

mass graves by totalitarian conquerors, because these same politicians failed to appropriate money to deploy a civil and a strategic defense.

## Furnishing Your Shelter

Blast and radiation shelters are best furnished by sleeping hammocks, hammock chairs, and curtain walls and partitions.

Such furniture is easy to store and inexpensive to provide. *Nuclear War Survival Skills* gives instructions for furnishing a shelter entirely with bed sheet furniture. This costs about \$1 per bed or chair at your local second hand linen store.

If the shelter is shaken by ground shock during an attack, soft furniture avoids injuries to falling shelter occupants. Hammocks and their supporting ropes also absorb ground shock and thereby shock-isolate their occupants.

A shelter can be packed with occupants much more efficiently with this kind of furnishings. The arrangements also are easily changed in accordance with the number of occupants.

During our videotaping Cresson Kearny demonstrated bedsheets expedient furniture and also a professionally made hammock which converts into a chair. This hammock has a second fabric compartment below it which enhances ventilation and also stores personal items. Boat shaped in configuration and best used without spreader bars except for perhaps a short one at the feet, these hammocks are excellent.

One of our volunteers borrowed this hammock and showed it to a local seamstress who agreed to make them to order. Her name is Glenda Taylor. She can be called in Grants Pass, Oregon at (503) 476-7275. Mrs. Taylor charges \$35 for materials and \$15 for labor for a total of \$50 each. She made two hammocks for our **Fighting Chance** model shelter. Her work is excellent.

I suggest that you make an expedient bedsheets model and also order one from Mrs. Taylor. Experiment with these two alternatives, and then furnish the rest of your shelter.

You should also write to Oak Ridge for publication ORNL-TM-1428, *Shelter Furnishings for Efficient Living Space*, which is reference number 111 in *Fighting Chance*.