By A. ROBERT SMITH**  
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Washington — (Special) — Does a civil defense program of fallout shelters make any sense in the nuclear age? Would enough Americans survive an atomic attack to justify such a program, or would nuclear war signal the end of life in the United States and many other countries?

These questions are being raised with renewed intensity in Washington in the wake of decisions in Oregon by the state legislature and the Portland City Council to curtail local participation in civil defense. Since Portland is the only one of 5,000 participating cities to turn its back on the government's fallout shelter program just as the Kennedy Administration began to try to persuade Congress to step up the civil defense program, there is an expectation here that Congress will seek answers to such basic questions as these:

Hearings which opened last week in the House Armed Services Committee already have indicated that authorities on military affairs disagree on the vital issue of the survival chances of the bulk of the population. But there apparently is agreement that the Pacific Northwest, with the exception of certain areas, has less to fear from atomic radiation than any other section of the country.

A map offered by the Defense Department portraying various levels of radioactivity resulting from an assumed attack one spring day shows 75 per cent of the country's land surface would be covered with radioactive fallout under average wind conditions. Some areas would require survivors to stay in shelters from one to two weeks while other areas with less radioactivity would require shelter for a few days to a week.

**Oregon Free**  
This map shows all of Oregon, much of northern California and the area of the Cascades in Washington state to be free of radiation danger with no shelter required, assuming the attack and wind conditions used by the Pentagon. West of the Cascades the

map shows that the Seattle-Tacoma area has been hit and there is heavy radioactivity from the Puget Sound area north to the Canadian border. In eastern Washington the Hanford atomic plant and Air Force bases have been hit, resulting in a wide belt of radioactivity carried on the winds that sweep east and slightly to the north, covering the Idaho panhandle and of Montana, where there are ICBM missile bases that are presumed targets of enemy missiles or bombs.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Stewart L. Pittman argues that even residents of the less hazardous areas should have fallout protection because changing wind conditions could blow radioactive materials to all parts of the nation.

But as to the more basic question — is anyone justified in expecting to survive? — Pittman says the answer is "Yes," if America has a sound shelter system. Others doubt the validity of his optimism. Here are some of the main arguments pro and con as set forth by Philip W. Kelleher, counsel for the Armed Services Committee, and Pittman in testimony before that committee:

1. Firestorms — Kelleher quoted Dr. Alexander Langsdorf, a physicist at the Argonne Laboratories, as saying an enemy would explode bombs in the air if we had shelters so as to create massive firestorms consuming whole cities. "Concrete fallout shelters would turn into ovens, cooking the people inside. If they don't burn, they would probably suffocate, because all the oxygen would be consumed," he said. James R. Newman, chief of U. S. intelligence at London in World War II, reported that firestorms caused by bombing Hamburg lasted seven days and killed 70,000 in shelters by suffocation and carbon monoxide.

**Fog Type Defenses**  
Pittman replied that Horatio Bond, a fire expert, estimates that only six U. S. cities have a potential for the phenomenon of a fire storm; that "there are prospects for fog type defenses against fire from high altitude nuclear bursts; that the Hamburg attack killed 3 per cent of those endangered by the fire attacks."

"Even a small nuclear weapon over the same city would create many times as many fatalities from blast or from initial radiation," he added. "Likewise, fallout radiation from an up-wind nuclear burst would have killed a far larger proportion of the Hamburg population. The suggestion that suffocation in shelters is a major fire problem has little support from fire experts, but poisoning from carbon monoxide is a recognized major fire hazard under these conditions."

He said the Soviets have "played heavily on the fire theme without much regard to technical facts" because this is a weapon of "terror and propaganda." Pittman said Khrushchev's boast that one 20-megaton bomb would create a sea of fire consuming New York to Philadelphia is "stark nonsense."

2. Long-term survival — Kelleher quoted Dr. John N. Wolfe, chief of the Atomic Energy Commission's environmental sciences branch, as saying: "Fallout shelters in many areas seem only a means of delaying death and represent only a part of a survival plan. With an environment so completely modified, the question is, where does man go after his sojourn in shelters? What does he do upon emergence?"

**Minor Problem**  
Pittman claimed all objective studies conclude "that there will be a significant measure of survival and that recuperation would take place . . . . The results indicate that food and water contamination would be a relatively minor problem, the long-term biological effects from radiation would not be the major health problem, and . . . among the most critical problems would probably be shortage of medical supplies and manpower and, in very high levels of attack, longer-term impairment to agricultural production capacity from ecological effects."

In an attack such as is portrayed on the Defense Department map, Pittman said it is presumed that 80 million citizens would be killed even with shelters but that 130 million citizens would die without shelters. Shelters would save 50 million lives, he said studies show.



**NUMEROUS ACTS**—Ponies and horses will be among the many acts scheduled for the four performances of the Shrine Club-Rudy Brothers Circus which will appear in Medford Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8. Matinee and evening performances will be held each day. Aerialists and wild animals as well as clowns will be on hand. Among the acts being given for the first time this season is Kurt Jensen and his performing chimpanzees.

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Sacramento — (UPI) — The California Assembly has unanimously passed a bill to ratify the Oregon-California Goose Lake interstate compact.

The Oregon Legislature approved a bill ratifying the compact in its recently completed session. If approved by both houses of the California Legislature, it must be passed by Congress.

The compact provides for joint development of the Goose Lake area on the Oregon-California border by the two states.

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