

SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE VIDEO TAPES

A joint "Physicians for Social Responsibility" and "Soviet Physicians" roadshow has been touring the United States. They claim that there is no civil defense in the Soviet Union.

Now we know that socialism is inefficient, but even the Soviets can hardly spend \$200 billion on civil defense with an ongoing expenditure of \$6 billion per year with 150,000 full time personnel and not get at least something for it.

This sort of Soviet propaganda activity, however, can actually help the cause of American civil defense. Americans do not like to be lied to. Let the Soviet agents tell their tales and then give Americans the truth. Some very highly motivated civil defense advocates have been produced in this way.

Although occasional allusions and articles appear about Soviet civil defense and experts like Leon Goure have collected evidence and written extensive federal government reports about Soviet civil defense for decades, there is a need for in depth material on this subject for the American public. This material needs to be easily communicated and yet so extensive that no one can doubt its authenticity and generality.

For this purpose, we decided to make an extensive video record of Soviet civil defense. The result is a four tape, eight hour VCR presentation. Since it includes extensive Soviet training materials, this series is excellent for teaching civil defense facts as well as communicating its political message.

About half of the series consists of seventeen filmstrips which are actually used in the Soviet Union for training civilians about civil defense. Fifteen of them were prepared by the Soviet Ministry of Civil Defense for adults. Two were prepared by the Soviet Ministry of Education for use in Soviet 5th grade classes. Together they are comprised of about 800 colored pictures with Russian captions. We have put the English translations into the VCR soundtrack with the corresponding pictures.

These are not propaganda filmstrips. Only one filmstrip rails against the American imperialist enemy. The filmstrips' only weakness as training aids for Americans is that they assume that the audience has access to excellent civil defense facilities and equipment. The Soviet audience does, but the new American audience does not. The filmstrips are certainly superior to anything which is currently being distributed by the United States government except for the book, *Nuclear War Survival Skills*.

You may want to show the 5th grade material to your local and state school officials. They could put it in their Nuclear Age Curriculum — just after the part which teaches that nuclear war is unsurvivable, so no one should bother preparing civil defenses for the United States.