Rice Officials Move Quickly To Set Up Campus CD Plans

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A whirlwind program for Civil Defense and fallout protection neared completion on the Rice Campus Tuesday morning. Put into effect because of the Cuban crisis, the plans were continued even as the threat of war diminished early this week.

Provisions have been made to house, and feed all Rice University students, faculty, and employees in the case of nuclear attack.

PROTECTION FROM radioactive fallout, though not from blast effects, centers around the steam tunnels and various basements. According to Major P. D. Sellers, Assistant Professor of Military Science, these underground structures provide “remarkable protection” for this portion of the country.

Dean S. W. Higginbotham explained Monday that the defense plans were simply a precaution the university was taking.

The Dean emphasized that “President Pitzer does not have special information unavailable anywhere else.” Dr. Pitzer is presently serving as chairman of the General Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission.

TWO SEPARATE programs are being established—one for the day population, the other for the night population. The latter already in operation, calls for Hanszen and Wiess to seek shelter in Memorial Center, and for Baker and Will Rice to go to the Library.

Jones students would, in case of attack, go to the basement of their college. Daylight plans should be completed this week.

SUPPLIES OF water and sanitary facilities, sufficient for three days, are being set up by the University in the shelters. Food will be available (via the

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tunnel) from Baker, Jones, and the RMC.

Major Sellers suggested that, if the Administration were to assign the shelter to the assigned, since there is no room extra in any shelter."

President Pitts will direct the examination of shelter facilities, located in the basement of the Mechanical Engineering Building. Colonial officials have been informed that areas of USAS capacity, such as SAC bases would be "primary," but cited the University's built-in capacity to a new not fall into this category.

Some troubles have been taken this week. The University officials have mentioned that at midnight, on 24-hour operation. A direct alarm line to the ROTC building will be established, if a campus is being installed this week, as a campus warning system.

The NAVY ROTC will have a 24 volt battery supply in all houses. A 24 volt supply in the ME building is being tapped to provide current for a civil defense transmitter there.

Fifteen field telephones, radio counters and other equipment is being furnished by the University. The total cost approximates $1,000, according to James Ells, Superintendent of Buildings and the ROTC.

Major Sellers said the campus ROTC units will "remain civil defense crisis headquarters, but may be called upon to perform specific functions.

REGARDING FALLOUT, he said that by the third day following an attack, limited travel arrangements should be made. He also said, though not a general consensus, "even so," Dr. Higginbotham was uncertain that the more permanent arrangements are going to find a way home—"if there is home."

The type of urged arrangement characterized the shelter planning on Saturday was absent from Soviet production, according to Dr. Higginbotham, and announced Sunday that he was withdrawing Russian missiles from Cuba.

"We feel like the crisis is over," Dr. Higginbotham said, "but we are watching very carefully through."

"He added that "we are not processing on a crash basis.

The SHIELD program, announced from a report by a committee on "Disasters and Emergency," by Carl W. W. L. Williams, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Mas- ter-at-Arms, was formed last fall after Hurricane Carla, a major storm which wrecked University buildings. It was formed at point one even to provide food to students on campus. The Administration took no action on the report until last week. A meeting of the Masters, Deans and other officials last Saturday began the hurried preparations.