

England Journal of Medicine and that they have substantial influence over the editorial policies of the Journal of the American Medical Association. These journals would be expected to be primary targets of their well-financed (by whom remains a mystery) efforts.

Most of their members are, however, just well-meaning, hard-working physicians who have not had time to check up on the false information in PSR propaganda. If your physician is being misled in this way, give him or her some facts about civil defense. That will probably solve the problem.

### **NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER DISPLAY SHELTER**

The mobile shelter and civil defense equipment display described in our January 1989 newsletter is now in use at the National Emergency Training Center, NETC, at Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is also available for loan to civil defense groups in the Washington, D.C. area.

The American Civil Defense Association plans to borrow it for their annual meeting this year. That meeting will be held September 29 through October 1 in Washington, D.C. The display was pictured on the cover of the Journal of Civil Defense in April, 1989.

The good news is that this display is now available. The bad news is that, incredible as it may seem, prior to this there was no civil defense equipment at all on display at the National Emergency Training Center. In fact, there was none on display by the federal government anywhere in the United States.

In order to deliver the shelter, we purchased a 15 year-old truck used for mobile home transport. The truck was refurbished by Jackson County Civil Defense volunteers and a steel box with windows and door was constructed behind the cab for our children. The box provides a heated and safe place in which they can travel.

The trip to Washington was, in part, a shelter occupancy experiment in that we used the shelter as a travel trailer. If you have never traveled cross country changing diapers in the door of a blast shelter parked in various truck stops, I recommend the experience.

We slept in the hammocks at various rest stops and generally provoked some curiosity along the Interstate highways. We learned, after we arrived in Washington, that the shelter and trip had been shown on nation-wide television network news.

Actually, this sort of trailer would make an excellent travel home for civil defense enthusiasts. If you want it to be a completely authentic shelter and yet comfortable for every-day non-disaster living, you would probably spend about \$25,000 to construct one. This shelter room is 8 feet in diameter and 22 feet long. The trailer is a total of about 30 feet long. Think of the conversations you would provoke by traveling and living in one of these.

We set the shelter up in the NETC parking lot and turned the keys over to the government. Both the shelter and the information and lecture we gave were very well received by the staff and students. They were nearly unanimous in agreement that this display should be duplicated in various locations around the United States.