

General Becton should command an entire branch of our armed forces with the sole purpose of providing protection from nuclear weapons effects for every American citizen - civilian or military.

Moreover, that force should spend nearly all of their resources on pre-attack preparedness. In other words, save American lives; feed Americans for a year after the attack; and rely on American good sense and initiative to do the rest. No part of the preparations whatever should be left for implementation after a crisis develops.

For this General Becton needs not a few cents per American, but a one-time expenditure of about \$300 per American plus \$10 per American per year. He needs not a paper shuffling "agency", but a professional military force. He needs not a self-help program, but a program which fulfills the Constitutional requirement to provide for the common defense.

Concerted, effective, grass-roots political efforts by thousands of dedicated Americans is the only way to get General Becton the tools he needs to do this job.

ECONOMIC FEAR

In our September newsletter we mentioned that markets tend to fall more rapidly than they rise, because fear is a stronger emotion than greed. The American stock market has now provided a most remarkable example of this principle.

Imagine the fear which gripped the S & P 500 stock index trading pit when this index had fallen over \$40,000 per contract (five times the margin requirement) in less than six hours.

This economic weakness (or rather this crash as a result of America's economic errors) could not come at a worse time.

Economic crises are nothing new. We seem determined to repeat old errors every generation or two. People lose money, economic hardship results, and eventually (in spite of government meddling) the American economy heals itself and continues to produce.