NIH TO ASSUME ITS CIVIL DEFENSE ROLE

PRACTICE RUNS TO BE HELD IN MAY

If a brilliant light suddenly flashed outside your southern windows, followed a few seconds later by a violent tremor and the sound of a distant explosion, what would you be expected to do?

At last, nearly all of us at NIH know the answer to this question, and all of us know what is expected of NIH as a whole.

For more than a year, committees at NIH have been working on detailed plans for the immediate conversion of those research facilities necessary to form an emergency hospital capable of caring for 1,500 inpatients and a minimum of 10,000 outpatients from Northwest Washington.

The NIH plans now have the approval of the District of Columbia and Montgomery County Civil Defense authorities and are coordinated with the over-all defense plan for the metropolitan area. Surgeon General Scheele has approved NIH's role in the community program and has given his full approval for the practice and test runs to be held here on Thursdays during the month of May.

The first three Thursdays in May have been set aside for practice runs, with Thursday, May 22, slated for the actual test run. The practices will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In the event of atomic attack or other major disaster, we at NIH will be able to contribute most effectively to the welfare of our own families by carrying out the emergency duties for which we volunteered. When we accepted these duties we accepted a real responsibility to our community.

Our assignments, by the way, were not made on the basis of rank, but rather need. Thus you may find a scientist and a purchase officer as a litter team, a secretary and an administrative assistant as messengers, a laboratory assistant processing blood and plasma, and a librarian in the blood donor center.

No job is more important than another. It is only through the complete cooperation of all of us that the program can operate effectively.

Since we cannot make a real contribution in a crisis unless each of us is thoroughly schooled in the part we are to play, training for civil defense is being made available during working hours. Our training programs are arranged for the least possible disruption to normal activities.

During the first practice run Thursday, May 1, we are asked to proceed according to the schedule on Page 4.

Our Civil Defense Committee will meet on the days following the practice runs to review and improve the plans. If changes are made as a result of the practice runs, you will be notified. Other changes may occur as new facilities and buildings are made available at NIH, and you will be contacted if the changes affect your assignment.

According to current information, there are a very few people at NIH unassigned for the first civil defense rehearsal May 1. Many of these will have the opportunity to volunteer for duties later as needs become more evident. If you are unassigned please stay in your lab or office during rehearsal time, but if your car is on the north, central, or south parking lots, it must be removed to the appropriate emergency parking areas.

On Page 2 of this issue, you will find a traffic map to guide you in moving your car from the north, central, and south lots to the emergency parking areas. Directional signs will be posted in advance of the first practice.

Check your assignment notice to see where you are to report after you have moved your car. If you do not have to move a car, you may go directly to your assignment when the alarm sounds.

The map on Page 3 illustrates the civil defense activities assigned to the buildings on the reservation.

During the first practice run on May 1, the chairman of your subcommittee will discuss NIH's civil defense program and the part you are to play in it.

Keep this issue of the NIH Record for ready reference. Since the practices will be carried out Rain or Shine, old clothes and flat-heeled shoes will be the costume of the day. The Health Unit in Building 1 will remain open in the event anyone needs medical attention during the tests.

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Parking lots - North, Central, and South
Receiving and sorting areas for patients

Bldg. 1
Central command
Operating rooms
Food services

Bldg. 2
Burn patients

Bldg. 3
Post-operative patients

Bldg. 4
Burn patients

Bldg. 5
Mentally disturbed patients

Bldg. 6
Pre-operative patients
Post-operative patients

Bldg. 8
Pre-operative patients
Post-operative patients

Bldg. 9L (Top Cottage)
Outpatient services

Bldg. 16
Information center and personnel services

Bldg. 16-A
Blood donor center

Bldg. 12
Morgue

Bldg. 13
Depot for medical supplies
NIH CIVIL DEFENSE REHEARSALS

Thursday, May 1 -- Practice Run

2:00 p.m. Fire alarm sounds code 1-1-1.

All employees with cars parked in north, central, and south parking lots will move them immediately. See map on Page 2 for directions.

Report immediately to the chairman of your subcommittee at the location listed below. For building locations, see map on Page 3.

Coordinating Committee

Medical Services

- Dr. Sebrell
- Dr. Brown
- Dr. Arnold
- Dr. Hon
- Dr. Vestermark
- Dr. Hundley
- Dr. McCullough
- Dr. Kaiser
- Dr. Rudman
- Dr. Lynch
- Dr. Shelokov
- Dr. Smith
- Dr. Greer
- Dr. Tripp
- Dr. Murray
- Dr. Hornbrook
- Dr. Hottle
- Dr. Stewart
- Dr. Keister
- Dr. Knowlton
- Mr. Ing
- Mr. Sharpless
- Miss Fitzgerald
- Dr. Law
- Dr. Peers
- Dr. Small
- Dr. Meadors
- Mr. Davis
- Dr. Boone
- Dr. Daft
- Mr. Schroeder
- Mr. Snow
- Dr. Thorp
- Dr. Dorn
- Mr. May
- Mr. Taylor
- Mr. Courson
- Mr. Black

Whole Blood and Blood Derivatives

Clinical Laboratory Services

- Dr. Vestermark
- Dr. Hundley
- Dr. McCullough
- Dr. Kaiser
- Dr. Rudman
- Dr. Lynch
- Dr. Shelokov
- Dr. Smith
- Dr. Greer
- Dr. Tripp
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- Mr. Courson
- Mr. Black

Note: All persons assigned to Buildings Management Services should report as directed in the notices they received.

4:00 p.m. Termination of practice run will be announced by your subcommittee chairman.

Return to your normal duties -- leave your car in emergency parking lots until you go home.

Thursday, May 8 -- Practice Run -- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15 - Practice Run -- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 22 - Actual Test Run -- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.