

FEDERAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE AND LOCAL
EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

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Governments, at all levels, share the task of educating the public about protection. They must impart knowledge about the effects of nuclear weapons and what people can do to protect themselves. They must select, equip and train.

OCDM is providing leadership in providing training, including operational forces. It is creating a growing awareness of nuclear hazards among the American Public.

OCDM conducts a formal training program including courses in radiological defense through the staff colleges at Battelle Corp., Michigan State University, training centers at Manhattan Beach, New York, and Ames, Iowa, and at Battle Creek.

Courses for Federal officials are held in all ten regions. Similar courses are conducted in the States by a number of State and local OGDMS. This course is then, in turn, taught by State and local agencies to their own OGDMS.

The training centers are used primarily to teach basic concepts of emergency management, staff and technical specialties, training with emphasis on the RADEF program. The RADEF school conducts exercises and simulators for radiological defense officers, and the operational exercises deal with the RADEF problem.

I am heartened by the increasing emphasis on the educational program. With the assistance of the Federal Office of Education and the State Educational departments, OCDM is distributing kits of radiological defense material and instruction material to half of the State's thirty thousand high schools. Nearly one million students learned new concepts in their high school science classes last year.

We are now adding about four hundred new courses with emphasis on RADEF. Six of them give academic credit to the student.

Because the detection instruments are used by the local health department, further training in our radiological defense program has been developed in the State.

and local operational programs. OED is also sponsoring projects being added to school curricula for 1960-61.

National educational associations are increasingly interested in advising their members how to handle civil defense in the schools in the schools.

The adult education system has long programs in war, peace, and community and personal protection. We are financing special projects in Minnesota, Florida, Louisiana and Texas with training courses. The Office of Education is maintaining programs for OED in cooperation with State education departments of nearly equal value. These programs professional instructors to lead local educators, who in turn, instruct a series of local schools in the area.

The first of eight traveling teams is set to leave for the states in a few months ago. Today, almost fifty percent of the first year of the local teachers is already training in the program. Many of the local leaders. I believe we will respond to the program with the people instructed in this way. OED is also sponsoring a series of

A text book, the first extensively revised study by OED in 1960.

Another OED project and the first OED booklets in the field of the profession is nearing completion. Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. A special Peabody study is called a study of the concepts and methods for colleges to incorporate civil defense into their curricula. This year and issued to approximately 100 colleges for their use.

As soon as possible, I would like to see a course developed to teach civil defense.

To speed school building projects, OED has produced a motion picture for schools supervised by principals and school administrators how to establish a school building program.

All of you must be aware of the increasing attention being given to our work. Two radio networks are on public service. The first is a civil defense shows. Another has been transcribed and is appearing on 2,100 stations each week. We have requests. Radio and television, each week, thousands of spots are available by radio.

With television time so expensive, the number of television spots is rare. Our 15 and 30-minute spots are the most expensive. We do not televise, but we concentrate on a limited number of spots. Our television and motion picture spots include television spots, and spots of a year, include one-minute, 30-second, 15-second, and 10-second spots for family protection.

Some of our special radio and television features attract wide public attention. "The day called X" was a radio feature by CBS. It dramatized and outlines an evacuation of Portland, Oregon, and other cities. It shows the continuity of government operations. It included an evacuation of 20,000,000 people.

Our motion picture staff produces civil defense films. We have produced current with three produced in 1950. Three more were produced in 1951. The films are used in schools, libraries, and in community meetings.

Civil defense activities are also being carried out in the form of a pool in New York City for the production and distribution of films to theaters.

We also issue special material for the general public. We issue Civil Defense Day, Farm Week and other special material.

Since the shelter policy announcement, newspapers have published thousands of columns of space. The major newspapers have published OCDM publication, "The Family Fallout Shelter," in their news sections. News feature and picture pages. The major daily newspapers, weekly and daily newspapers get with publication.

Magazines are finding wide readership. The major national circulation magazine has published articles. We have received queries to our office for home magazines. Nearly 100 technical and technical magazines, national organizations, publishers, and industry periodicals are publishing articles.

Booklets and pamphlets are available in education. OCDM has distributed one hundred million in Fiscal Year 1951. Most were distributed in response to request of State and local Government officials. Most are available. The Handbook for Emergencies, The Family Fallout Shelter, What You Should Know About the National Plan, and What You Should Know About Radioactive Fallout Protection. Distribution of the pamphlet will continue for the five steps to personal protection. The pamphlet is available for two years.

Our exhibit program is going to be very successful. We had our major exhibits last year, and our exhibit program is going to be very successful. Our exhibit program assures a much greater program.

More than one hundred national and state veterans' organizations are actively supporting our civil defense program. The American Legion is organizing a series of seminars. In addition to recommending legislation, the American Legion is also recommending legislation. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion are also incorporating fallout shelter into their programs. The American Legion Chambers have made such a contribution to our program.

All national farm organizations are supporting our program. The initial kits of educational materials have been distributed to all States. This program is being supported by the Department of Defense.

Another successful educational program is the "Civil Defense for the Home" program. Practically all of the seventy-five million copies of the program are being distributed. In this program, we are providing information on how to protect the home.

Another contributor to improved civil defense is the "Civil Defense College of the Armed Forces" which is providing information on nonmilitary defense.

Our training department prepares all the materials for the "Civil Defense use, provides matching funds for the training and the establishment of State and local training centers.

Many of the Federal departments are helping us. The Office of HEW, Extension Services, etc., are assisting us in the development of the program. State and local communities are also helping us in the development of the program.

Our objective is to effectively educate the public on the effects of weapons and the actions that should be taken to protect themselves from these effects. We do not believe that we can do this without the help of an informed citizenry who are aware of the situation.

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