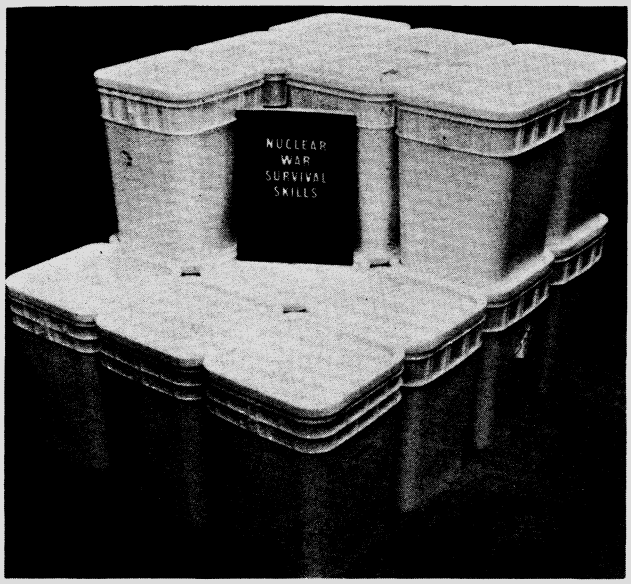
STORAGE SPACE

Shown in the photograph is a one year supply of food and two week supply of water for one person. These supplies occupy 15 cubic feet when stored in these sealed plastic buckets. The actual volume of the food and water is a little less, since there is space between the buckets. The volume of the plastic is small.



Stored in this manner a one year food supply alone requires 12 cubic feet. Drinking water for that entire year requires four times as much space or about 50 cubic feet. This gives a little reserve in both cases. Marginal survival for a single year in a moderate climate might just be possible with half these amounts.

Therefore, an average sized bedroom will hold all of the food one person would need to consume in his entire lifetime if he ate only staple grains and beans. Five bedrooms would be required to hold the food and drinking water for a lifetime. Obviously a one year food supply and a two week water supply requires very little space.

A one year staple food supply today costs less than two percent of the per capita annual income of the average American. The average American family can set aside a one year supply of staple food with less than one week of their current income.

A typical 10,000 gallon surplus fuel tank can hold food for one year for about 100 people in plastic buckets. It holds more if the food is put in loose, but then very special precautions must be taken to guard against spoilage. A tank for food storage does not need many of the special features of a tank for human occupancy, so it is much less expensive to install.