WHAT ABOUT CIVIL DEFENSE IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA?

Q. IS LAKE COUNTY GOING TO BE BOMBED?

A. In modern warfare, industrial targets are prime military targets. Lake County is one of the largest! Our enemies have atom bombs, and the planes to deliver them here. For these reasons we must not ignore the possibility of an attack on us.

Q. WHY NOT WAIT UNTIL THE THREAT IS GREATER BEFORE DOING ALL THESE THINGS?

A. Nobody can guarantee when we will be bombed. Remember, Pearl Harbor was a complete surprise. After an atom bomb explodes, it will be too late; there will be no electricity, no water, no telephones, no transportation for several days. Many of the things described here will take six months to a year to finish; we can't wait to be threatened; we must do them now and hope we will never have any use for them.

Q. WILL THE DOCTORS BE READY TO TAKE CARE OF US?

A. The medical profession and its allies (dentists, hospitals, Red Cross and others) have been working out a program since the Spring of 1950. We will never be satisfied that it is perfect. The other divisions of the Lake County Civil Defense organization are working equally hard at their problems. But they can only succeed if the public (YOU) does certain things too:

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO NOW

1. HAVE YOUR BLOOD TYPED. Public press announcements will soon tell you where and when you can have this done. 800,000 pints of blood will be needed the first two weeks after an atom bomb explodes. Nobody will have time to type you then, nor will there be enough serum to do it. Failure to have this done may cost you your life. An inexpensive (50¢), quick (2 minutes) and accurate method has been developed for this program. (It takes only a drop of blood).

2. BE IMMUNIZED AGAINST TYPHOID AND TETANUS. Same story; after the bomb, no time or serum to do it. On your next visit to your doctor have this done. It is neither expensive nor painful, and may well save your life some day, even in peacetime.

3. HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY TAKE RED CROSS FIRST AID TRAINING. During the first two or three days, many badly hurt people will have to go home until those near death are treated and cleared through the hospitals. Is anyone in your house today able to care for burns, fractures, cuts, shock, bleeding etc.? Call your nearest Red Cross office to volunteer for this training or for service on the first aid teams that will be needed at the bomb-site (6000 trained people are needed).

4. WAS ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSE EVER A REGISTERED NURSE, MEDICAL CORPSMAN OR PHARMACIST'S MATE IN THE ARMED SERVICES? The doctors need these names urgently. Call or write the Lake County Medical Society office nearest you: 504 Broadway, Gary; phones, Gary 6108, Shef 6050, E. Chicago 3720.

5. YOUR WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION CAN HELP. The Woman's Auxiliary to the medical society needs volunteer clerical help to put on the blood typing program. Please call the Lake County Medical Society.

ABOUT AIR RAID WARNINGS

An alarm is being developed to give you enough time to get off the streets or upper floors of buildings. The average basement wall will give almost complete protection against the blast, heat and radiation effects of the bomb even though you are as close as 1000 yards to it. Don't try to flee town either on foot or by automobile; you couldn't go far enough, and would almost certainly be caught in the open and killed trying.