



## 'Mr. Beachcomber' Highlights Phi Beta Lambda Hawaiian Dance

Phi Beta Lambda, the Business Club at Cerritos College, will hold its annual Career Day today ending with the Hawaiian Dance and the theme of "Blue Hawaii."

Mr. Beachcomber and the Hula Hoop champion of Cerritos will be the highlights of the evening when the boy with the best beard and the person who is the most proficient at spinning a hula hoop are crowned king of their appropriate categories.

This is an annual affair sponsored by the business club. They will set the student center in a Hawaiian setting and will supply the refreshments of drinks and cookies. The tickets are on sale for 50c stag and \$1.00 a couple.

This dance will be the follow-up to Career Day held the same day tonight from 12:30 to 7:00.

The day will start with registration at 12:30. Linda Joyce is in charge of part of the program. Dr. Burnight, college president, will give the welcome and keynote address at 1:00. Following Dr. Burnight's welcome, Sandy Benton and Frances Robles will take the high school business students on a tour of the campus.

### Agenda Listed

Later, at 3:00, refreshments will be served to all the guests. Karen Couture is in charge of the refreshments.

From 3:30-5:00 p.m., the club will present panel discussions in the field of business. Slated to talk in their respective field are Mr. Kent Burkhardt from the Bellflower Stationery who will talk on retail merchandising,

Miss Lucas from Downey Auto-netics will speak on careers for the women. Mr. Frank Holzkammer, an employee of the Aerojet Corporation will lecture on industrial management. Mr. Chuck McGill, from the Metropolitan Hospital is slated to speak on government service, while Mr. Rio Wills of the Norwalk California Bank will talk on banking and finance. Concluding the list of speakers is Mr. David Menkes, a Bellflower accountant who will lecture on accounting.

Following the talks, dinner will be served to all guests.

## Falcon Musicians Have Big Calendar

The Cerritos College Band has become very active this semester and its instrumental groups and combos are appearing for many different social functions.

### National Honor

Three Cerritos College students will have their picture released nationally through the "Instrumentalist" magazine and the "International Musician." Play 'Mirafone' tubas are used in the school band, and the Mirafone Company wishes to use their pictures as an advertisement for their product. Jim Rose, Earl Rahder, and Steve Crane will be displaying the instruments.

Representing Cerritos in the fourth annual Inter-Collegiate Jazz Festival held at the famous jazz spot, the Lighthouse in Hermosa Beach will be the Combos from the dance band. Scholarships to the Stan Kenton Workshop in Indiana University this summer will be the awards of the winners.

### Clarinet Quartet

Another of the activities of the music department will be the appearance of the Falcon Clarinet Quartet in the various high schools in the Cerritos College district, in a recruiting program.

## Soph Week To Feature 'Clash Day'

Sophomore week will make its first appearance at Cerritos College next week as the Sophomore Class presents a full slate of activities beginning Monday.

Special activities for Monday, Wednesday and Friday will highlight the week, designed for the enjoyment of all Cerritos students.

Monday, a color clash day, will see Falcons wearing their most clashing outfits while Wednesday they will don their craziest hats for the crazy hat day.

Friday will be set aside for bermuda day. Cut-off jeans, Jamaicas, and short shorts will not be allowed.

Special activities for the week will be a dance Wednesday noon in the student center patio, and a tug-of-war between the freshmen and sophomores on Friday.

Sign-ups are now being taken in the personnel office for participation in the tug-of-war.

## Forensic Students Enter Top Meets

Two tournaments are on tap for Falcon speech students this month as they pit their skills of debate and oratory against local and out-of-state colleges.

### Spring Alternate

Today and tomorrow Cerritos speechsters will participate in the Spring Alternate Tournament held at Pasadena College. This tournament, according to advisor Juliette Venitsky, will provide important practice for the students going to the nationals the following week and give the novices competitive experience in speaking.

Debate teams will consist of Terry Folts-Dale Harrell, Bob Woolery-Tom Carey and Carol Kuwada, Beverly Culbertson and John Frazier. These students will also enter individual events of Extemporaneous, Impromptu, Oral Interpretation and Persuasive Speaking.

### Stockton Tourney

Other students entering individual events will be John Turner, Tom Preese, Rosalind Bass, Bernice DeLong, Barbara Ches-

ter, Rita Ramsey and Sue Wiseman.

The outstanding event of the year will take place April 13, 14, and 15 at Stockton College. Titled the National Junior College Speech Tournament, the event is sponsored by the national speech society, Phi Rho Pi. Colleges from Kansas, Colorado, Washington, Utah, Texas, Idaho, and other states will enter competition along with many California colleges.

For the Cerritos team this tournament will represent the first attempt for national honors.

### Full Schedule

The school gaining the highest total points will receive the sweepstakes trophy. Plaques and individual medals will be given to winners in the four highest brackets. There will be separate categories for men and women.

A full schedule is planned for the three-day meet. Besides the rounds of debate and individual events, the participants will see a production of *Henry IV* and enjoy an official banquet.

## Sept. Events Listed for CC

A tentative calendar of '61-62 campus activities has been released listing the scheduled events for the coming school year.

The month of September will tentatively feature the traditional get-acquainted activities of "Howdy Day" and the "Howdy Hop" in the student center. A special "dive-in to activities" splash party is also planned.

Football scrimmage will begin September 9 and the first game of the month will be against Long Beach City College at Long Beach.

Student body elections will be held the third and fourth of October after preliminary campaigning and election assemblies the latter part of September.

## Falcon's Nest

THE THIRD QUARTER officially ends on the Cerritos campus today. Midterm grade cards are expected to be out soon.

FORENSIC MEMBERS travel to Pasadena College today to participate in the spring alternate tournament.

A DISPLAY in the alcove of the Physical Science Building surveys the main structural types found in the animal kingdom. The animals utilized in this exhibit are the common forms found in this area where possible. Arranged in evolutionary sequence, the basic concept of evolution is illustrated through a progression from the simplest to the most complex forms. As this is a part of the instructional program in Life Science 10, the display will be moved to the Library when the display case there is available.

## Students Carry Books To Aid Library Move

As a conclusion to the giant library move, some twenty-six cards were drawn for the box of movers entrees and the students whose name appeared on the slips were presented gifts of books or magazines.

### Name Winners

The prize winners in this drawing were Larry Storie, who was the winner of two of these gifts; Doug Ball; Ernie Chadbourne, president of the Phi Beta Lambda; Alan Lawrence; Jim Owen; Jim Jones; Wayne Ceufman; Earl Salter, president of Sigma Phi; Anne Gillanders; Margo Rubenstein, Dana Thason; Tin Butler; Terry Stevens, Yvonne Brower; Karen Taylor, and Maureen Pigott, Miss Heartbeat of 1961. These are the students who have already claimed their prizes from Amy Dozier.

There are still eight gifts left that have not as yet been accepted and may be found in Miss Dozier's office. The eight winners are Marilyn Cimino, Beverly Carpenter, Bob Canipe, Helen Dominguez, Linda Bauscher, Kay Craig, J. Neil Schauers, and Dave Young.

### More Construction

The new library still under construction is still lacking the finishing touches which will be completed by the end of the month. The air conditioning system has not yet been connected due to some minor trouble in the electric system, but should be in use within the next two weeks.



OPERATION BIG MOVE—Now open for student use, the new campus library was filled with books March 22 by helpful Falcon students. Completing a row of books (left) are Diane Jungels and Don Lindley. Serving as a "typical Falcon book carrier on move day" is Nola Kessler (center) with a stack of volumes. At right are Kathy Feys and Jont Cosper as they begin to fill up the "endless" rows of shelves.

—(CCASBPhoto by O'Donnell)



# H-Bomb Hits L. A. Today

## Cerritos Leveled By Terrific Blast

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This story is fiction. Friday, April 7, 1961, today, is perhaps a sunny day . . . perhaps a little too warm for most . . . and the events that are recorded here did not and will not occur. There could be an April 7, or some other day . . . and this story is the story that might be told at that time.

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There are two words that have crept into the English language in recent years . . . old words . . . in long-time use . . . but when connected, now create a finality, a sudden ending, a certain completeness of fact. The

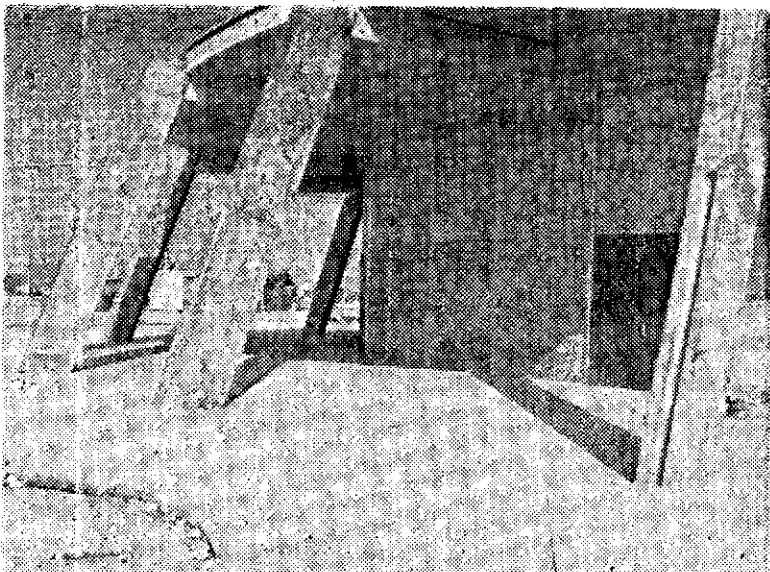
two words: The Bomb.

No more single expression rings with more authority than these, no phrase indicates more of this generation's hopes and fears, dreams and nightmares.

The fear and nightmares arrived hand-in-hand on April 7, 1961.

The statistics of time tell the introduction . . .

12:13 p.m. Early warning radar, a station above the Arctic circle in Greenland flashes the first sign that enemy missiles are on the way. At Cerritos College, the campus grill is packed, with long lines waiting for the usual fare of sandwiches and cokes. The faculty dining room has settled down to its usual groups of individual tables, the discussion centering around the complexity of that first week following spring vacation. Some, however, have already eaten, and in Lecture Hall, room H-1, Jack Feeney directs his choir in a less than heartening performance.



**BURNED LECTURE HALL**—The searing heat of the blast burns the paint off of the lecture hall. Shattering glass left no survivors in this vicinity.

It's Friday, it's warm . . . tomorrow is a day to go to the beaches.

12:15 p.m. While buttons are pushed and warnings are flashed to cities that are in the path of destruction, the noon time eaters are still assaulting the Friday lunch. Late dates are being arranged at one table, while the impending track meet at the colleg stadium and a home baseball

game are both major topics of conversation. The choir drones on . . . partially blocking out the wail of a siren . . . it is the first warning.

12:16 p.m. At United States Air Force North American Air Defense Headquarters, Colorado Springs, Colorado, a slide rule calculation places the trajectory headed for Los Angeles at 12 minutes from target. The sirens

drone on . . . at first unheeded. One student notices that there must be a big fire as the Alondra Boulevard station still has its siren going. A faculty member looks at his watch . . . "Interesting, most of the drills are staged at 10 a.m. Could be a short circuit."

12:17 p.m. A certain hopelessness reigns at USAF, retribution is now the goal . . . defense is a lost hope. At Cerritos, the first moment of terror as Conelrad brings the message over the radio system. A student runs in from his car, others pour out to their cars . . . terror has begun. Within two minutes, the exits are jammed and vehicle traffic is no longer possible. Conelrad's warning to take cover and avoid panic finally brings home the message. The search for cover has begun. Many students have taken shelter, each in his own way—with his own prayer.

But there are still hundreds in the open, running, crying, clawing, fighting; those who heard the alarm too late, others who are determined to beat their way to their families before the bomb reaches its objective.

According to Cerritos nurse Margaret Manire, there are really no good places the students could take shelter in. The new gym, under the football stadium (Continued on Page 3)

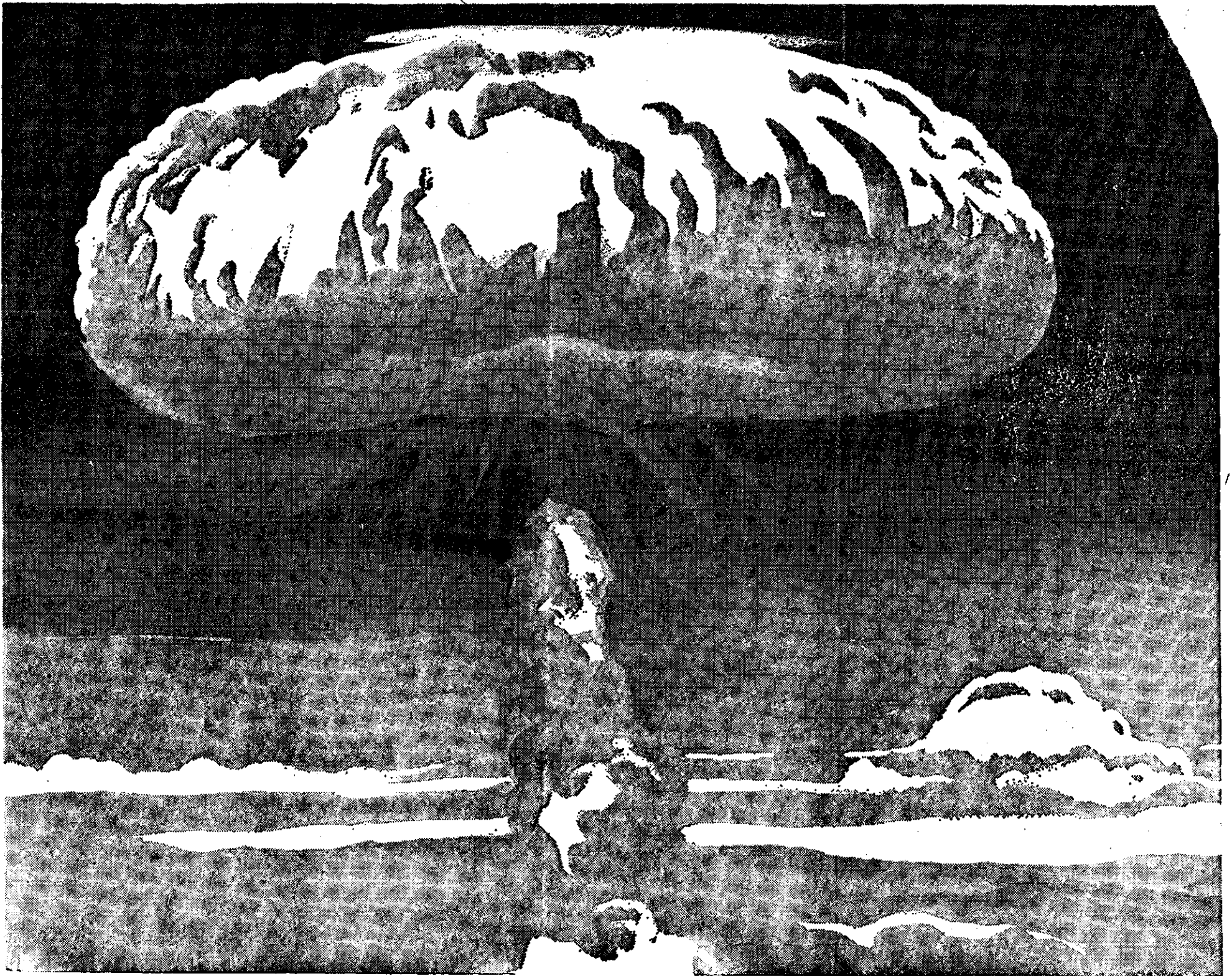


**THE TARGET AREA**—Cerritos College had the unique experience of being on the border line between two damage areas. The outer fringe of the light damage area found major campus buildings undamaged, although flimsy constructions were swept away by the blast. The most serious damage was to individuals, as

the burst sent third-degree burns throughout the campus area to create a holocaust . . . along with the shattering of glass and the flying debris that added to the casualty list. It was a day of tragic suddenness.

—(Aerial photo courtesy of Fairchild Aerial Surveys and Los Angeles Times)





APRIL 7, 1961—It is 12:28 p.m. as the mushroom cloud hangs over the city of Los Angeles and its suburban communities. The bomb has fallen. At the intersection of Vermont and Vernon Avenues, a reddish-orange blob of fire and heat mark the ground-zero of the explosion . . . although the bomb went off 11,000 feet

above that point, the cloud, the symbol of moments of terror, the easily visible from Cerritos College, where light damage has taken its toll of buildings . . . but where searing third-degree burns leaves its mark.

—(Artist's drawing courtesy of Los Angeles Times)

# Few Survivors In Huge Tragedy

or in the locker rooms of the men and women's physical education building. One bad thing about the stadium would be that it could cave in from the blast, crushing many people to death who were not affected by the blast.

12:28 p.m. The ten megaton bomb which is equivalent to ten million tons of TNT and 500 times greater than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War II, has exploded 11,000 feet over the city of Los Angeles, a three-and-a-half mile wide explosion has ripped a city asunder. In that millisecond, 28 square miles . . . its people . . . its homes . . . everything . . . is completely destroyed. At Cerritos, the flash and impact are not quite simultaneous.

A three mile radius from where the bomb exploded has been completely eliminated from the face of the earth.

Outward from the mushroom a, peering white ball of radiant gas streak thermal radiations at the speed of light to melt, char and blind, so fantastically hot at inception that they ignite fires and inflict third degree burns on exposed skin at a distance of 21 miles in all directions.

12:29 p.m. Ordinarily Falcon students would be just finishing up on their lunch preparing to go back to class. But today is different, many are dead and hundreds are injured and dying.

Roofs collapse and crash down

through the lower story in the Liberal Arts building. Walls crack wide and tremble perilously. Many of the buildings still stand but are very severely damaged. The one-time picturesque glass and outside lighting facilities are no more.

Water mains are damaged and the possibility of a severe fire is pending due to a ruptured gas main.

12:30 p.m. Two minutes have passed since the initial blast and those who are still alive have a chance, barring fire and being crushed or smothered under the late-falling debris.

There is no longer danger of radiation which ended in the first 60 seconds of the blast. There is no fall-out because the fire-ball did not touch the earth. Little of the radioactive particles consumed in the mushroom cloud will reach the ground.

12:50 p.m. Not quite half an hour has passed since the blast. Already plans have been set up to take care of the injured students. Nurse Manire stated that the college has enough first aid equipment to accommodate injuries until the doctors arrive. In a situation such as this drugs and many shots would have to be available. However, these are not on hand.

Luckily for many students the blast area is far enough away from the campus that many could survive. The campus is located in the thermal circle. Third

degree burns are inflicted at a distance of 21 miles from the burst.

Fully half of the persons who had failed or were unable to take cover died after only an hour's exposure.

By the next day, the effects of the radiation on all who had been even moderately exposed began to compound the problems of the already overburdened medical facilities.

Vomiting, diarrhea and nausea are commonplace. For many of those who had been exposed to more than 450 r, these were the first symptoms of impending death which might not come for weeks.

## Seven Months

No person not adequately protected from the radiation would be allowed to live in the area for more than seven months.

The effects on the blood cells were often more than the individual could tolerate. Many in the group would die of infections which their systems are no longer capable of fighting.

According to civil defense chief, Frank B. Ellis, who is the new director of the office of Civil Defense and Mobilization, a nuclear attack, if one comes, will be aimed primarily against military targets and that population centers will be threatened chiefly by fallout rather than by the annihilating blast.

"The lack of fallout protection could in the foreseeable future result in the unnecessary loss of

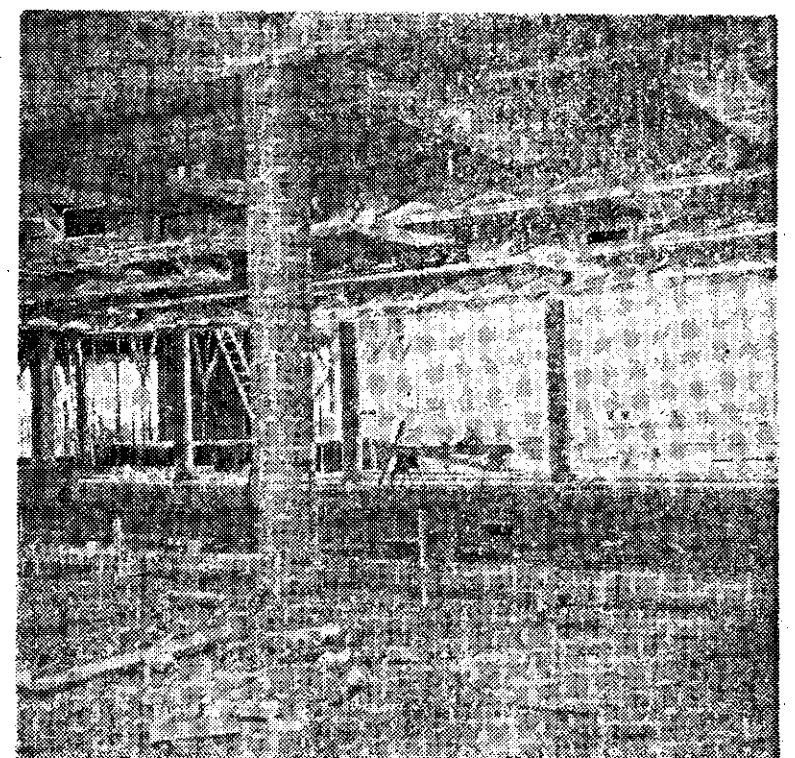
millions of American lives," he said, "when just a small amount of effort and money could prevent it."

What about the genetic effects on the next generation—the unknown extent of damage to sex cells which would result in a greatly increased number of mongoloids and birth defects?

Someone else will have this worry. The problem now is to survive.

This story is fictitious, we hope that it will never become a reality, the possibility of it becoming a reality is far from being impossible.

The problem before us all now is to survive.



STUDENT CENTER—Furniture, glass and debris swept across the Student Center, creating a scene more like construction, than destruction.



