

The Atomic Energy Commission and Civil Defense Administration have just about completed plans to destroy a host of civilian-type buildings and goods at the AEC's Nevada testing grounds in mid-April. In the meanwhile the AEC and the Defense Department will familiarize thousands of troops with the strange ins and outs of atomic warfare.

The April test will be the first involving civilian training and will be extensively reported by newspapers, newsreels, radio and TV. Some 350 CD volunteers will take part in field exercises after a ghost town now nearing completion in shattered by the bombs' violent forces. The Civil Air Patrol's Nevada wing will take part in the show, just as CAP hedge-hopping planes would be pressed into service in the event of a real atomic attack on this country.

Several completely equipped houses will be bombarded along with steel and aluminum industrial buildings, to see how they stand up under atomic punishment. Radio, TV and electronic manufacturers are sending their products to "doom town," which will be equipped with gas mains, electrical conduits, and other utility installations on the day the great light shines forth and the heaven's shake.

Four trailer homes will be parked about the blast area. Houses will contain food, water, glassware, furniture, clothing, department store dummies,—