

FIGHTING CHANCE

John 8: 31-32

Proverbs 22: 3

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God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just. That His justice cannot sleep forever.

Thomas Jefferson

SENSE OF THE SENATE

Under the auspices of the American Homeland Defense Alliance (see article below) together with the American Conservative Union, we have initiated a serious attempt to get realistic action by the United States government on civil defense.

Soon, possibly before you receive this newsletter, the United States Senate will have voted upon the resolution on page 2.

This resolution will be introduced by Senators Symms (ID) and Helms (NC) with the co-sponsorship of Senators Armstrong (CO), Cochran (MS), Gramm (TX), Hecht (NV), Humphrey (NH), Quayle (IN), Wallop (WY), and Wilson (CA).

Senator Symms and Wilson sent the letter on page 3 to each of their 98 colleagues in the Senate.

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the American Civil Defense program.

WHEREAS in this age of nuclear energy, the people of the United States are endangered by nuclear war, nuclear terrorist attacks, and nuclear accidents;

WHEREAS in the event of nuclear war the people are in the additional danger of starvation during the time before acquisition and food transportation can be restored;

WHEREAS blast and radiation shelters and food storage methods have been invented which can protect people from these nuclear dangers without evacuation;

WHEREAS blast and radiation shelters and food reserves have been built to protect the peoples of Switzerland, the U.S.S.R. and some other countries;

WHEREAS this United States Government has been established to provide for the common defense of the people;

WHEREAS at present no defensive blast and radiation shelters or distributed food reserves have been built for most of the people in the United States;

WHEREAS the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture have the knowledge and resources to provide this essential protection: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of the Senate that the United States Department of Defense with the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture should provide immediately to this Congress a report on a program for the building of nuclear blast and radiation shelters and for the storage of at least one year's supply of food for every civilian and every military person in the United States within walking distance of their houses and places of work.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 6, 1987

Dear Colleague,

This week, we will introduce the attached Sense of the Senate Resolution. The resolution calls for the Department of Defense, with the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture, to submit to this body a report on a reasonable and sensible national civil defense plan.

As defined in the Constitution, it is the responsibility of our government to provide for the national defense, which includes civil defense. Our government should provide the best possible protection from nuclear disaster, whether it be war, terrorist attack or industrial accident. Currently, countries such as the Soviet Union, Switzerland and the Peoples Republic of China are providing to their citizens civil defense protection based on inventions of American scientists and engineers. Do our citizens deserve any less?

If you would like to join us as a cosponsor, or have any questions concerning the resolution, please contact Andrew Jazwick (Symms) at 4-6142, or Jay Kriss (Wilson) at 4-0590.

Sincerely,



Pete Wilson
United States Senator



Steve Symms
United States Senator

I wrote this resolution for consideration by the U.S. Senate. The resolution is the first in a series of legislative steps toward American civil defense deployment. Robert Billings of ACU and I personally talked with thirty Senators and/or their legislative assistants. Twenty-eight of these Senators indicated that they would vote for the resolution and twenty indicated a willingness to co-sponsor it. Formal confirmation of co-sponsorship from ten has been received so far.

Although our resources permitted meetings with only 30 offices initially, we plan to continue this effort. Beginning in November we will hold a series of classes about civil defense for congressional staff members on Capitol Hill and will continue our work with individual congressional offices.

We were able to obtain appointments and meetings with most of these Senators and their staffs for one primary reason: the many books and letters which **Fighting Chance** supporters have sent to Washington during the past year. Without those letters and books, this resolution would not have a chance. **If the books and letters continue, then we shall be able to go forward with subsequent legislation which contains greater substance.**

I urge each of you to sit down right now and write a personal letter of thanks to Senator Steve Symms for introducing this resolution. If you can, please write to Senators Jesse Helms and Pete Wilson as well. Address the letters to them at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Most importantly, regardless of how many letters and books you have already sent to Washington, please do it all again - and more - especially to your own two Senators and your Congressman. If you do this, Robert Billings and I can make progress with this effort. Otherwise, even though we shall try, we may fail.

This resolution has a good chance of passage. If it does not pass, we shall just keep working until it does.

Even as the resolution stands now (prior to the vote) with its positive language and prestigious list of co-sponsors, this constitutes remarkable progress for civil defense on Capitol Hill.

This progress was made possible by you, the supporters of **Fighting Chance**. We just walked through the doors that you opened for us. Please keep those doors open by means of your letters and books.

NATIONAL FOOD RESERVE

During these past weeks of discussion in Senatorial offices, I stressed two things: a national system of blast and radiation shelter for every American (without evacuation) and a year's supply of food stored within walking distance of every American.

They understand the need for the shelters, but the cost - about \$75 billion - seems politically beyond reach. I think that we can change this. After all, they recently passed an \$88 billion measure to repair the nation's highways. The lobby behind that bill - steel, concrete, and construction - is the same one which would build the shelter system.

We would have been better off with building shelters than with filling chuckholes in the roads, but perhaps both can be done. The high cost, however, makes this political effort for shelters difficult.

The national food reserve, however, is not a costly matter. In fact, it may actually save money and not cost anything. For this reason I found even the more frugal Senators willing to consider the immediate implementation of a food reserve plan.

For example, consider southern Oregon which is a much safer region in case of war than are most American urban areas. The climate and population density here is such that the region could grow all of its own food if necessary. Strategically, it would probably be bombed in an attack, but it would not bear the worst effects of a war. The region raises pears, meat, and a small amount of staple foods (grain and beans), but at present contains only about a one month supply of staple foods for its population.

In the event of war, even if by some miracle southern Oregon suffered no direct bombing effects whatever, most of the 300,000 people here would starve to death. They would be dead from starvation before they could go through a single growing season and raise their own food.

They would die even though the staple food they need is currently in storage in American farming regions - regions that cannot be reached without the modern transportation systems which would not be operating during the first few months after a nuclear attack.

If a part of the national grain and bean surplus were stored in southern Oregon, then this problem would be solved. The storage costs would be no greater than those being paid to store this food now.

Moreover, dispersal of this food surplus into the civil defense system would partially remove it from the world markets where it is currently depressing the price of farm commodities. As those prices rise, the United States government agricultural support payments would decrease, tax revenues from the farming regions would increase, and the federal government would actually save money.

If this policy were implemented to supply a year's supply of staples within reach of every American, wartime starvation could be prevented while saving money at the same time. It is therefore not surprising that many of the Senators with whom I spoke favor this idea - even Senators who are not from farm states.

Support can obviously be expected from the farm lobby, and opposition can be expected from a few commercial interests who currently benefit from the food surplus and its political idiosyncrasies. Please help us to get this job done. I am certain that, with effective grass-roots support, this food reserve program can become a reality in the immediate future.

One note of warning. This is not a problem which can be solved on a personal basis as easily as it may seem. Purchase and storage of a year's supply of staples for your family is easy, and you should do it. The cost is only \$50 to \$200 per person depending upon what you buy. See *Nuclear War Survival Skills* for some good suggestions.

However, regardless of this precaution, you may still starve - especially in areas where the nuclear devastation is not too great, so that there are many survivors.

If you have food, while most of the members of your community do not, the established authorities are probably going to seize your "hoarded" food. Forget about defending your supplies with weapons.

Think instead about a polite knock on your door by your local sheriff in response to a newly created local food-cooperation ordinance. Be realistic. You cannot resist this authority. He would be backed by law, by many deputies, and by the unanimous opinion of the people in your hungry community.

At our farm, we keep 25 tons of staple grains in storage which we rotate through the feeding of our sheep. Surely, then, our family would have food. No, we would probably

starve. That grain would feed our local community for three days. We would have no choice.

Every one of us has a stake in community food reserve plans. Until everyone within 50 to 100 miles of *your food* is also within 50 to 100 miles of an *uncontested* food reserve for themselves, your food is at risk.

The staple foods are stored in America right now. Let's store them near all of our communities and save our government some money at the same time.

\$300 BILLION

Each year about 30% of the federal budget is spent for defense. This is about one billion dollars per day which the American people allocate for the defense of their country.

Virtually all Americans think of this as an expenditure for defense. There is no significant group which advocates aggression or conquest as a part of American policy.

Each year the various political factions debate about the size of this expenditure. Most of this debate, however, concerns only about 10% of the total expenditure. The approximate order of magnitude of the defense budget is rarely really at issue.

Moreover, opinion polls of American opinion consistently show that the citizens of the United States oppose communism, consider the Soviets to be a major threat to American lives and freedom, and strongly favor the construction of homeland defenses based upon civil defense and strategic defense.

Yet, America has no civil defense and no strategic defense. Not only are American civilians unprotected, but virtually all American military personnel are also completely unprotected.

How is it possible to spend \$300 billion per year for the defense of the United States without providing the most simple and effective homeland defenses?

The chilling fact is that our "defense" establishment has become a vast welfare system for an army of bureaucrats and paper shufflers, a bloated military-industrial complex, a world-wide protection racket for a cadre of multinational corporations, and a nationwide system of pork barrel projects. The dedicated military professionals who actually try to

defend us are a minority group within this system who are tolerated primarily in order to provide some justification for the rest.

The economic and political power which has been transferred to this vast defense establishment by means of the \$300 billion per year subsidy is so great that our politicians are literally afraid to challenge it.

The entire strategic defense funding issue now revolves, therefore, around whether \$3 billion or \$4 billion of "new" money will be allocated. Neither of these amounts will deploy an effective system. Why not just spend three months of the current "defense" budget (\$75 billion) to deploy the best available strategic defense? The reality is that the defense budget is already allocated to the support of a vast welfare system which has very little to do with the defense of the United States. The \$300 billion is not available for American homeland defense.

This same political reality confronts civil defense. A complete civil defense system with excellent protection for all Americans can be built for a one-time expenditure of three months of the current defense budget. Again, however, the "defense" budget is not available for the defense of Americans.

It is understandable that our politicians fear the \$300 billion defense establishment, since it is clearly powerful enough to assure their retirement from politics. It is perhaps more puzzling that so many of our intelligent and patriotic military and civilian leaders tolerate this situation.

In part, these people are concerned that an attempt to correct these massive misappropriations of defense funds would result in complete withdrawal of the funds. Military spending cuts in one area would not certainly result in spending increases in other areas. Instead the funds might be lost altogether. Rather than risk a political disaster by criticizing the current programs, they hope that at least enough worthwhile defense will survive in the current system to keep the Soviets at bay.

It is easy for a newsletter writer to complain about this from atop a self-constructed ivory tower. If one actually has the responsibility to defend the country, these decisions are not easy. I do not know what approach will work the best.

America is unlikely to deploy an adequate strategic defense or civil defense until it is recognized that a significant part of the current \$300 billion defense budget must be used for these purposes. The extraction of these funds from the current "defense" establishment will not be easy.

President Eisenhower's warning against the "military-industrial complex" has often been cited by those who claim that this "complex" is warlike and may cause war. In fact, the last thing that the beneficiaries of this vast, bloated \$300 billion welfare system want is war.

Paradoxically, the military-industrial complex has made war much more likely - not because it is belligerent, but instead because it has absorbed all of America's defense funds without providing a credible defense for the country. This has left America manipulated by fear of destruction by Soviet tyranny -- a destruction which will surely come if we do not build a homeland defense without delay.

LUWA VENTILATION UNITS

Many **Fighting Chance** supporters are now building steel blast shelters. Our recommended design has a bolted flange which accommodates homemade or commercial ventilation units.

The Swiss standard for every Swiss home, business, and public shelter space, requires blast, radiation, chemical, and biological protection. It also requires that all equipment be shock protected.

The best commercial unit incorporating all of these features for the 10,000 gallon tanks which most of you are installing is the LUWA VA 180.

This unit may be purchased by contacting Eberhard Gerth, LUWA, Suite 230, 4400 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Phone (301) 652-0884. Telex 248704 TURN UR.

Specify a VA 180 ventilating unit complete with blast valves for air intake and outlet; air filter; gas filter; accessories; and 110 volt 60 cycle motor and hand crank.

The LUWA price is approximately \$3000 plus freight.

An optional design for a steel shelter entryway which includes a second blast door, air lock, decontamination chamber, and mountings for the LUWA units will be included soon on our design drawings and sent to those who previously purchased drawings (\$20 from **Fighting Chance**).

If you want to use the LUWA unit and you are building the entryway now, telephone us at (503) 592-4142 for this optional design. The design on the drawings now will work, but the option is an improvement.

You can build a homemade ventilation system for much less than \$3000. Swiss standards and quality are, however, much higher than you can achieve with a homemade system. If you can afford the price, buy the LUWA system.

JACKSON COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL

The Jackson County Civil Defense Council in Medford, Oregon is becoming very effective.

The initial meeting of 175 people which followed the mailing of *Fighting Chance* in the Medford area was then followed by a series of organizational meetings and now regular public meetings. Attendance is good and the programs have been excellent.

Recently the local Medford PSR (Physicians for "Social Responsibility") chapter changed their meeting time to be identical to the publicly announced Jackson County Civil Defense meeting time. Apparently, too many physicians were learning the truth about civil defense.

The Jackson County group is now completing a steel blast shelter (without entryways) 8 feet in diameter and 22 feet long with complete furnishings including a LUWA 180 ventilation unit.

This shelter is trailer mounted and will be parked in public places like shopping centers along with tables of information, tours, and Council members to educate the public about civil defense.

The Jackson County group also recently organized a purchase of 20 tons of wheat for their individual members.

With their organization growing, with the local merchants of appeasement and surrender in retreat, with the good coverage by local television, radio, and newspapers, and with an aggressive information campaign built around their display shelter, the Jackson County group is becoming the dominant political influence on national defense issues in the community.

Fighting Chance started this activity by mailing books to every person in Medford. Theirs is, however, a completely autonomous organization of Jackson County residents and is becoming a fine example of local civil defense grass roots action.

Most Americans favor homeland defense. Once those in a community who are actually willing to spend time working for defense are identified and brought together, action follows. The book mailings are proving to be a workable mechanism for accomplishing this beginning.

GREED AND FEAR

An advertising man once told me that he had found that two things motivate people: greed and fear - and that, of the two, fear is the stronger.

This is a pessimistic and narrow view. Militant love of God and of people and institutions and even passive love are highly motivating emotions. There are many additional good human characteristics that this advertising man had forgotten.

The two, greed and fear, are, however, quite important. Any good commodities trader knows these emotions. Markets are driven up by greed and down by fear. Since fear is the stronger emotion, markets tend to fall faster than they rise.

The Soviets know about these emotions. 5% of the people behind the iron curtain have been murdered in "peacetime" at the hands of their own governments. These actions have sufficed to keep the remaining 95% controlled by fear. Fear of death, fear of starvation, fear of separation from one's loved ones, fear of torture - these are the tools of communistic social control. The durability of communistic regimes attests to the effectiveness of these tools.

Now, through worldwide nuclear superiority in defense and offense, the Soviets are exporting this fear to the rest of us. Fear of this power is causing American capitulation in many important areas around the world. Other excuses are given, but the root cause is fear.

There are two responses to fear. In some people this emotion is entirely debilitating. They become paralyzed by fear and are incapable of positive action against its cause. Other people rise to this emotion. It motivates them to strong and effective action against the threat. It is upon this kind of people that America has always depended for her survival.

Last week one Senate staff member who expressed to me full support for our civil defense efforts put it this way. "The real problem in the Senate is that these guys are afraid to think about nuclear war. They are so scared, that they refuse to really think about it." This denial reaction is very dangerous.

Now we did not find that all of the Senators with whom we spoke conform to this staff member's analysis. Certainly the ones who are introducing and sponsoring our resolution do not fit his analysis.

This is, however, a real problem. This is the reason that America's enemies concoct lies like "nuclear winter" and "legions of radiated mutant children". This is the reason that we hear baloney about radiated soil that won't grow crops and a lifeless planet. Fear is the stock and trade of America's enemies both inside and outside of her borders.

The only antidote to this fear is truth. The threat of nuclear weapons is fearsome. We know, however, how to protect ourselves from these weapons. That knowledge can turn fear from a debilitating emotion into a motivating emotion in many of our people and our politicians.

This is the reason that we will begin in November our Capitol Hill seminars on civil defense. There are courageous people in Washington now. The more their co-workers know of civil defense, the more courageous they will become too.

I was surprised at how well our civil defense resolution has been received. I was also surprised at how little is really known about civil defense in the Senate offices. We shall do as much as our resources permit to correct that situation.

What of greed, the companion emotion to fear? Of the two, greed is even more debilitating. Greed is a blinding emotion. In pursuit of more money, more power, more

everything, people often lose all judgment about the risks that they are taking. This has paralyzed, in my opinion, most of the economically powerful people in America today.

We have blind pursuit of more money; blind pursuit of more notoriety; blind pursuit of more power within America; and even blind pursuit of more world power by the moguls behind the "new world order."

All of these people have something in common. They are running a very high risk of annihilation by Soviet military supremacy. In their rush for more, they are ignoring the realities of human nature and of overwhelming military power in the hands of a tyrannical, ruthless, determined political power.

Even our "conservative" political institutions have a tendency to choose issues and actions based upon what will "sell" the best and thereby enhance their ability to raise money and accumulate political influence.

Each of us is human. We are therefore each driven in part by greed and fear. An introspective understanding of these emotions can help us to control them. Our own personal self-interest in the nuclear age make this understanding a prerequisite to our own survival.

AMERICAN HOMELAND DEFENSE ALLIANCE

The American Homeland Defense Alliance is a non-profit 501(c)4 foundation formed here in southern Oregon during September 1987. The AHDA purpose is to support local, state, and national legislation for American homeland defenses and to oppose contrary legislation.

Donations to AHDA are *not* tax deductible, because its principal purpose is to influence legislation.

Neither I nor any of the other individuals who established AHDA receive personal payments of any kind for our civil defense work. Most of us contribute money as well as our time to this work.

Printing, postage, and other direct expenses of our research and educational work are, however, paid in large part by **Fighting Chance**. **Fighting Chance** is a tax deductible project of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, a 501(c)3 public foundation which engages primarily in research and education.

The initial funding for the ACU-AHDA effort in the Senate has come from a young family that has been contributing 70% of their income toward civil defense, from a retired strategic air command navigator, and from my wife and me. If you wish to join us, the address of the American Conservative Union is 38 Ivy Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 and the address of the American Homeland Defense Alliance is P.O. Box 1159, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523. Contributions for this purpose to ACU should be addressed to Robert Billings and designated for civil defense.

Fighting Chance itself has made and continues to make this effort possible. Its funds cannot, however, be used for direct lobbying efforts in Washington. We established AHDA and paid personally for its initial funding, so that the expenses for our work to influence legislation would be legally and very clearly separated from **Fighting Chance**.

Your tax-deductible donations to **Fighting Chance** support all of our activities except specific work to influence legislation.

If you wish to support our legislative work directly, please make a *non-tax-deductible* contribution to American Homeland Defense Alliance, P.O. Box 1159, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523.

Please do not forget that the DDP/TACDA annual seminar with this year's theme, "Wake Up America", will be held in Mobile, Alabama, November 6-9, at the Mobile Hilton.

Registration is \$148 including 2 luncheons, 2 receptions, and 1 banquet. You can register with TACDA/DDP at P.O. Box 1057, Starke, Florida 32091. Phone (904) 964-5397.

Speakers include Edward Teller, Eugene Wigner, Julius Becton, Cresson Kearny, Jane Orient, Conrad Chester, Art Robinson, and many others. The format encourages personal discussions with the speakers and participants.

There is no better opportunity to get information about civil defense from America's experts. It only happens once a year.