Civil Defense: Misnomer Of The Age

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News columnist Marquis Childs reports from Washington that President Eisenhower is preparing to recommend merger of the Civil Defense Administration and the Office of Defense Mobilization. Meantime, the House has approved a bill to enlarge the federal role in civil defense. Further, it would permit use of federal matching funds for administrative costs at the state and local level and for purchase of radioactivity testing devices.

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These are steps toward confronting the helplessness of the public before the ever-present possibility of atomic warfare. But they are steps only, and timid steps at that, unless they spring from a willingness in Washington to admit into political discussion the icy realities of the problem.

A sound organizational structure and larger expenditures will come to nought without a popular conviction that civil defense is a necessity and not something hored people talk about in their spare time. There is no such conviction now. Even as the tempo of a stupendous arms race increases, there is only the assumption that the whole subject is too horrible to talk about or that nuclear warfare, being so horrible, will never happen the such temporary and the proposition and the proposition and the subject is too horrible to talk about or that nuclear warfare, being so horrible, will never happen the subject in the proposition and the

pen.

This is a heartwarming proposition all right, but it rests on nothing more substantial and a mixture of hope and futility. Both the U. S. and Russia are

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putting more and more of their military eggs in the nuclear basket. The U. S. would be hard put to fight any other kind of war. Soviet willingness or ability to retailate in kind is no longer in doubt. In recognition of these trends, the still secret Gaither Report is said to recommend the beginning of, an underground shelter program that might eventually cost \$20 billion.

Politicians trying to balance the budget ook to that like arsenic, of course, but the recommendation remains as a haunting reminder of how much there is to do and how little hes been done.

Admittedly, rapid pyramiding of the power of nuclear weapons has been an almost insuperable barrier to continuous civil defense planning. Along many high-ways, for example, signs still carry this levend: "In the event of enemy attack his highway will be closed to all but emergency traffic." The signs had some meaning when the biggest nuclear weapon produced the effect, of thousands of nos of TNT. Now that bombs are rated by millions of tons there will be no traffic, emergency or otherwise, going into target cities.

But certain hazards have been constant, the threat of fallout being a chief one, and nothing has been done about meeting these. The citizen who has even seen a Gieger counter is rare, and those who know how to use one are rarer.

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Both Congress and the administration have a responsibility to move quickly toward establishing a realistic civil defense organization. More can be done and more must be done to give Americans a chance to survive possible use of the weapons on which they are spending billions.

Keeping The Peace: A Rule Reaffirmed

ORVAL E. FAUBUS must have yawned mightily last week when the U. S. Court of Appeals at St. Louis ruled against his attempt to justify his use of the Arkansas National Guard in the Little Rock crisis.

Although Gov. Faubus plans an appeal to the Supreme Court, the result there as he surely must surmise, will be the same. It is inconceivable that any court would approve use of troops to thwart its orders in the guise of keeping the peace.

The appellate court rejected the gov-The appellate court rejected the governor's appeal from an injunction against his use of troops to keep Negro children out of Central High School. Said the three judges: "A rule which would permit an official whose duty it was to enforce the law to disregard the very law which it was his duty to enforce, in order to pacify a mob or suppress an insurrection, would deprive all citizens of any security in the enloyment of their life, liberty and property."

A Rule Reaffirmed

In other words, the court said the governor had a right to use troops to restrain a mob, but he did not have a right to use troops to deny citizens their rights in order to placate a mob. For this would have a smaking the million of the same as making the million of the same as making the million of the same as making the million. The state of the same as making the million of the said to the same as making the million. This the level principles for Faubus sought to middy once more are snelled out precisely. The last word will not be said, of course, until the Supreme Court rules on his appeal. But if as expected, that ruling goes against him, will the governor then be willing to fulfill his oath to uphold the law and keep the peace?

If so, federal troops can be withdrawn from Little Rock and a start made toward removing the emotional debris and easing the racial tensions that resulted from the governor's irresponsible posturings. If not, the troops will remain and the bitterness will grow. The governor remains the only person presently in a position to clean up the mess.

Candor Should Come In Small Doses

PERHAPS you'll never again see the likes of a politician such as Meade Alcorn. As GOP national chairman, Mr. Alcorn is chief mahout in the Republican drive for victory in the fall elections. But the other day, when by all rules of the game he should have been forecasting a GOP landslide, Alcorn allowed his party has little chance of taking the Senate.

This was something like Col. Nasser offering Anthony Eden the job of toll collector for the Suez Canal. W. C. Fields inviting Carrie Nations to tea or like Little Orphan Annie admitting, after all these years, that a wigmaker supplies her curle.

night, a candidate told an audience that if elected I promise to work to the best of my advantage..."

If this keeps up, you'll hear an auto manufacturer admitting that while those whaletail rear-end assembles are very flashy, they're pushing up auto insurance rates quite a bit: a Paris dress designer conceding he showed the sack this year because he mislaid the creation that came in it: Khrushchev confessing that was no dog that was Thukov that went up in Sputnik II: and the good, grav GREENSROOD DALIY NEWS admitting that GREENSROOD Flash where he are it. Mr. Alcorn should have a care with that break-neck candor of his. The truth will make us free, all right, but sometimes it's easier to accommodate in small doses.

From The Manchester Guardian

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UMNESE names are often very confusing to foreign visitors," writes
Mi Mi Khaing in "Perspective of
Man, a special supplement of the
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er whom we hardly dare call
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The President's scientific consultants advise that shooting people to the moon will cost a lot of money Which of course, could be regarded in Washington as still another excellent reason for doing it. — Outman (S.C.) STATE.



Paging Rube Goldberg

Ike's Staff System Is A Bust

The Tug of Responsibility Is Tremendous

WASHINGTON
The PRESIDENT himself has
now described one of the
tion's curious inability to take
rapid and decisive action on great
and urgent matters.
"I do not believe." he said at
his press conference, "that any
individual, acan do the best job
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"Actually, the job when you come right down to it, when you think of the interlocking staffs and associates that have to take and associates that have to take and the present of the particular of the presidency, he aid to be trying to keep his mind free of incon-sequential details. so that he can make clearer and better judg-ments."

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AWFUL TRUTH

And he is boldly preparing to implement it.

Very little gets done in truth, very little gets done in truth, except under the absolutely irresistible pressure of events, or when a single member of the Cabinet simply forges ahead on his own. Even the Defense Reognatiation Bill, immersally dehaby? does not really constitute an exception to the rule.

NOT IKE'S BABY

'A Crisis Of Trust'

Pearl Harbor Fears

NULLIFYING DANGER

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The promass for international inspectant in the Arctic zone were loaded on the theory that the inspectors could detect the preparation for a surger attack and ger of an all-out and absolute Pearl Harbor. Our remedy, in short, for the mistrust we have of Soviet intentions was to put a great deal of trust in an in-This proposal was vetoed Friday by the Soviet Union.

ENTERING WEDGE

But if I read Mr. Hammanskjold's remarks correctly, be
thinks that if the Soviet Union
and the United States would make
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DAG HAMMARSKJOLD Suspicion Runs Wild

People's Platform

Constitution Violated For Quarter Century Charlotte Charlotte

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Democrats Revive 1957 Education Bill

New Jersey expositulated:

"This is most unfair. The genleman from Montana is engaging in a clever a manueer, obviously designed to embarrase the President and pull plepablicans."

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Crying Need

should do something for our schools, whether or not the President has seen fit to reinclude it in his budget," countered Metcalf. "I'm tired of seeing some of our Republican friends duck out on this matter on the specious excuse that Democratis have changed something the President has proposed and that it isn't any longer the President's bill. Well, we're not changing this one as much as one comma. The exact bill like sent to the president has been exceeded by the company of the proposed o

Hillbilly Politics

The air in Alabama is filled with poli-tics and music. Four-teen candidates for governer go to the polis tomorrow, all of them running against one man-the Ne. gro. The lineup includes an array of crooners as well as candidates. Minnie Pearl of Grand Old Oppr is barn-storm-ing as a side attraction to George C. Wallace, an able Black Belt jurist who has labor backing. Minnie is reported drawing \$2000 a week on the Alabama huslings. ... A. W. Todd, the able, one armed Alabama countissioner of as-