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New Tension Spurs Civil Defense Unit

500,000 Bomb Shelter Booklets To Cost \$2300

Civil defense is going to re-establish its own round-the-clock monitoring of the air defense warning system here, because the Summit Conference collapsed.

Local CD officials also plan to spend \$2300 to mail some 500,000 pamphlets to Hamilton County residents, telling how to build a home bomb shelter.

James Clark Jr., local CD executive committee chairman, said the committee agreed to the step-ups because of public reaction to new international tensions.

HE SAID developments have triggered a "flood" of inquiries to CD workers about the warning system and self-protection measures.

An additional \$3000 is expected to be spent to hire five or six warning system monitors. They will work from 5 p. m. to 7 a. m. at CD headquarters on the County Home grounds.

"We don't know how long the full-time monitoring will last," said Mr. Clark. "We hope it won't be necessary for too long."

HE SAID additional costs hiring monitors and mailing pamphlets may come from CD's current budget, but could necessitate a request for additional funds from the county.

Regular CD employes currently monitor the warning system during daytime, but it is switched over to Police Station X after 5 p. m. Full-time monitoring by CD was abandoned two years ago after a budget cut.

The monitoring consists primarily of receiving messages from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton. Mr. Clark says police would be overburdened if a defense emergency arose.

COL. JACK GAULT, CD director here, said he has a bomb shelter in the basement of his home, but that it has become obsolete by recent standards. He said there are several others in the county, but he isn't certain where.

The federal government plans to build a \$3500 underground shelter at local CD headquarters within the next 30 days, he said. In addition, CD workers are building a do-it-yourself outdoor shelter for about \$250.

The shelter pamphlets, which will be mailed next week, describe shelters ranging in cost from \$150 to \$1500. Cost of printing was paid by the government.

The pamphlets were ordered about five months ago, but CD officials for a time had no way to distribute them.