

articles about past civil defense programs. They anticipate no danger that these programs might reassert themselves in the present political climate.

We have decided that, for the time being, those resources we do have for civil defense work should be used primarily to make civil defense information more easily available. This also benefits national civil defense. While a complete set of our video tapes, books, and newsletters provides an invaluable library of civil defense training, that set is costly. This information needs to be more easily available.

This month, Arnold Jagt's electronic edition of *Nuclear War Survival Skills* has been placed on the Internet computer network. Henceforth that book will be available world-wide without cost to the tens of millions of Internet users. They will also have complete indexing through computer look-up procedures. With his help, we hope to make the entirety of the the Fighting Chance newsletter and tape recording files similarly available both on the Internet and on CD-ROM discs for home computers. 30% of American homes now have personal computers. While not all have CD-ROMS, a CD-ROM drive and a civil defense disk together will be less costly and more useful than purchase of printed and taped materials.

The work to translate these materials to electronic media requires time and resources. We hope that you will continue to support Fighting Chance in its efforts to get these projects completed. While not as exciting as picketing the Pentagon or authoring Senate legislation and organizing political activities, for the time being this is the sort of activity in which we can make the greatest contribution. We will resume the other activities at a later time.

## **NUCLEAR WAR SURVIVAL SKILLS**

Arnold Jagt has finished the electronic edition of *Nuclear War Survival Skills*, so this book is available on the Internet computer grid. The tens of millions of computers that are connected to this grid world-wide may now find the book through information search and read and print all of its text and figures. The book is also searchable by word for any topic. This provides an electronic index. This non-profit, royalty-free electronic edition increases by a thousand-fold the number of people with immediate access to the self-help information in *Nuclear War Survival Skills*.

This project has also been useful in teaching us some of the computer skills that are necessary to completion of the curriculum project and also to the electronic distribution of other information that is available from Fighting Chance. At present, printed distribution is still desired by most people. This is changing.

Within a few years, computer screens will be available that have optical resolutions as high as ordinary books. These screens will be available in hand-held models that look and feel like ordinary books. The difference will be that their electronic pages will hold the text from a computer file.

Already available for the personal computer are tape units capable of recording 10,000 books on a single \$20 tape. Expensive today, these units will drop in price to \$100-200 in the