

We are not naive. We know what we are up against. Several substantial efforts for civil defense have failed during the past 40 years. To the extent we try to get our government to properly provide for the common defense, we must use the political institutions available to us. We have a chance. We must not let cynicism — perhaps even realism — prevent our taking that chance.

TACDA AND DDP MEET IN OCTOBER

The combined annual meeting of the American Civil Defense Association and Doctors for Disaster Preparedness will be held October 21 through 24 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Airport Hilton Hotel. The cost (which includes luncheons and banquet) is \$148 per person. Registration should be sent to TACDA/DDP, P.O.Box 1057, Starke, Florida 32091.

TACDA is the organization which has kept alive the torch of civil defense in the United States during the past 20 years. DDP is the parallel organization for doctors. For this reason, TACDA and DDP membership includes virtually all American defense professionals who are really serious about American civil defense.

Most of these professionals attend the annual TACDA meetings at which they rotate as speakers and audience. The format is arranged so that there are very ample opportunities to meet all of these people.

This is not a meeting where the speakers pop in for their talk, applause, and an honorarium check and then disappear quickly for the next meeting. None of them is paid and each pays \$148 to participate. Moreover, even the most famous among them sit there for all three days listening to the talks and participating in the discussions.

These men and women include scientists and engineers of the highest caliber. They open their meetings with a pledge of allegiance to the American flag and a prayer.

Typically there are fewer than 200 participants. If you wish, you can know any of them personally by the end of the meeting. Whether you are just thinking about starting some civil defense preparations or are far along in your knowledge of civil defense, this is the single event each year in which you should participate.

We look forward to it each year and look forward to seeing some of you there.