

Evacuation Plan Abandoned As Defense Against A-Bombs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government has abandoned, for all practical purposes, the idea of evacuating city dwellers ahead of any oncoming nuclear bombs and missiles.

The Pentagon will not discourage local and state civil defense authorities from making evacuation plans if they choose, said a spokesman for the Office of Civil Defense.

But he added, "Evacuation certainly takes second place to fall-out shelters in Washington's planning."

The fact now recognized, but

never clearly acknowledged previously, is that fleeing into open countryside—even if there was ample warning time—would not protect populations from the major nuclear hazard, radioactive fallout.

One member of Congress, Rep. Robert W. Karstenmeier, D-Wis., has demanded the removal of the blue "Civil Defense Route" signs that mark the highways of his state and others.

The signs are dangerous and misleading, Karstenmeier said in a letter to OGD Director Stewart L. Pittman, because they breed

false hopes of escape by flight and "deceive people as to the real danger they would face in nuclear war."

While Karstenmeier waited for a reply, an OGD spokesman called attention to a little-noted talk by Pittman at a conference of local Civil Defense officials on Oct. 19. It amounted to a repudiation of evacuation as a basis for national protective planning.

"For many years reliance has been placed on evacuation as a cornerstone of Civil Defense planning," Pittman said. "As applied to the problem of surprise attack a new emphasis is clearly necessary. In general we all know that short warning time in the missile age and the long reach of fallout requires reorientation of many local plans around the movement of people into nearby shelters."

The shift in emphasis from evacuation to the shelter concept was crystallized in President Kennedy's decision to give the Defense Department money and authority for a vast, nationwide shelter program. The goal is to provide perhaps 250,000 shelter areas in cities, mainly in existing structures.

Until the Pentagon took over, however, Civil Defense officials seemed reluctant to admit that evacuation planning—for which

the government formerly provided financial help—has become an outdated concept.

One official said, "The idea has been developing a long while. It's just a case of the Pentagon being brave enough to speak out."

Competition Benefits Told At Rail Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Southern Pacific control of Western Pacific Railroad would deprive the public of the benefits of competition, according to Dr. James C. Nelson of the University of Washington.

He stuck by his contention under cross examination Tuesday at Interstate Commerce Commission hearings into the battle between Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railway for control of WP.

"Southern Pacific control would set up a monopoly situation," Nelson said, "and Santa Fe control would not."

He cited instances in which freight rates were reduced because of competition between SP and parallel lines of the Western Pacific through the Utah Gateway and along the Pacific Coast route.

A recent example was the slashing of rates on petroleum coke from California to an aluminum plant in Mead, Wash.

However, Southern Pacific attorney Robert J. McLean suggested that in each of Nelson's examples, the reduction actually resulted from other factors.

Nelson said monopoly conditions

can produce some savings, but not enough to compensate the public for the lost benefits arising from competition, which forces improvements in equipment, faster service, and more flexible use of freightcar supplies.

Competition also provides shippers with a larger number of possible destinations, he said.

Nelson's appearance followed cross examination in which another Southern Pacific attorney, Alan C. Furth, claimed Santa Fe had omitted numerous costs in estimates of savings it hopes to achieve by consolidating some of its facilities with Western Pacific.

Meanwhile, Santa Fe offered into evidence a new study claiming it has received more support than Southern Pacific from public bodies in 16 states. Southern Pacific claimed Santa Fe had ignored hundreds of resolutions by groups supporting it.

Both railroads have conducted extensive campaigns to win the backing of community groups—and petitions of intervention even have come from such groups as the Navajo Tribal Council and garden clubs.

Castro Regime Charged Seeking U.S. Overthrow

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States charged today that the Cuban regime of Fidel Castro is "seeking to subvert and overthrow the constitutional governments of the Americas."

U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States Delesep S. Morrison, made the charge in a note distributed to the OAS delegations.

The note also charged that the Castro regime is "intimately associated with the aims and purposes of the Sino-Soviet bloc."

Attached to the note were copies of joint communiques issued by Cuban and Communist leaders. One of the communiques was issued jointly Sept. 20 by the Soviet and Cuban governments. The other was issued Oct. 2 by the Chinese and Cuban governments.

Through these statements, the United States said, the Castro regime has made Cuba "an appendage of the Sino-Soviet bloc."

In an accompanying letter to OAS Secretary General Jose A. Mora, Morrison said:

"These communiques show that the Castro regime is neither ideologically an adherent of the inter-American system nor a part of the nonaligned world. They reveal... that this regime is, in fact, intimately associated with the aims and purposes of the Sino-Soviet bloc."

Car Flips Injure Two

Two Kingsley Field airmen and a 38-year-old Portland man were injured early Wednesday morning in separate one-car accidents.

The airmen, Robert B. Wilkerson Jr. and Vito Skinkys, were driving north on Highway 97 one mile south of Midland when Wilkerson apparently fell asleep at the wheel. State police said his car veered off the highway, went over a small embankment and overturned in the irrigation canal adjacent to the highway.

Both men escaped from the car and were taken to the Kingsley Field Dispensary. State police said Skinkys had probable head injuries. Both men were gone when state police arrived at the scene. The car was pulled from the canal by Joe Mick.

Glenn H. Favor, 38, Portland, suffered severe head lacerations in a one-car accident on Highway 39 at Wang's Corner near Merrill. He was taken by ambulance to Klamath Valley Hospital, where his condition was listed as "satisfactory."

State police said Favor was traveling north on Highway 39 when his car veered off the road to the left, went along the shoulder for about 150 feet, hit a concrete culvert and rolled several times. Favor was thrown from the vehicle, which was towed from the scene heavily damaged.

Voice To Tell Reds Of Bomb

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Voice of America (VOA) will put together the greatest concentration of radio signals in its history Sunday to tell the Communist bloc about Russia's nuclear tests and the worldwide revolution they have provoked.

Edward R. Murrow, director of the U.S. Information Agency, announced the 8-hour "Sunday punch" Tuesday.

He said all facilities able to beam a signal behind the Iron Curtain will join the effort. The aim will be to spread the word on what VOA called "Soviet duplicity in polluting the atmosphere by protracted and monstrous nuclear blasting."



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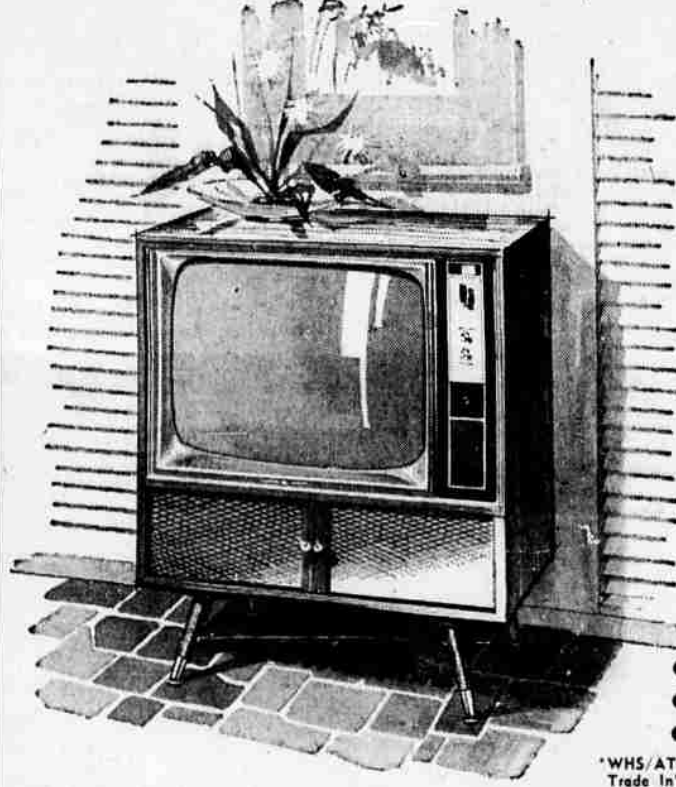
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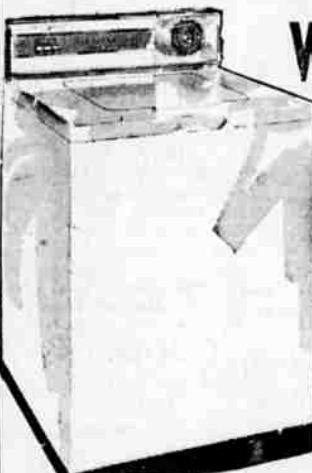


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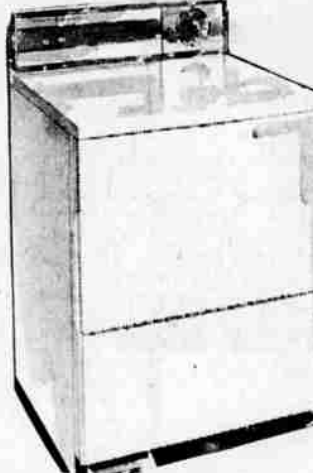


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Two Picked Up For Loitering

Two young men were taken into custody by city police Tuesday morning for loitering in the halls of Klamath Union High School.

Charged with vagrancy was James M. Ladely, 21, of 323 South Sixth Street. He appeared in municipal court Wednesday morning and asked for time to consult an attorney. The other youth, 16, was turned over to juvenile authorities. He is on parole from McLaren School for Boys.

The youths claimed they had gone to the school to see a student about a car sale. Police said it is a crime for non-students to loiter in or near schools without proper reason.



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