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KENWOOD BUILDING
(SEATTLE)

SURVIVAL PLAN



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SURVIVAL? You thought you'd heard everything. But this survival, that's a new one. What's it all about?

Actually, we're not presenting anything startling. We have simply weighed a lot of facts about life in these United States under present conditions. We have determined how we can best cope with these conditions and developed a plan for all of us to follow, right here in Seattle - in the Kenwood Office Building - to survive an atomic attack. Conformance with the plan, if we are ever attacked, can help to save your life.

Let's review briefly a few facts. We may not agree with them entirely, but they represent the conclusions of the best experts in the field today. For example:

1. The threat of war is something that we must live with today, tomorrow and probably for a long time to come.
2. Such a war, if it comes, will probably be fought, in part at least, on our home soil. This is something that you and I have never experienced.
3. The potential enemy has the weapons for a nuclear war, and the means for delivering these weapons in quantity to American targets.
4. Besides military installations, chosen targets will include our industries, transportation, power and communications systems.
5. Attacks on non-military targets means attacks on the civil population.
6. Seattle, as an industrial city and a leading transportation center, is classed as a critical target area.

7. But -- this does NOT spell doom for all Seattleites. Far from it --
8. Careful planning, training and adherence to these plans can save many lives.
9. We're really talking of another form of insurance - SURVIVAL insurance, -- and most of us believe in insurance.

Now let us review what has been accomplished to date to deter the threat of war, and to save lives if we are attacked.

First - The United States and other free nations of the world are working tirelessly for a lasting peace.

Second - Our armed forces were never stronger, better prepared or more alert than today.

Third - Our Department of Defense and our Canadian neighbors have devised means for early warning of impending air attack on the North American continent. This warning system, in which we -- as telephone people -- play a vital part, is constantly being improved.

Fourth - Civil Defense is being rapidly organized throughout the country to protect human lives if an attack comes. Plans include "evacuation" and "shelter" programs which we will cover in more detail. Together - these make up the SURVIVAL plans for our community.

SEATTLE CIVIL DEFENSE PLAN

Seattle's Civil Defense plans contemplate action

(1) to save the most lives

- (2) to limit damage to property
- (3) to restore production facilities

We are concerned -- from a Company standpoint -- in all of these objectives. They parallel our own, and in the same order of priority. In your day-to-day work you have no doubt observed Company activities aimed toward accomplishment of these objectives. Possibly, you've had a hand in them.

EVACUATION

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A vital part of Seattle's Civil Defense plan concerns EVACUATION of the target area. They state that, "within a radius of 13 miles from 'ground zero' (or downtown Seattle) the public will have to evacuate to insure minimum loss of life". To accomplish this they have designated 30 traffic lanes originating within a ten mile radius of downtown Seattle as one-way escape routes. Recent traffic surveys indicate that, given reasonable warning time, these lanes - together with other available facilities - and with public cooperation, will reduce casualties to a relatively few people.

Quite obviously, it will be essential for the public; for you and I, to cooperate fully with Civil Defense during an evacuation.

Details of the Seattle evacuation plan are included in an Evacuation Map which is enclosed with this booklet.

THE PUBLIC ACTION SIGNAL FOR E V A C U A T I O N IS A STEADY BLAST OF 3 TO 5 MINUTES ON SIRENS, WHISTLES, HORNS, ETC. IN THE KENWOOD OFFICE BUILDING, A STEADY BLAST OF THE HORN AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE LOUDSPEAKER PAGING SYSTEM TO EVACUATE.

WHEN YOU HEAR THE EVACUATION SIGNAL:

On the job (in the Kenwood Office Building)

1. If you are assigned to a DISASTER task (storing classified material in safes or cabinets, dropping venetian blinds, etc.) complete the task as rapidly as possible.

Lock doors. Shut off water, gas, furnace.

2. Proceed to your assembly area, and follow the instructions of your floor warden for vacating the building.
3. Use your own transportation and proceed as directed by the Civil Defense authorities. See the enclosed EVACUATION map.
4. Follow instructions of Civil Defense authorities until you are finally released by them.
5. When released.

-- if no bomb was dropped, proceed to your job, or to your home.

-- if there has been an explosion proceed to the most convenient Pacific Telephone office or garage and report in.

On the job (in the field or in another building)

1. Follow local Civil Defense instructions.
2. Act in accordance with 4 and 5 above.

Off the job (at home)

You should develop a Family Civil Defense plan NOW. Your family should be thoroughly familiar with it. You probably should have a "dry run" or two soon -- just in case. (Your Community Block Warden can be of considerable help in setting up a Family Civil Defense Plan. See also the enclosed EVACUATION MAP.)

1. Proceed to carry out your own Civil Defense Plan.
2. Act in accordance with 4 and 5 above.

SHELTER

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Authorities very generally agree that "evacuation" is the best possible protection against nuclear warfare, but recognize that it may not be possible under all conditions to obtain sufficient advance warning to make evacuation possible. Any physical protection at all is better than direct exposure to the blast, fire and radiation effects of a nuclear explosion. Your chance for survival is greater in almost any type of building than on the street. So, if an attack is imminent, you will hear -

THE PUBLIC ACTION SIGNAL FOR TAKE COVER. THIS IS A WAVY, WAILING TONE, OR SERIES OF SHORT BLASTS, SOUNDED FOR THREE MINUTES ON SIRENS, WHISTLES, HORNS, ETC. IN THE KENWOOD OFFICE BUILDING A SERIES OF SHORT BLASTS ON HORNS WILL BE SOUNDED AND THEN AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE LOUDSPEAKER PAGING SYSTEM INFORMING ALL EMPLOYEES TO PROCEED TO THE AIR RAID SHELTER IN THE BASEMENT OF THE KENWOOD OFFICE BUILDING.

WHEN YOU HEAR THE TAKE COVER SIGNAL:

On the job (in the Kenwood Office Building)

1. Carry out DISASTER tasks as in 1, under EVACUATION.

2. Proceed to your assembly area. Follow the instructions of your floor wardens which will generally include:

- (a) assemble in the basement shelter of Kenwood Office Building.
- (b) cover your face with your arms,
- (c) crowd into a compact group, etc.

3. Action beyond this step depends entirely upon the outcome of the "alert". Your floor warden will receive guidance from Civil Defense authorities. Follow his instructions implicitly!

On the job (in the field or in another building)

- 1. If you are in the open seek the nearest shelter. Don't delay.
- 2. If you are in a building follow local Civil Defense instructions.

Off the job (at home)

- 1. Carry out your Family Civil Defense Plan for "Take Cover" situations.

When released, and if no bomb explosion has occurred, proceed to your job or to your home.

If a bomb explosion has occurred, follow Civil Defense instructions for getting out of the area after you have rendered any help within your capability. Then proceed to the most convenient Pacific Telephone Office or garage and report in.

Supplemental instructions have been issued to certain key personnel who have specific assignments during and following a Civil Defense emergency. If you have not received such instructions, follow those in this booklet. Remember, you are under Civil Defense rules and regulations during and following a Civil Defense alert, until released by them. Follow their instructions for your own protection and that of your fellow citizens.

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1. When outside a building:

1. Remain outside until told to enter building.
2. If told to enter building, follow instructions for entering building.
3. If told to remain outside, follow instructions for remaining outside.

2. When inside a building:

1. If you are in the room and are not told to leave, stay in the room.
2. If you are in the room and are told to leave, follow instructions for leaving the room.

3. If you are in a building and are told to leave, follow instructions for leaving the building.

Off the job (at home)

1. Carry out your Family Civil Defense Plan for "Take Cover" situations.

When released, and if no bomb explosion has occurred, proceed to your job or to your home.

If a bomb explosion has occurred, follow the instructions for getting out of the building and staying in the open area after you have been told to leave. Then proceed to the nearest designated assembly area and report to the Pacific Telephone Office or your local telephone office.

