

Soviet civil war should actually be defined as a successful internal conflict in which significant parts of the Soviet Union pass entirely beyond the control of the Soviet central government. This has not yet happened; the Soviets have a successful record of preventing it by military action; and the United States government is doing everything in its power to help the Soviets maintain control.

Our politicians and their handlers, too, derive their personal power and wealth from centralized political control of a large nation. As a result of the limits placed upon them by our founding fathers two hundred years ago, that control is exercised differently than in the Soviet Union.

In general the governments of the world's large nations support each other and support the concept of increasing their power through tighter control over the citizens under their jurisdiction. They see a threat to one as a threat to all and are rushing to save the Soviet central government.

More control and even world government is deemed to be desirable. Decentralization is deemed to be undesirable by those whose personal wealth and power is derived from centralized control. As regards the personal welfare of the common man or woman, decentralization is entirely preferable. Decentralization leads to more freedom, more individual wealth, faster human progress, and greater safety from war, disablement, and death.

Soviet civil war is not yet occurring. The probability of civil war has risen. It would be better for the Soviet people and for the American people if a Soviet civil war did take place with fragmentation of the country into smaller republics. The record of recent history suggests that this probably will not happen.

ARIZONA MOBILE SHELTER DISPLAY

The photographs below show the Arizona mobile shelter display. The children and I delivered this to Arizona a few weeks ago. Its first use was by a volunteer civil defense group. (The odd camera angles are the result of our having neglected to take pictures before we had parked it in the driveway of a civil defense activist in Arizona.)

This display will be paid for 75% by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to Arizona and 25% by Fighting Chance. The Fighting Chance funds were donated to Arizona through the Physicians for Civil Defense in Arizona, because they expect to use this shelter display extensively.

With each new display, there is the problem of ultimately paying our share of the cost and also the problem of advancing the total cost for the many months delay between construction and bureaucratic payment of the FEMA share while the appropriation slowly finds its way through the Federal and State bureaucracies. In the case of the Arizona display, half of the necessary funds were loaned by Fighting Chance and half by Doctors for