

...SIVE: blood-chilling plan to use schools as emergency centres revealed

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Classrooms for H-War? Lunacy

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PLANS to take over schools as nuclear war emergency centres have come into the possession of the Morning Star.

Amazingly, the documents assume that although large numbers of houses would be destroyed, schools would remain and teachers would be left alive to feed homeless people and direct them to miraculously preserved "billets."

In what is possibly the understatement of the century, the plans say that "the conditions under which emergency feeding would take place following nuclear attack, are likely to be such that considerations of hygiene could easily be neglected."

Teachers' reactions to the plans are a mixture of anger, incredulity, consternation and disgust. A cloud-cuckoo-land scenario tells us that "after a nuclear attack, many homeless would be without a complete outfit of clothing."

ROASTING: The blast that may reduce the survival plan to ashes — along with the people it hopes to save.

this country becomes a prime holocaust target.

The measures, recognisable to the last war's civil defence veterans, would be hopelessly futile in one fought with nuclear missiles.

If the subject was not fraught with tragedy, some of the statements would be hilariously funny. As things are, they can only be evaluated as part of the government's sham civil defence propaganda, aiming to brainwash us into accepting the inevitability of nuclear war as an option for this country.

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A covering letter with the documents addressed to heads and principals in Hertfordshire from the county council's education department, tells them that schools have been divided into five groups.

These are: casualty clearing stations, casualty clearing stations and first-aid posts, first-aid posts, first-aid posts and welfare centres, and welfare centres.

"In the case of schools designated as welfare centres or where there is a welfare element, it is anticipated that school staff would establish rest and emergency feeding facilities,

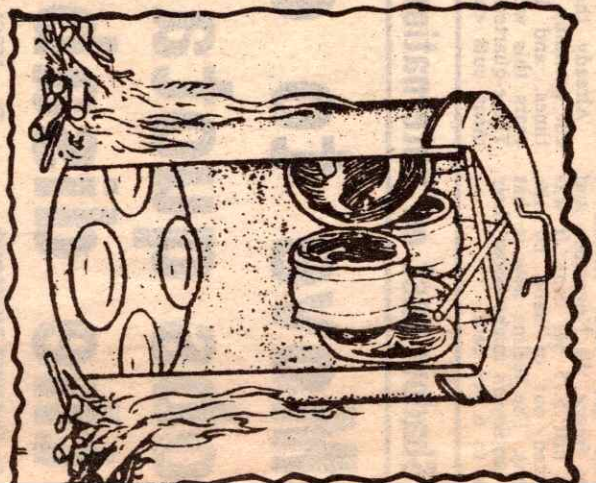
ROASTING: Official advice on cooking in the holocaust.

and in some cases, where required, make provision for billeting centres," the letter says. To deal with survivors' lack of clothing, the plans call for arrangements to store and issue clothing "sorted into categories, i.e. men's, women's, boy's, girl's and under 4s."

"Light refreshments should be provided for the homeless. If existing facilities are inadequate, improvise with the most elementary type of improvised cooker," the plans add.

Sketches of "specimen improvised cookers" show an oven made out of a dustbin, with what looks like four prime joints of beef being roasted. Advice is given on improvised urinals and latrines if normal sanitary arrangements are not working. "Washing facilities should be provided if the water situation permits."

In the section headed "procedure on taking over a rest centre in an emergency," action to be taken includes: "obtain and conserve water. Fill all available receptacles. Dig latrines, site chemical closets, erect screens. Arrange receipt and storage of food."



Elsewhere, the advice is "large stocks of water required for drinking and washing should be stored in vessels offering adequate protection from fall and bacteria."

With food, we are to "ensure that all food stock covered against fall-out and again on water, that account should rain water any other water in unco containers be used if there been any fall-out in the area."

Other tips include "and sterilising cooking and the burning of garbage "if normal device fails." If all these duties stalling the emergency plans offer mod to be filled in. Instructions meal cards "will be issued Emergency course," and undertaken. Fill all available receptacles. Dig latrines, site chemical closets, erect screens. Arrange receipt and storage of food."

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In the school environment, this would mean breaks would not be spent outdoors and thought would have to be given to arrangements for children and staff to go home by vehicle.

Emergency Planning Officer of Western Isles advising head teacher on radioactive fallout. Glasgow Herald, 28th August, 1986

