

# Editorial

## Big Iceland question is tone of arms talks

President Reagan is now in Geneva, preparing to meet with Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev this weekend. Both sides are primarily hoping to establish a basis for future summits, so the press and the public should not expect radical changes in arms policy to come from the Iceland talks.

The real question is what tone for arms talks will be set in Iceland, as the two leaders will try to establish what issues will be predominant in future arms talks.

Reagan will focus primarily on long-range nuclear missiles, and medium-range missiles in Asia. The president wants the Soviets to reduce missiles in Asia by about 80 percent, from 513 warheads in 171 missiles to 100 warheads.

The president will also stress human rights issues, particularly the plight of Soviet Jews and the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan. Whatever the results in missile negotiations, we sincerely hope Reagan secures greater emigration rights for Soviet Jews and convinces the Soviets to begin to reduce their involvement in Afghanistan.

The Soviets' main objective is various testing and research bans. They will continue to seek a joint moratorium on nuclear testing, and will push for an extension of the 1972 antiballistic treaty, which would prohibit research on the Strategic Defense Initiative, Reagan's space-based missile defense proposal, for as much as 15 years.

The administration is considering adoption of such an extension for a period of seven and a half years, causing conservative supporters of the president to accuse him of selling out SDI.

The Soviets will also continue to push for removal of medium-range missiles from Europe.

A September New York Times-CBS poll indicated that 44 percent of Americans polled want the president to reduce tensions with the Soviets, and 45 percent want him to take a tougher stand. Thus the public as a whole, like the president, is uncertain of what direction arms control should take.

At this point, it is unclear which side enters the talks with an advantage; both will be trying to take the odd position of a hard-line stance with enough flexibility to respond to the other's proposals.

Reagan's leadership at home has been shaken recently, with Congress' overwhelming override of his veto on South African sanctions and the House's strict arms control provisions tied to its massive general spending bill.

Reagan also suffered from his recent disclosure of an administration "disinformation" strategy, resulting in the resignation of Bernard Kalb as State Department spokesman.

However, the damage done to Reagan by this disclosure has been dampened by the president's popularity and the response of the foreign media. One foreign reporter shrugged the incident off, saying, in essence, "Khadafi's not very popular in Europe."

Similarly, the Soviets are still reeling from the bad press they received from the Daniloff affair, and the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident has left a scar on Soviet-European relations.

The Soviets are removing 6,000 troops from Afghanistan, from a total force of 118,000 troops, but public relations gain from this will be minimal because the Soviets recently added 6,000 to their Afghanistan forces.

Gorbachev has made it quite clear that the Iceland meeting is simply a preliminary meeting, fearing further criticism from Kremlin hard-liners who assailed the premier for returning home from Geneva with no substantial progress in arms control.

So both leaders will meet in Iceland knowing that pressures at home, both economic and political, are forcing them toward arms reductions. They both have gained black eyes from recent events, but it remains to be seen how bad those black eyes are.

Mostly, both have specific goals in arms control, and the real question is how responsive the two leaders will be in pursuing serious arms reductions.

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## Letters

### Cult network

Jolayne Houtz's article, "Cult awareness network links CAUSA members to Rev. Sun Myung Moon" (ODE, Oct. 9) comes as a welcome relief to Stan Nelson's article, "CAUSA members soliciting support for U.S. Constitution" of the previous day.

Sun Myung Moon and other cult gurus have developed the processes of mind control to an alarming degree; exploiting the idealism, fears, and social vulnerabilities of those caught in their recruitment nets, using peer pressure and group dynamics in a way that makes individuals incapable of critical, objective analysis of their commitment.

These techniques have been used for centuries by other religious groups in the formation of zealous leaders. When the Pope disparages intellectual analysis and insists on "Faith" (Register Guard, Oct. 8), he, too, plays this game. Indeed, all of us are vulnerable if "the right buttons" that identify our weaknesses are pushed.

Respectful of Constitutional liberties, we must not deny cult members the right to express their views, no matter how false. The university campus is the best place to confront these issues. Rather, it is incumbent upon all of us to challenge these dangerous views with reasoned analysis, arguments and infor-

mation, without fail, whenever they appear.

Area residents, especially former cult members or families who have had a loved one enmeshed in a cult, interested in countering cult activities by participating in educational programs may register their interest with: Oregon Rationalist Association, P.O. Box 3591, University Station, Eugene, Or. 97403. A free brochure, "The Poverty of Faith" will be sent on request.

Bert P. Tryba  
Eugene

### Vote for Long

When I vote this November, I'll be thinking of the future I want my children to have. I want elected officials who will work for the best interests of America; who will work to improve our economy, insure peace and make the government responsible to the people. That's why I want Bruce Long to be the congressional representative for our district.

I want my children to grow up in a strong, prosperous nation which will be the envy of the world. I desire effective law enforcement policies which will insure their safety at home and abroad. I also want leaders who will support family values and realize the importance of the family unit to our nation.

Bruce Long is a family man

and is a man who is dedicated to benefiting his constituents and the nation as a whole. His record and accomplishments are impressive to say the least.

Our district would greatly benefit from placing such a qualified person in office to represent us. I encourage Republicans, Democrats and independents concerned with the future to support Bruce Long in November.

Guy Boylan  
Student

### Outdated info

For the benefit of students who may be using the Oregon Student Lobby Voter's Guide to help make their choices in the upcoming election, I would like to point out that there are several legislative races for which that publication does not have up-to-date information.

In state representative District 40, the Libertarian candidate is Richard Sharvy. In the same district, the Republican candidate is Gene Arvidson. Richard Lee is no longer a candidate.

Students who vote in other parts of the state should be sure to check the state voter's pamphlet and local news media before making their decisions to determine if there have been changes in their districts.

Joseph W. Dehn III  
Eugene

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