

# Establishment of Food Stockpiles Proposed

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's proposal to establish food stockpiles throughout California for civil defense has stirred interest in the capitals of California and the Nation.

With these available resources, a practical and effective civil defense program could be established at no direct cost to the taxpayer.

Hahn has written to President Johnson and Governor Brown on the program and recently was in Washington, D.C., to confer with top government officials.

Main points of discussion were the use of prisoners and young persons in custody to provide the labor to put the long-range program into operation, while at the same time providing occupational training and vocational rehabilitation.

as recorded in the Book of Genesis—was cited as sound reasoning for such a program in this era of plenty for America.

Secretary of Agriculture noted there's "a great amount of food normally in storage at various points throughout the country . . . (but) some communities might be short of food following an attack which disrupted transportation and communications."

For example, the San Francisco area could sustain its population with available food resources for approximately 300 days, taking under consideration food currently on the shelves of stores and homes and on the holds of ships in port at San Francisco Harbor.

and report back to me and to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors."

The Supervisor's plan would utilize high stockpiles of food now maintained by the Federal Government and the manpower of the more than 64 thousand persons in penal institutions in California.

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In Washington, the Supervisor saw Dr. Stafford Warren, special assistant to the President, and John Lafferty, chief, Food, Welfare, Petroleum, Gas and Solid Fuel Resources.

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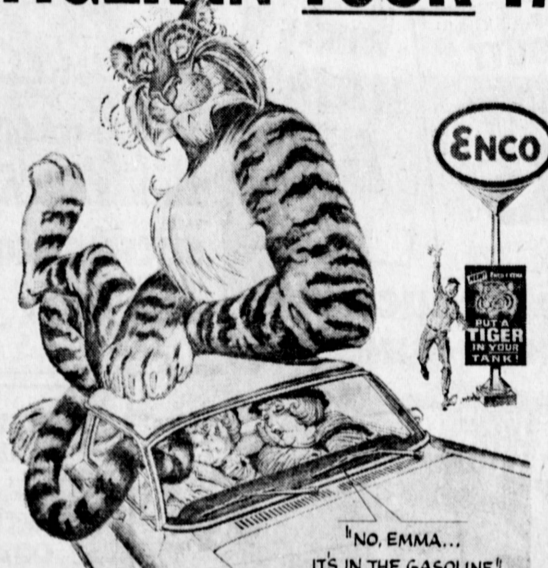
Hahn stressed that one of the greatest deterrents to enemy attack is the ability of a people to sustain itself and counterattack. "To survive is not enough, we must have the resources to sustain life for re-building," he said.

On the same basis, Los Angeles would have 60 to 70 days if completely cut away

FROM Sacramento, Governor Edmund G. Brown informed Hahn this week that he has asked his Executive Secretary, Winslow Christian, to "pursue your suggestions

A civil defense official for the City of Burlingame has called Hahn's proposal "one of the best suggestions that has been submitted in recent years."

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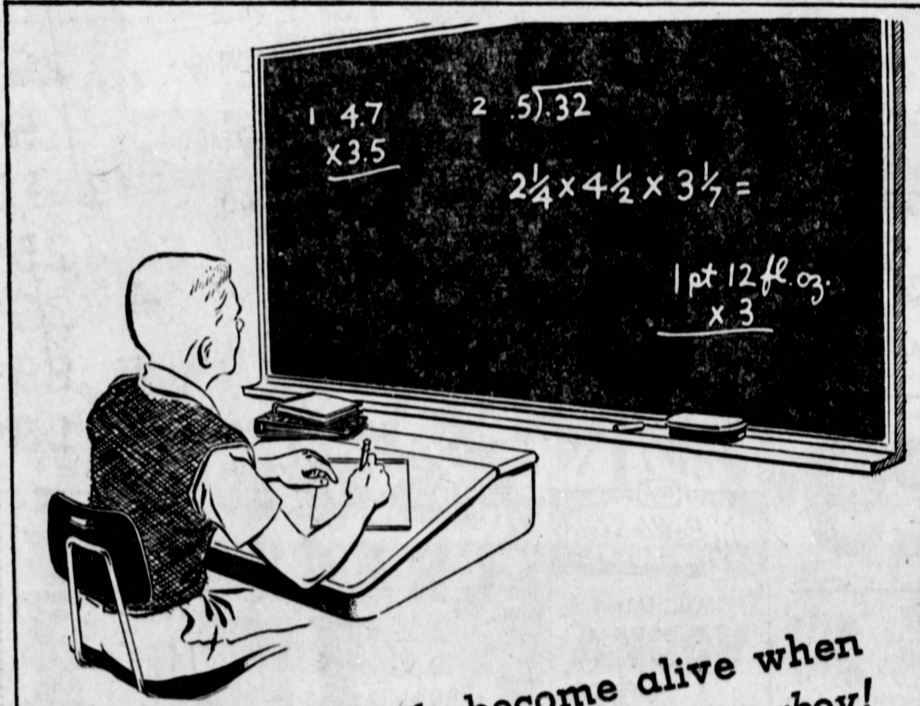
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