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APPEAL FROM BERLIN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A.

We, a group of West Berlin citizens, want to express our deepening sense of apprehension and alarm at the military policy of the Reagan administration. The construction of a new generation of American nuclear weapons is raising political and social tensions throughout the world and promises to drastically increase the risk of nuclear war.

The proposed stationing of Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe has catalyzed an unprecedented opposition movement. In the Federal Republic alone over 1 1/2 million people have signed petitions against the stationing of Pershing II and Cruise missiles on European soil. In Hamburg more than 100,000 Protestant Christians recently demonstrated against these new weapons. This Fall hundreds of demonstrations and teach-ins will take place in Federal Republic to protest the present United States military build-up.

The recent decision of the Reagan administration to build the neutron bomb has only unleashed additional revulsion and opposition.

We are told that the Pershing II and Cruise missiles will deter the Soviet Union from attacking Western Europe by providing the United States and NATO with the means to "win" an atomic war.

As West Berliners living in the West but surrounded by the East we have had the privilege of experiencing first hand the benefits of detente. We believe from the results of this experience that only a policy of deepening East-West dialogue and understanding - not weapons superiority - can provide a working framework for peace.

The people of the Soviet Union have never forgotten the invasion of their country by Germany during the Second World War. More than 20 million Russians died as a result of the war. Like all of us in the West the Soviet people are deeply afraid of a

coming nuclear war. And now intermediate range missiles, able to reach Moscow in less than five minutes, are to be deployed in the Federal Republic!

WHO CAN SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THE DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING II AND CRUISE MISSILES IN EUROPE WILL STRENGTHEN THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE?

West Germany already has the highest density of atomic weapons per square mile of any country in the world. Within this powder-keg environment, which is our home, the Reagan administration is taking steps to place the neutron bomb, a weapon which is supposed to make atomic war "thinkable". If the neutron bomb were ever to be used in Europe or anywhere else in the world, it could open up an age of unlimited atomic wars.

Pershing II's, Cruise missiles and neutron bombs on European soil could not only unleash an atomic war here. We believe that such a conflict would quickly escalate and turn the entire northern hemisphere into a nuclear wasteland.

WE, ALONG WITH MILLIONS OF OTHER EUROPEAN CITIZENS, WILL NEVER ACCEPT ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE.

The present American arms build-up is creating fear. Fear leads to hate and not to respect. The United States will be respected, if it respects the integrity and independence of its Allies and if it treats all peoples of the world as having equal rights. It will be respected, if it shows genuine willingness to negotiate.

"Willingness to negotiate" must entail readiness to disarm.

WE APPEAL URGENTLY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO USE THEIR ENORMOUS CREATIVE POTENTIAL FOR PEACE INSTEAD OF WAR.

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