



CLOSE SCRUTINY... Families are urged to study the booklet thoroughly. In a typical family, Norman McDevitt of Los Angeles reads contents to his wife Peggy and their children, Frances, 10; Eileen, 7, and Jimmy, 4. This is the first step.



Booklet on "Survival Under Atomic Attack" May Save Your Life



FIRST-AID SUPPLIES . . . The men of the family make sure family has adequate first-aid and medical supplies.

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INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Included in the booklet "Survival Under Atomic Attack" are not only some simple, easy-to-follow instructions concerning practices individual families should adopt to protect themselves but also some reassurances in regard to the much-feared weapon. Copies of the informative booklet, reprinted by the State Office of Civil Defense from an official U. S. government pamphlet, are now being distributed to every home in this State.

Secrets of survival, the booklet points out at the out-set, are: (1) Know the bomb's true dangers. (2) Know the steps you can take to escape.

The booklet reports that if you happen to be right under the bomb when it explodes there is practically no hope of living through it. In fact, anywhere within one-half mile of the center of the explosion your chances of escaping are only about one out of 10.

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However, from one-half to a mile away you have a 50-50 chance. From one to one and one-half miles out the odds are that you will be killed are 15 in 100. Beyond two miles the explosion will cause practically no deaths. The danger in most residential areas, therefore, is in flying glass and falling timbers. First step in preparing to prevent death or injury in the home is for all members of the family to become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the booklet. Other preparations include a supply of canned foods and bottled water which can resist possible contamination. First-ald and medical supplies should be handy. And, the household should have a flathlight in good working order.

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When the bomb explodes, drop flat, preferably against an inside wall away from windows. Bury your face in the crook of your elbow as a protection against flash burns. A table or desk also offers good protection. Remain still for several minutes.

What about water, electricity and gas? The instruc-tions simply are these: Do not shut off any of these services. If you have time, however, do shut off irons, toasters, stoves and other appliances.

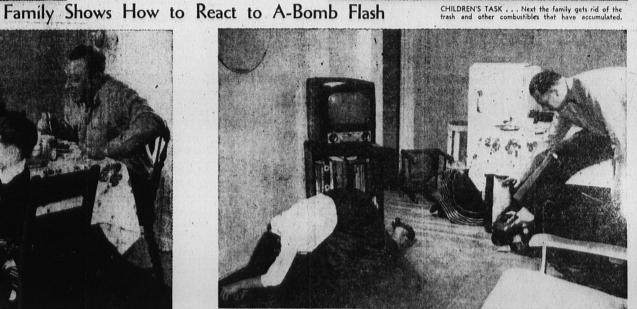


CHILDREN'S TASK ... Next the family gets rid of the trash and other combustibles that have accumulated.



EMERGENCY . . . Members of family, at dinner table, shield faces in first reaction to atomic bomb "flash."

Booklet urges persons to bury faces in crook of arm as protection against flash burns after dropping to floor.



LYING LOW . . . Children drop under the table while mother and father filing themselves face down on floor.

After burst remain still for several moments, says pamphlet. Close up house to keep out fire sparks, radioactive dust.