

the Past...



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dated June 1941, shown illustrated what happened hington's theaters, public n private ballrooms: cons-pace. This photo shows Auditorium with its stage y converted into offices, s reserved for file cabinet



Illustration—'Handbook for Fire Watchers,' (U.S. Gov't, 1942); courtesy, Kelsey & Assoc. private collection.

of Civil Defense ran an each program that includ-ource on protecting one's mple from a fire safety publication o instruct residents about removing prevent fires from incoming magne-nd carried a suggestion to heavily ttic's exposed wood for the same reav-ing the question for many contem-ners who wonder why such an effort in non-living space.

ns and Americans obviously pre-ut the war effort, and celebrated on F Street downtown, as these re-ved. However, other threats since ave kept Washingtonians on alert, old War. Only a handful of Dupont

residents may recall that the Connecticut Avenue underpass that ran below the Circle was sealed off in August of 1964, as the construction photo below shows to provide what was believed would be adequate civil defense protection in the event of a nuclear attack; it was filled with food and supplies and designated as an official fall-out shelter for neighborhood residents.

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