

In outline, the federal civil emergency planning organization consists of: a Cabinet Committee on Emergency Plans to give policy guidance in all areas of civilian emergency planning for war; the Emergency Measures Organization with a headquarters staff at Ottawa and a regional office in each province; and departmental planning staffs.

EMO Regional Officers have been appointed in all ten provinces. Their function is to represent EMO in the provinces, to co-ordinate the emergency planning of federal departments and agencies in the provinces, maintain effective liaison with the provincial governments, the provincial civil defence organization and the appropriate military authorities. The Financial Assistance Programme of the Federal Government has been expanded and provided with greater resources. The Federal Government now pays up to 75 p.c. of the costs of approved provincial and municipal projects.

A booklet entitled *Your Basement Fallout Shelter* was issued by EMO in June 1960 giving instructions for the building of a "do-it-yourself" fallout shelter. Copies may be obtained from the Emergency Measures Organization, Privy Council Office, East Block, Ottawa.

The Government in 1960 announced the formation of the elements of a War Supplies Agency. This Agency, under the Department of Defence Production, will, in time of war, control the distribution and use of essential supplies, their prices and their rationing as required.

Emergency facilities for the Federal Government outside Ottawa now exist and action is under way to provide regional facilities in each of the provinces. The Minister of Transport has announced the formation within his department of an agency to be known as the Emergency National Telecommunications Organization (ENTO). This is a peacetime planning nucleus of a wartime agency to control and administer national telecommunications systems.

A Dominion/Provincial Conference on Civil Defence Arrangements was held at Ottawa in October 1959; the provinces, with one exception, were represented by provincial Cabinet Ministers and three Federal Cabinet Ministers attended. This was a continuation of a previous conference held in April 1959. Matters reviewed and discussed included evacuation and shelter policy, the role of the Army in civil defence, the Financial Assistance Programme, public information, training of civilians, and emergency communications.

Civil emergency planning development and problems within NATO, the United States and the United Kingdom are constantly under discussion and study. A national exercise, under the name of *Exercise Tocsin 1960*, was undertaken in April, the purpose of which was to practice manning of emergency government facilities, to test emergency communications and warning systems and to study problems of post-attack government at federal and provincial levels.