

## DDP and TACDA MEETINGS

The annual meeting of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness, DDP, will be held in San Francisco, California during the weekend of August 13-15. Application for attendance can be made by writing to DDP, 1601 N. Tucson Ave. Suite 9, Tucson, AZ 85716. This meeting will feature an outstanding group of speakers on the subject of civil defense and related subjects. DDP meetings in recent years have featured very outstanding groups of speakers and participants. They have been both stimulating and informative.

Moreover, DDP does more than just write about civil defense. DDP members and leadership have been active in community education work and in efforts to promote civil defense at the national level. The mobile shelter display built by Fighting Chance for the State of Arizona has been widely used by DDP - most recently in Phoenix at the Maricopa County Fair. The DDP meeting this year is being organized by DDP President, Dr. Howard Maccabee. The children and I will participate in this DDP meeting in San Francisco and look forward to visiting with those of you who are able to attend.

Speakers who are already scheduled for the meeting are Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb; Petr Beckmann, America's foremost advocate of nuclear power; Lowell Wood, director of the project that produced the "brilliant pebble" strategic defense device and expert on manned exploration of the planets; Hugh Ellsaesser, a prominent climatologist; Aaron Wildavsky, an expert on risk assessment; Donald Chev, an expert on earthquakes; Jerry Kaplan, an expert on medical response to disastrous fires; Sharon Packer, an expert in grass roots organization of community civil defense; Jane Orient speaking about the dangers of the Clinton program for socialized medicine, and Art Robinson, speaking about pseudoenvironmentalist threats with special emphasis on myths about carbon dioxide.

This meeting includes a formal agenda of presentations by the speakers. It also follows a format that is conducive to substantial and productive discussions between all of the speakers and attendees. In addition to the speeches, luncheons, dinner, and discussions, the meeting will feature a tour of the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory during the afternoon of August 13. Formal speeches - each 40 minutes long with an additional 15 minute discussion period - will begin the morning of August 14.

In addition to the annual DDP meeting, the annual meeting of The American Civil Defense Association, TACDA, will be held October 10-13 at the Le Baron Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We suggest that you write to TACDA, P.O. Box 910, Starke, FL 32091 for a program and application form. Many civil defense advocates participate in both the DDP and TACDA meetings. Both meetings are quite worthwhile. If you have time and resources to attend just one meeting, then we suggest the DDP meeting in San Francisco. If you attend both the DDP meeting and the TACDA meeting, then you will have participated in all such events that will be held this year in the United States.

Fighting Chance does not have an annual meeting. We do have several shelter displays here in Oregon, and we built the Federal and State shelter displays that are used in various parts of the United States. Many people have come to visit our displays here in Oregon and to learn about civil defense. We welcome these visits which constitute a continuing seminar in civil defense for American families. You are welcome at any time, but it is best to give us a day or two notice when possible. DDP, TACDA, and Fighting Chance are the three primary groups working for civil defense in the United States. Each of these groups requires public support to continue with their work. All three are non-profit public foundations, so donations to them are fully tax-deductible.