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CIVIL DEFENCE IN TOTAL WAR

Medical and Civil Defense in Total War. By L. F. Supron and F. P. Zverev. Translated by M. Roublev. Pp. 406. Illustrated. R7.80. Jerusalem: Israel Program for Scientific Translations Ltd, 1961.

This manual is based on stenographic notes given at a lecture course at the Belorussian Institute of advanced training for physicians, and deals with the important problems of nuclear physics, toxicology of chemical warfare, radiation sickness, dosametric analysis, and the organization of medical services

in civil defence. It was compiled in 1955 - 1958 and is, therefore, slightly out of date owing to some new developments.

It begins with a brief review of the principles of atomic physics which is not difficult to follow with some slight knowledge of this subject. Symptomatology, pathology and treatment of atomic injuries and chemical warfare is dealt with very effectively. With the use of atomic energy for industrial purposes, and for the training of a civil defence force, the manual is very informative and of great interest to medical men, radiologists and industrial physicians.

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