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"SENSE AND NONSENSE" OF CIVIL DEFENSE IS SUBJECT OF
DEBATE AT SALVE REGINA; REAGAN ADMINISTRATORS TO PRESENT PLAN

Civil defense planning by government leaders has become a logical and natural task emanating from a defense policy whose centerpiece is readiness for nuclear confrontation. This Saturday, November 6 at Salve Regina - The Newport College the government-proposed, \$4.2 billion civil defense program will be the subject of a day-long conference to be held from 9:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the O'Hare Academic Center.

John R. Brinkerhoff, acting associate director for National Preparedness Programs, and John E. Dickey, assistant associate director, Emergency Management Program Office, will present the Reagan administration's philosophy and plan for civil defense. Both

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are former military officers who spent overseas tours in Korea, Vietnam and Cyprus.

The conference, "Civil Defense: Sense and Nonsense," is sponsored by the Newport Institute in cooperation with Salve Regina, and is a follow-up to the "Great Nuclear Debate" series held last spring. Saturday's panel discussion will explore civil defense planning as part of nuclear war strategy and examine the proposed seven year civil defense program. This program includes relocation of two-thirds of the population, protection of essential workers and machinery and measures to protect key governmental officials necessary for decision-making continuity during and after a nuclear war. The "sense" and "nonsense" of this plan will be aired among conference speakers and participants during the course of the day.

Chairing the conference is veteran army officer Major General Peter G. Olenchuk, (Ret.), a member of the U.S. Delegation on Disarmament. Now a private consultant on management and national security affairs, Olenchuk is also a consultant to the Department of Defense. He holds masters degrees in engineering and business administration. Olenchuk is chairman of The Newport Institute.

Rear Admiral Henry E. Eccles, (Ret.), will present conference issues. Considered by many to be the foremost military theorist in the Free World today, Eccles has spent 30 years in all phases of Naval service and is the author of four books and numerous articles on strategy, logistics and military theory.

Presenting a journalist's view of civil defense is Ed Zuckerman, who has published articles on nuclear war planning in Harpers, Esquire and other journals. He is currently writing a book on the subject of nuclear war.

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Following the morning presentations will be an afternoon panel and general floor discussion involving all conference participants. Included in the panel will be R.I. state Senator David R. Carlin, Jr., chairman of the commission to study medical, economic and social effects in Rhode Island of matters relating to nuclear war.

The conference is open to the public. Cost is \$30 per person; including lunch. To pre-register, or for more information, call Col. W. Fred Long, 846-4567.