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The mobile steel shelter display attracted thousands of visitors at the Topsfield Fair in Massachusetts.

“Awesome!” “Radical!” “Neat!” the children said.

All along the 3400-mile tour route through the northeastern United States, children were seen taking their parents by the hand to visit the shelter.

Neither the children nor their parents—with few exceptions—had ever seen a bomb shelter before. But in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a number of passers-by recognized this particular structure immediately:

“Hey, what a great use for all those fuel tanks I’ve been digging up!”

In Iraq, the idea of using a buried steel tank as a shelter would not have seemed foreign. The Iraqis have field fortifications that look very much like the shelter display and are equipped with the same state-of-the-art ventilation-filtration system (imported from Switzerland). Deployed along with earth-moving equipment, their shelters were used to protect personnel during poison gas attacks on Iran.

In Switzerland, the ventilation-filtration system is standard equipment at home, as well as in army fortifications. All Swiss citizens have shelters for protection against