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Dear

[redacted] of Blairgowrie asked me to write a few lines of my experiences of the Civil Defence organisation.

I was first made aware of the Civil Defence when the chairman of our local community council approached me and asked if I would be prepared to represent Kirriemuir at a meeting to discuss planning in time of emergency. I understood this to include fire (forest flood, famine, earthquake, extended power failure and measures to be taken in the unlikely event of invasion by some foreign power.

"Training" seemed all very innocent on day one in an Arbroath Hotel, when organisation of people, buildings and vehicles as well as food, clothing and fuel were discussed. As the day progressed more emphasis was placed upon

procedures after a nuclear strike.²¹

At the next meeting at the UK WRO buildings in Broughty Ferry all pretence that this was training for emergencies was dropped. We were training for the aftermath of nuclear war.

However the public should not feel safe with the idea that the CD is likely to be of great benefit to them. Four pieces of equipment were demonstrated to our group. They should have been recording radiation from a minute piece of material kept for demonstration purposes. None of the records worked properly: dud batteries, old machinery, 'it must have taken a knock', etc.

A very large exercise in Perth involving ROC, Red Cross and CD with other groups such as CB radio operators finally brought home to me ~~that~~ the quasi-military nature of the exercise. However it was another facet of the CD organisation which left me no choice but to part company with them.

Each of the members, and remember it required no other "qualification" to be asked to join, than to be a member of a community council, was asked to compile covertly a dossier on the locality allocated. I was asked to find and list resources in Kirriemuir under many categories. These included large stores of food, water supplies, bedding, tools, vehicles, heavy plant, fuels, water purification salts, lime, timber polythene sacks and other material supplies. This was to be done without informing those whose materials were to be listed.

Equally disturbing, names, addresses and telephone numbers of people and organisations whose assistance could be called upon 'in time of nuclear war' were also to be secretly recorded. Again these people were not to be informed.

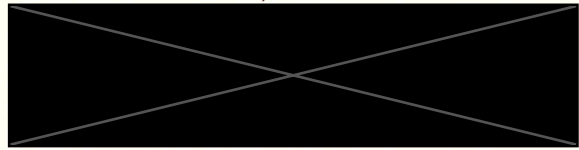
I am no longer a member or associated in any way with Civil Defence.

As a member of the Scottish National Party, the party with the longest standing, clear opposition to all nuclear weapons and nuclear

power stations, I shall actively campaign
against nuclear weapons, energy and waste
disposal.

I am not a member of CND.

Yours sincerely



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