

Our nation is entirely without any credible homeland defense against Soviet tyranny. Moreover, no credible national or community program to correct this terrible condition is even close to funding or implementation.

Therefore, anyone who is actively, honestly, and credibly trying to correct this situation deserves encouragement and support. Fortunately many of the people who are working for American homeland defense share this view. **Fighting Chance** could not have grown so quickly without the generous, unselfish support of these people.

Envy, jealousy, and some of the other less desirable human emotions are, however, always with us. If you see one "pro-homeland defense" group carping at another, remember Pogo and consider the source.

SHELTER TANKS

Many **Fighting Chance** supporters are starting to build steel tank shelters. For the most part, these people are utilizing surplus tanks. There are a large number of tanks available now, because the "environmentalists" have scared the government into mandating replacement of most of the nation's service station fuel storage tanks.

This wasteful effort is alone costing a substantial part of the resources which could be providing a good civil defense system. However, we can at least use some of the excellent salvaged tanks as shelters.

The record "buy" so far belongs to a **Fighting Chance** supporter who writes that he purchased a purged fuel tank 10.5 feet in diameter and 41 feet long with one-half inch thick steel walls for \$600 plus \$200 delivery to his site in the suburbs 15 miles away.

We almost bested this in May when we purchased a similar tank from a salvage company for \$1000 plus \$850 in freight. The tank was purchased "as is" including some fuel remaining in it. However, the company reneged on the salesman's deal with us when others there learned of the agreement. The tank contained 4,400 gallons of diesel oil which made the tank itself including shipping essentially free. This was an above ground tank which had never been buried.

The asking price for salvage fuel tanks in excellent condition is currently about 10 cents per gallon of capacity. This compares with about 35 cents per gallon for a new tank. Therefore, an 8 foot diameter used tank 20 feet long with 1/4 inch steel walls costs about \$800.