

IN OPPOSITION TO THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S SUPPORT OF "PROJECT EXILE"

Too often the National Rifle Association has guided people in the wrong direction. We have already sustained much damage from N.R.A.'s lead into "state pre-emption." Now they are urging us to accept "Project Exile." In the issue of "Crime Strike: A Special Report on Project Exile from the U.S. Attorney's Office" in Richmond, Virginia, the N.R.A. admits to endorsing and financing "Project Exile".

"Project Exile" is a federal, state, and local effort to increase the dictatorial powers of the federal government to apply penalties for what they consider as gun crimes. Present day laws on firearms are making criminals of law-abiding people. It should be self-evident to any citizen who has read the *Preamble* to the *Bill of Rights* that the federal government was barred under an historic "hands off" policy in relation to the Second Amendment from infringing the people's right to arms.

Crime has been deliberately increased to quell any objection toward the encroachment by the federal government into areas specifically forbidden to them. Under "Project Exile" they are gain-

ing a broader foothold in being able to legislate into areas of the people's firearms. The N.R.A.'s approval of the federal government's dominance through "Project Exile", and their donation of funds to support it, has become a huge disappointment.

The N.R.A.'s position strengthens the hand of the *federal* government so that penalties are increased against those convicted of firearms violations. On the surface this may look good, but under present day laws, there is no fair recourse when gun laws are unjust and improper. In any case, the federal government has no authority to exercise power in areas denied to it by the Second Amendment.

It is absurd for the N.R.A. to profess a belief in the Second Amendment, and at the same time give support to "state pre-emption," a treacherous gimmick! Second Amendment Committee

The Second Amendment Committee of Hanford defends the position that the *Preamble* to the *Bill of Rights* must be enforced as the barrier it was erected to be.

The *Preamble* to the *Bill of Rights* forbids federal intrusion, meaning any sort of infringement by the federal government into the arms rights of the people. It proscribes any activity whatsoever by the federal government to legislate in the area of firearms. What would be the

sense of writing an amendment to secure the people against tyranny and usurpation by public officials, if those same public officials were allowed to water down, fragment, deny or even abolish, the people's use of the tools necessary for the task?

It has to be respected that *real* criminal activity (murder, assault, robbery, etc.), committed with a firearm is a state matter for inclusion in the state penal code. The irony is that even the states are violating the law and are classifying normal standards of firearm possession as "criminal behavior", while yielding to the federally-created state pre-emption hoax!

Strengthening the hand of the federal usurpers by endorsing such projects as "Project Exile", as the N.R.A. has done, is the reverse of the course they should be taking. Instead of wasting precious time, it would have been better if the N.R.A. had invested the funds it has spent on "Project Exile" to take a real stand in defense of our arms rights instead of diluting the Second Amendment.

Why doesn't the N.R.A. spend funds to oppose and expose the enacted federal law (P.L. 87-297) requiring "total and complete disarmament"? That law also prohibits the manufacture and possession of all citizen-owned firearms! Our American history proves the citizens' right to arms is absolute!