

Second, Thomas Jefferson said:

"The constitutions of most of our states, and of the United States, assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed; that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of the press."

If you choose to exercise these rights and duties in part by possession of a firearm, be certain that you are skilled in its safe and effective use and that you are well aware of the obligations and responsibilities accompanying this particular "power" of the people.

Do not indulge in fantasies about protecting your shelter from an invading Soviet army with your firearms.

TELEPHONE TREE

Many readers of this newsletter have joined the **Fighting Chance** telephone tree, and we hope that many others will join. The tree consists of individuals who are willing to be asked occasionally to make a specific telephone call on behalf of a civil defense issue.

The first use (and success) of the tree was in saving the mobile civil defense display at the National Emergency Training Center, NETC. Although this display has been in effective use by classes there for over two years now, there were several times when anti-civil defense bureaucrats almost succeeded in getting rid of it.

Their last and hopefully final effort was an attempt to "install" it underground in an obscure location at NETC. This would have diminished its educational value and ended its use as a mobile display in the Washington, D.C area.

A coordinated barrage of calls from telephone tree participants encouraged the bureaucrats who favored the display and worried the ones who didn't. As a result the display survived and continues to do its work. Moreover, since it is used in training thousands of professionals from all over the United States, its existence has made possible our progress in getting similar displays adopted by state civil defense agencies.

Most state agencies will now accept and utilize these displays. As resources become available, we are supplying them.

We decided that it would be counterproductive to use the telephone tree for efforts which were unlikely to succeed. For this reason, most people have not been asked to make many calls.

There are many issue-oriented organizations which encourage telephone calls to Washington by their members. In most cases, the proponents of these issues know that the calls (or letters) are unlikely to make a difference. Calls are promoted, nevertheless, largely