

Most importantly, the school children of Grants Pass who could have protection from nuclear weapons provided to them by concerned local citizens are entirely without protection. They will, in the event of war, become victims of the suicide pact initiated by a doctor on their school board - just as the children of Jonestown were victims of Jim Jones and his suicide cult. In the meantime, the children remain as hostages to Soviet military power.

Why did this simple protective measure in an Oregon community merit such strong opposition? Of the three newspapers, three television stations, and various radio stations in the region, only one media outlet supported the school board - but that one newspaper did so vehemently and even to its own detriment.

Visualize the problem for the promoters of the new appeasement textbooks that will be coming into the Oregon schools as a result of the recent passage of Oregon House Bill 3223 and the NEA and ESR campaign against American homeland defense. How do you teach the kids that nuclear war is unsurvivable if there is a fully equipped blast and fallout shelter at the school for each of them?

The shelters would be physical testimony to the truth - testimony that could not be overcome by paper lies in the textbooks. That is why America's opponents must stop shelters for the kids, and it is one of the reasons why we must not let them do so.

## **RADIATION AND CANCER**

If there is a widespread nuclear war, then there will be damaging effects on human health besides the direct effects from the weapons themselves. The worst of these effects will be the decrease in modern health care for normal illnesses and the delay in ongoing medical research as a result of the war. In addition, there will be an increase in cancer incidence and mortality.

An instructive tabulation of this effect is found in Publication 20/85 of the Home Office Scientific Research and Development Branch of the Medical Research Council of Great Britain. It was published in Fission Fragments (UK), No.37, October 1985. The summarizing table is as follows: