

WHEN THE ALARM SOUNDS

Here are the first official pictures on air-raid precautions in the home, issued by the Office for Civilian Defense, whose experts have been studying the problem for many months. These shown here are simple precautions and require the purchase of no special equipment. War has come to America. No one can say with certainty that war will not strike near

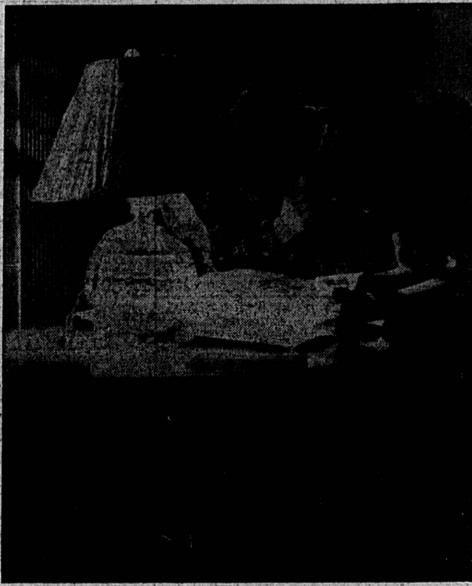
his home, no matter where he lives. Study these pictures. Do not forget the instructions that accompany them.

First, choose a refuge room where you can be comfortable and feel safe during an air-raid alarm. Be sure you have light-proof coverings for all the windows. If you hear bomb explosions, get away from the windows.

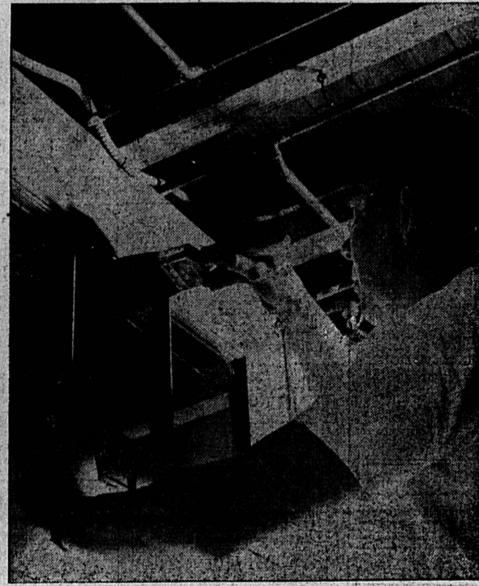
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Make certain no light escapes through your windows. Emergency window coverings need not be black in color—just heavy enough to keep light from shining through. Be sure the covering is big enough for an overlap. Do not raise this covering during a blackout.



Once the windows are blacked out, see to it that all unnecessary lights are turned off. One shaded lamp will frequently serve for a room. Regardless of window coverings, keep the light to minimum.



A heavy coat of flat black paint may be used to black out your cellar windows, but light cardboard tacked over the panes will serve as well. If light escapes through your window pane, stuff it with paper or cloth.



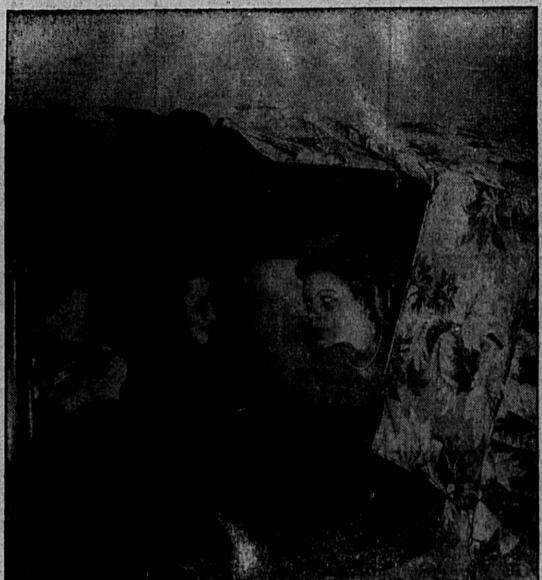
This attic is a fire hazard, air raid or not. A match would touch it off, let alone an incendiary bomb. By all means keep your attic clean, and free of old rags and papers.



Turn off the burners in your gas stove, but don't tamper with the pilot light or other gas appliances. Check with your gas company on what to do in the event of a raid.



A reserve supply of water is a good idea in case the main in your neighborhood is struck. But don't draw large quantities of water unless you are so instructed by your Air-Raid Warden—it may cause too great a drain on the reservoirs.



If bombs start falling near your home, a covering like this—away from the windows—is a good idea. A sturdy table will protect you from falling plaster and will even help support falling beams.



Plan to use one room as a refuge—a basement room is good if it has more than one exit and not too many windows. Choose the room now, and go there as soon as the alarm sounds. Take warm clothes with you.



It's not comfortable, but it's sensible shelter. The door at the right and the window at the left can be used for exit, and there's a water supply. This family should, however, move out of line with the windows.