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Defense Department Executives Favor Shelter Aid, Board Told

The Defense Dept. agrees in principle with the proposal by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that the Federal government should provide matching funds on a dollar per dollar basis for construction of civilian defense shelters by local government units, it was reported this week by Gilbert W. Lindsay, deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who has just returned from a visit to Washington, where he conferred with key civil defense leaders.

However, Lindsay stated that he was informed by Lawrence Klamont, special assistant to civil defense Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, that Congress has not yet appropriated sufficient funds to enable the Defense Department to allocate matching funds for shelters in new construction projects.

LINDSAY'S appointment at the Pentagon was arranged through Andrew Hatcher, assistant press secretary to President Kennedy.

Lindsay conferred with Senator Claire Engle (D-Calif.) and outlined Supervisor Hahn's proposals on civil defense. Senator Engle expressed full support of the program.

Klamont informed Lindsay that the plan by which the Federal government would match shelter construction funds with states, cities, counties and school district, could not be implemented until sufficient funds are appropriated by Congress.

LINDSAY emphasized that the Los Angeles County metropolitan area is one of the most important defense areas in the nation because of the heavy concentration of defense, electronics, and aviation plants.

Because of the huge concentration of population, mass evacuation would be impossible and the only alternative is a comprehensive shelter building program.

"I think it is a very hopeful sign that the Pentagon has realized the necessity of cooperating with local government in providing shelters for the civilian population," Hahn declared after hearing Lindsay's report.

HE STATED, however, that he is concerned over the vast amount of red tape, delay, and indecision in Washington over civil defense planning.

"Instead of putting money

into construction of shelters in new buildings, the Pentagon is conducting a survey of facilities that can be used temporarily for shelters and does not expect to complete the survey until 1962. That is too long to wait," Supervisor Hahn stated.

He added that shelters should be included in every public building being built now and that any further delays will increase costs and deny the public the protection of shelters.

"IN LOS ANGELES County right now, four new elementary schools are being built each five weeks. One new high school is being completed each 11 weeks. None of these have shelters, but they all should have shelters for the protection of the children."

Supervisor Hahn emphasized that Los Angeles County has exercised civil defense leadership for many years and has included civil defense shelters in each new sheriff's sub-station.

"LOS ANGELES County can't do the job alone. Actually, the Federal government has primary responsibility for civil defense. The first step that must be taken is the construction of shelters in all new public buildings. The protection of the civilian population is just as important as building up huge stockpiles of arms and munitions. The Federal government is now budgeting \$47 billion for military defense, but only \$290 million for civilian defense."

Firm Manager In New York

Manager Shirley Chilton of the Palos Verdes Estates office of Hayden, Stone & Co., is attending conferences of the firm in New York this week. She joined managers of other Southern California offices of the firm for the conference.



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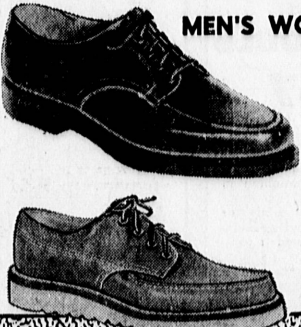


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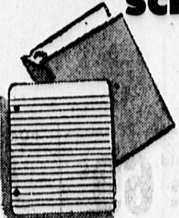
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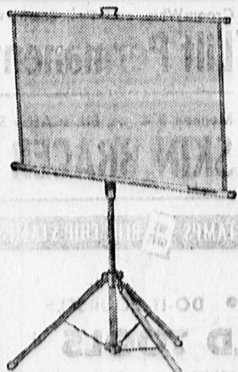


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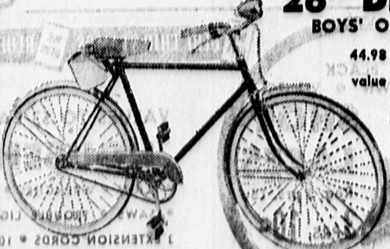
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