Reds Hike Own Civil Defense

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WASHINGTON (NEA) — Nikita Khrushchev is stepping up the pace of civil defense in Russia. That's the confidential information arriving at the Pentagon and at the White House emergency planning offices.

Last year the Russians spent more on civil defense than the U.S. has spent in the last decade. Soviet civil defense spending this year is running at the equivalent of over $1.2 billion a year. Even if President John F. Kennedy gets all the additional millions he's asking for, the Soviet Union this year will spend 9 over four times the U.S. rate.

One hundred million Soviet citizens have received a minimum of 20 hours in civil defense training. Thirty million have been taking compulsory 10 to 18-hour courses every two years since 1955.

Every Soviet citizen this year and next is required to take 18 hours of additional training.

This includes two hours in fire fighting and fire rescue, four hours in medical first aid and evacuation of casualties, four hours in decontamination procedures and the use of radiological instruments, three hours participation in rescue and repair work in a disaster area, one hour in protection against fallout, one hour in alert, shelter and evacuation procedures. Each man and woman must take a three-hour examination to show that he has learned what he's studied. Each must demonstrate in a practical exercise his knowledge of each subject.

The proper use of gas masks is heavily emphasized. Training includes realistic exercises in the use of masks in the presence of poison gas. Defense against bacteriological warfare is included.

Nevertheless of training by the average citizen is difficult. This could be equaled by the instruction with minimal influence.

Farmers must plan later, or longer they're transplanted, an extra two-hour practical course in organizing the protection of livestock against nuclear and chemical attack, in evacuating livestock from burning buildings and in aiding animals suffering injuries from radiation, gas or biological agents.

But that's only a part of what's happening in the Soviet union.

Nikita Khrushchev is requiring universal construction in major new buildings to give a shelter against moderate blast.

He is building bombproof shelters in the underpasses beneath city streets, tunneling out on either side of the underpasses.

He is making improvements in his Moscow subways to make them safe shelters against both bombs and gas attacks.

Basement shelter is already available to an important segment of the urban population in many areas of the Soviet Union. The construction of solid wall basements with reinforced concrete ceilings has provided a valuable degree of protection against nuclear radiation.

The Soviet Union has pushed civil defense against nuclear attacks with vigor since 1955.

The Soviet system is well organized. There are civil defense professionals on the staffs of the governing bodies throughout the Soviet Union from the national government on down through city, town and rural governments. The Soviet civil defense officials have a voice in city planning. They are thus in a position to see to the dispersal of industry and the inclusion of shelters in new buildings.

Soviet civil defense training is spearheaded by the Voluntary Society for Cooperation with the Army, Air Force and Navy — DOSAAF. Thirty million Soviet civilians have been compelled or induced to join. DOSAAF is headed by a General of the Army, D. D. Letyushenko.

Van Meyers Rites Noted

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, from O'Hale's Memorial Chapel for Van E. Meyers, 84, who died Sept. 3 at the family home, 917 Walnut. Mr. Meyers had suffered a stroke eight years ago. Final rites and interment were in the Mt. Lakt Cemetery.

He was a native of Vienna, Mo., born Sept. 3, 1877, and had been a resident of Klamath County for 38 years. He farmed for many years in the Merrill community before retiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Jan. 29. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include the widow, Lola, this city; a brother, Joseph Meyers, Klamath Falls; a niece, Mrs. Beulah Kandra, Provo, Utah, and two nephews, Clint Meyers, and Lloyd Meyers, both of this city.

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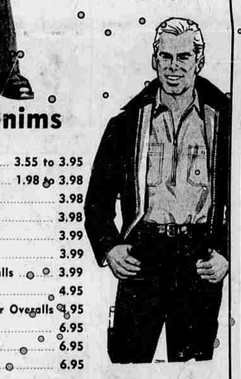

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