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Disaster Preparedness

SC After the Big One — Shelter from the Storm?

A town hall-type meeting to discuss the threat of nuclear attack was unanimously approved by the Santa Cruz City Council on Tuesday.

The Council-sponsored hearing on local responses to the nuclear peril will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday night, September 29, in a place to be determined.

Earlier this year the City refused to cooperate with federal civil defense officials when they asked Santa Cruz to develop plans for absorbing 400,000 nuclear attack refugees from the San Francisco Bay Area.

On Tuesday Mayor Mike Rotkin and Councilmember Mardi Wormhoudt asked the City Council to follow the lead of a growing number of local governments that are fulfilling their civil defense obligation in a different way. Wormhoudt and Rotkin wanted the Council to mail out copies of a pamphlet telling Santa Cruzans what will happen here if a one-megaton bomb is dropped in San Francisco.

The pamphlet, entitled *A "Limited" Nuclear Attack:*



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Santa Cruz 1982..., has already been written and volunteer labor to produce 20,000 copies is lined up. Because the booklet was to be mailed out with water bills, there would be no postage cost and the total price tag of the proposal was \$500.

A "Limited" Nuclear Attack: Santa Cruz 1982 describes the consequences for people here in Santa Cruz of a small nuclear attack on San Francisco.

An unknown number of people in this County would die as a result of radiation contamination. Under the worst possible wind conditions, according to the pamphlet, this County could become uninhabitable for six years as the result of a single bomb dropped on San Francisco.

The estimate of refugees coming to Santa Cruz has been upgraded in the last few months. It is now expected that 600,000 people will attempt to enter Santa Cruz County if a nuclear bomb is dropped on the Bay Area. Those people will join the locals in trying to survive on supplies of food and

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water that will be limited by contamination and the devastation of transportation systems.

The original model for the pamphlet was distributed by the Cambridge City Council last year. Since then a number of local governments nationwide have chosen the civil defense plan of letting their citizens know there is no defense in the event of nuclear attack.

However, the more conservative minority on the Santa Cruz City Council balked at the idea of going ahead and mailing out the pamphlet.

Councilmember Joe Ghio dismissed the pamphlet as a "dramatization." His colleague Spiro Mellis was more conciliatory, calling the booklet "excellent," but expressing concern that old people and children might be upset by its contents. Councilmember Dr. John Mahaney said the pamphlet is good, but added he would like a chance to make his own contributions to it.

Rather than go ahead and mail the pamphlet, the Council agreed to hold the hearing on local responses to the possibility of nuclear attack. One of the subjects of the hearing will be drafting a revised version of the booklet.

Police Violence Case

charges against officers Ed Donald Hollen, Allan Le Ma

In addition to the conspiracy multiple felony charges for which they allegedly used ill charged with nine counts, San Marquand six and Hollen tw

Originally the District Attorney members of the Department. Cattani pled no contest to the charges against him were dropped District Attorney's witnesses

Assistant District Attorney he expects the preliminary hearing the month. At that time Municipal Kessell will decide if the evidence to a jury trial.

Controversy over the case arena this week and has stirred Mayor Mike Rotkin and at least Department.

Rotkin was quoted recently saying of the Department: "A wonderful and a third are waiting blows." Rotkin says the *Time* story that he said the Police De