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Going underground probably would provide more security than anything else-you could do. Shelters above ground, thick enough and properly built, would help a lot, too

There's another possibility—dispersion Of course it would be impossible to spread out all war plants, military installations and houses so they would be three miles apart. But they could be scattered so that targets wouldn't be bunched together

A year and a half ago, the National Security Resources Board (NSRB) put up quite an argument for dispersion NSRB is in charge of what civil defense plans the government does have

At least, the agency said, industries planning expansion and new branches should consider dispersion as the most practical solution to the problem of obtaining reasonable strategic security

But now government experts are saying complete dispersion to provide the greatest possible protection would require "15 years, $100 billion and a 'garrison state'

Picking up an industry or even a single plant would raise all sorts of questions Would the old workers be asked to go along or would a new crew be recruited in the new spot? What about the contract with the union?

Eighteen months ago, NSRB rather talked down the idea of underground installations Now federal authorities say recent studies "indicate that there are no serious difficulties in constructing and operating underground manufacturing plants. . . . For certain types of manufacturing there is only a small difference in the cost whether the plant is built above ground or below ground in an existing mine"

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