

In the 1950s, busloads of reporters witnessed actual air-burst nuclear test explosions and walked through the rubble within 24 hours after the blast — unaffected by non-existent residual radiation. In 1988, however, many of the very capable and accomplished engineers and scientists who specialize in the protection of America from nuclear weapons have never been able to personally witness a nuclear explosion.

The role of Communists and sympathizers with the Soviet Union (in using false statements and propaganda about radiation) to hamper the efforts of patriotic scientists who have tried to protect America in the nuclear age is worth examining. An excellent starting point for those interested is Reference 17. This 53 page summary was authored by United States Senators James Eastland, Thomas Dodd, Sam Ervin, Everett Dirksen, Olin Johnston, John McClellan, Roman Hruska, Kenneth Keating, and Norris Cotton.

In summary, mutation and cancer from residual radiation is a secondary and relatively minor effect of nuclear war. Compared with other war effects, it is so minor as to be irrelevant. The propagandists have taken advantage of public ignorance about these effects in order to falsely claim that this danger is thousands or even millions of times greater than reality.

The only significant radiation dangers in nuclear war are from the brief initial radiation at the instant of the explosions and from the fallout during the next few weeks. These dangers are easily avoided by proper civilian shelters. We do not now have those shelters - in part as a result of propaganda about a long term radiation danger that does not in fact exist.

3. A Reverse Fraud

While it is entirely false that “nuclear war is unsurvivable” or that the “earth would be uninhabitable” or “life would not be worth living” after a nuclear war, it is equally and irresponsibly false to suggest that the response to a nuclear war can be “managed” by paper shuffling, bureaucratic “planners” in “emergency operating centers”.

A major nuclear attack will immediately convert America into a decentralized, self-help society in which most Americans will rise to the aid of their communities to the full extent of their abilities.

Those abilities will depend, however, entirely upon the actual physical preparations which have been made *well in advance* of the attack and *in advance* of any crisis which may precede the attack.