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CIVIL DEFENCE IN LONDON

A new pamphlet produced by the London Nuclear Information Unit concludes that 'there is little that councils can hope to do for Londoners faced with the threat of nuclear war'. The booklet, entitled *Civil Defence*, traces the history of civil defence from the Second World War, looks at the role of London boroughs in the war-planning process and examines the concerns of those local authorities in trying to protect their communities. While protecting against nuclear war is a fantasy, planning for peacetime disasters would not be. But unlike civil defence war-planning there is no obligation - and no funds made available - for such planning. Indeed London is the only European capital without a strategic planning body for peacetime disasters. While it looks specifically at London, this pamphlet would be useful background material for anyone wanting to campaign against civil defence at a local level. 24pp, fully illustrated, for £1, from the London Nuclear Information Unit, Room 326a, Town Hall, Euston Rd, London NW1 2RU.