

And our politicians are appropriating funds for this most essential aspect of their responsibilities, right? Right.

A single day of federal budget expenditures each year is devoted to strategic defense and *one hour* per year of the budget is devoted to civil defense expenditures.

What are they doing then with the other 363.9 days of our yearly tax money? Why not ask the candidates during the political campaigns this year?

## POWER

As described by Dr. Petr Beckmann in *Access to Energy*, the United States has now fallen behind France, Belgium, Korea, Taiwan, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Japan, West Germany, and Spain in generation of electricity with nuclear reactors.

America generates 18% of its power with nuclear age technology. Korea is at 53% and France is 70% nuclear.

It has recently been agreed that the Shoreham nuclear power plant in New York will be scrapped rather than being allowed to generate power. The plant is complete and ready for operation. It is not defective in any way.

The cost: \$6 billion. The power plant is to be sold to the state of New York for one dollar and then destroyed. In return, the utility gets guaranteed rate increases for the next decade, so that it can gradually recover its losses.

The utility also gets \$2.5 billion from the American federal tax-payers in tax write-offs and the proceeds from a special issue of tax-exempt bonds.

What do the American people get? They get higher prices, a lower standard of living, and increased respiratory diseases from fossil fuel power generation. They also get further dependence upon Middle Eastern oil. *That dependence upon a politically unstable region may lead to world war.*

These politicians are going to throw away more resources on the destruction of this one power plant than have been spent for American civil defense during the past 25 years.

One *Fighting Chance* supporter in New York called to point out that public blast and radiation shelters could be provided for every person in the entire region allegedly