

# Poll shows too much spent for defense

To the Editor:

Last week Citizens Against Nuclear War conducted a "Penny Poll" directed at finding out how the Anchorage citizens would like to see their tax dollars spent as opposed to how the government is spending their tax dollars. The 200 citizens polled felt overwhelming that too much of their tax dollars (50 cents per dollar) was going to defense and that the majority of funds should be going to Education, Social Security and Health.

Many people have begun to put two and two together and realized that the many cuts in social programs, job training and education are all directly related to the growing

military budget which allows for the deployment of 3 new nuclear weapons every day.

They are not alone in their concerns, across the nation in 50 cities and towns people have passed what is called the Jobs with Peace Resolution (H.R. No46). The Jobs with Peace resolution advocates cuts in military spending so that once again the money can be spent on human services, not means of destruction.

The millions of unemployed have awakened to the fact that per billion dollars military spending generates fewer jobs than any other federal spending.

When will this madness end: The president has proposed that we spend 1.6 trillion over the next five years in military

spending.

If this budget proposal were passed it would require even deeper cuts in domestic spending, fuel inflation, further undermine the economy and allow for the deployment of new nuclear weapons which are designed for the sole purpose of starting a nuclear war.

Please join me in protest by calling Congressman Don Young and urging him to co-sponsor the Jobs with Peace Resolution (and while you're on the phone let him know that you support a Nuclear Freeze!). Your voice is needed, please act now.

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## Another plea for nuclear disarmament

To the Editor:

As a parent of three young children, I believe the greatest thing I can do for my children is to support nuclear disarmament. Dr. Helen Caldicott left her practice as a pediatrician to found Physicians for Social Responsibility based on the same sentiment. She has stated, "Nuclear disarmament is the ultimate parenting issue."

There is no such thing as a limited nuclear war. There are 50,000 nuclear warheads in the world today with that number on the rise. If one 20 megaton nuclear bomb were dropped on one city at ground level on a clear day, it would

equal five times the collective energy of all the bombs dropped during World War Two.

The bomb would dig a hole 3/4 of a mile wide and 800 feet deep, converting all buildings, the people inside, and the earth below into radioactive fallout. Anyone would be vaporized into gas up to a radius of six miles and within radius of six miles and within a radius of 20 miles killed instantly or be lethally injured.

The overpressures would be so great people would be literally sucked out of buildings and converted into missiles traveling at 100 miles per hour. At a radius of 26 miles, you

could become a flaming torch as your clothing instantaneously ignited from the heat. Physicians for Social Responsibility contend that in an all-out nuclear war between the super powers, 90 percent of the American people will be dead within 30 days.

Without nuclear arms control the Soviets will match every new generation of missiles we build. Both countries continue to pour billions of dollars into nuclear weapons that will either become obsolete or destroy our children and the world.

How could anyone who values life not support a *mutual and verifiable* arms freeze? Reduce the risk of nuclear war by supporting the House Resolution for a nuclear freeze. The dangers are great, the facts horrifying, but should these efforts fail, no historian will be around to record it.

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