

It is a tragic irony that in their opposition to civil and strategic defense the unilateral disarmament "peace" groups find themselves allied with the defense establishment. Both of these groups need fear to promote their programs. The problem is not, as they both claim, that homeland defense would not work. The problem is that it would work too well.

One group tells Americans that they would be better off "Red" than "Dead". The other group tells Americans that unless they provide vast sums of money they will be "Dead" and their children will be "Red".

Both groups have one secret fear of their own.

That fear is that Americans, protected behind a modern shield of civil and strategic defenses, will realize that they are not likely to be either "Red" or "Dead". They are instead likely to become, like the Swiss, a people free from fear who have avoided all wars for many generations.

### PHYSICIANS FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Dr. Jane Orient in Tucson, Arizona has recently organized a new civil defense organization, Physicians for Civil Defense (PCD). This group will fill the need for a physicians organization devoted entirely to the goal of American civil defense.

We have often mentioned in this newsletter the organization which calls itself "Physicians for Social Responsibility" (PSR). That organization has now spawned off-shoots such as "Educators for Social Responsibility"(ESR) and "Computer Programmers for Social Responsibility" (CPSR). PSR and ESR have worked effectively with the National Education Association to insert anti-defense and pro-Soviet propaganda into American public school curricula.

Dr. Orient, some other **Fighting Chance** supporters, and I are members of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness (DDP), which has opposed PSR and which includes civil defense in its general disaster preparedness message. We have lectured and debated on behalf of DDP and will continue to do so.

Physicians for Civil Defense is urgently needed to focus the combined influence of America's medical doctors on the need for the immediate deployment of civil defense hardware and training. It should become a very effective voice for civil defense under Dr. Orient's leadership. It may even stimulate the development of its own set of companions such as Educators for Civil Defense and Scientists for Civil Defense. PCD will also admit non-physician members.

Dr. Orient is a very articulate and effective spokeswoman for civil defense. She spends a great amount of her own time and money working for civil defense throughout the United States. Physicians for Civil Defense is organized as a non-profit, volunteer effort. I strongly recommend that you send PCD a donation and become a supporter of its work.

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