Doomsday

Three hundred million men are critical both to the production of highly sophisticated weapons and the maintenance of a complex, highly specialized economy.

Another major target was the U.S. Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMES), the radar network along the North Atlantic and West coast to detect and warn of missiles in flight.

A map prepared by the Pentagon's civil defense unit and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had shown the Teapot Dome, at Pennsador, as a region at high risk. It was not clear, however, whether the ground was in place for an attack or would be available at any time.

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Ready for recovery

Federal preparations for coping with the post-attack damage were actually under way before the nuclear attack.

A week before, as the possibility of war grew, selected officials from all government agencies were prepared for action. Special units trained in the care of sick and wounded were deployed to specialized areas of the country, and selected hospitals were designated as recovery centers.

In the event of a war, the U.S. would experience a total economic and social breakdown. The destruction of industrial and transportation facilities would cause a major economic dislocation.

MANY did not hear the broadcasts, and for others, it was not clear.

At the same time, Congress adjourned, planning to reconvene after the attack. Practical considerations of how to handle the aftermath of a nuclear attack were now uppermost in the minds of the policymakers.

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