

Nuclear war threat . . .

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gan really wants is to restore American superiority (this is exactly what an outer space "defensive" system would do, if successful). But this will not increase our security. On the contrary, it is de-stabilizing and dangerous, not to mention draining on our economy. Superiority is dangerous, because it promotes the idea that a "victory" is possible, and, like hoping for post-war survival, it increases the chances that a nuclear war could occur.

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But arms control is not enough. Even if both sides cut their stockpile of nuclear warheads by half, there would still be enough firepower with which to destroy ourselves. Better relations with Moscow are essential. This means more than simply meeting with the Soviets. It entails, among other things, a re-evaluation of our position in the world vis-a-vis the Soviet Union and the Third World. Should we continue to confuse internal, popular revolutions with Soviet expansionism? Why did the Administration smother (for six months) a government report stating that the Soviets are not controlling Nicaragua? Our dogmatic, inflexible approach to leftist governments is, ironically, pushing these countries toward the Soviet Union, and developing new opportunities for a conflict that could go nuclear. We must correctly evaluate when our security is being threatened, and when it is not. And we must not only stop the anti-Soviet rhetoric, but also communicate to Moscow our sincere desire to co-exist in peace. This may seem naive to some, but it is less naive than equating greater numbers of mis-

siles with greater security.

These ideas are not new, and they are only some of the ways in which to avoid nuclear war. But the Reagan administration has done nothing in this direction. The purpose of requesting suicide pills for use after a nuclear war is to show the urgency of the problem, to show that students are afraid, that they consider nuclear war a distinct possibility in their future, and that they consider such a war unendurable. The government must discard "defensive" star-wars weapons projects and dubious civil defense plans. We must act now, before a war is started, to prevent nuclear suicide.

Many agree with our message, but think that there are more positive ways to approach the problem. Because of possible misunderstandings, we have changed our name to "Students Against Nuclear Suicide." We are calling on colleges around the country to rally against nuclear suicide on Nov. 2.

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