

as a mechanism for stirring up their supporters and increasing the chances of financial donations to their cause.

This telephone tree is maintained solely as a tool for effective action. Like many essential tools it will only be used occasionally. It will be used when we know the calls will make a crucial difference.

By being willing to make these calls, telephone tree participants provide **Fighting Chance** with this capability. Being known to possess this capability gives us additional influence to accomplish our goals even when it is not used.

SHELTER HAMMOCKS

An additional small company has begun making shelter hammocks. They are John and Linda Wells of the Johnwell Upholstery Company, 1427 Southeast Stevens, Roseburg, OR 97470 with telephone (503) 673-5448. We have seen their product which is made strictly according to the design in our drawings and displays and is of a high quality.

Always remember that you can use bed sheets and the instructions in Nuclear War Survival Skills to make excellent shelter hammocks. It is prudent to put the supplies necessary to make expedient hammocks in your shelter.

If you want the more attractive and convenient commercial hammocks, this company will make them for you currently at \$70 per hammock plus postage. Be sure you have really essential items first. That \$70, for example, will buy at least 6 person/months of very nutritious survival food supplies. You can also sew the hammocks yourself from the instructions which were given in the September 1990 issue of this newsletter.

There is one less-than-optimum feature in the hammocks we previously put into the displays which is now being corrected.

The heavy nylon material currently used for the primary hammock bottoms is waterproofed. This heavy nylon material is supplied from textile mills only in a waterproofed version. A waterproof coating is applied to the underside of the material in the final stages of manufacturing.

Ideally, however, a shelter hammock bottom should be permeable to water. Shelter occupants, particularly in a crowded shelter, are more comfortable if the evaporative cooling of their bodies is not impeded. Moisture given off by a hammock occupant should easily pass through the hammock material.

Under extreme conditions of heat or humidity or both, the occupants of hammocks which have waterproofed bottoms may find themselves in uncomfortable pools of water. In any case, evaporative cooling of their bodies will be less efficient.

Since these hammocks are for shelters rather than for foot-mobile transport, the material can be as heavy as is desired, but it should be permeable to water.