

# Editorial

## New missile treaty good place to start

Today's summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, if successful, could be the first step toward not only large-scale reductions in nuclear weapons but also a new era in superpower relations.

However, as the proposed INF treaty covers only 3 or 4 percent of the U.S. and Soviet nuclear capability, the treaty is largely a symbolic one. Nevertheless, it is a crucial first step toward nuclear disarmament and could lead to a more substantial treaty in the future.

The treaty also represents a rejuvenated relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union's new spirit of *glasnost* coupled with Reagan's current enthusiasm about meeting with Gorbachev has facilitated a certain rapport between the superpowers. Such a rapport eventually could reconcile tension between the East and West.

Furthermore, the Reagan administration's relentless effort to achieve a nuclear treaty, although it may be motivated by politics rather than peace, should be commended.

Every effort should be made by members of the Senate, including Oregon's Bob Packwood and Mark Hatfield, to ratify the treaty, which could benefit the United States and its European allies.

The question that arises, then, is this: Will the INF treaty reduce the threat of nuclear war and increase international stability?

Some military strategists argue the warheads act as a deterrent to a nuclear strike, because nothing short of mutual destruction would result in the event of a nuclear exchange. The weapons, they claim, reduce the risk of war.

These strategists claim intermediate-range missiles are necessary to protect Western Europe from Soviet aggression and to maintain a balance of power, especially considering the Warsaw Pact's advantage in conventional forces of approximately two to one.

Although these concerns are reasonable, the treaty nevertheless should be implemented while the U.S. considers measures to strengthen NATO's conventional forces in Europe to reduce the military disparity there.

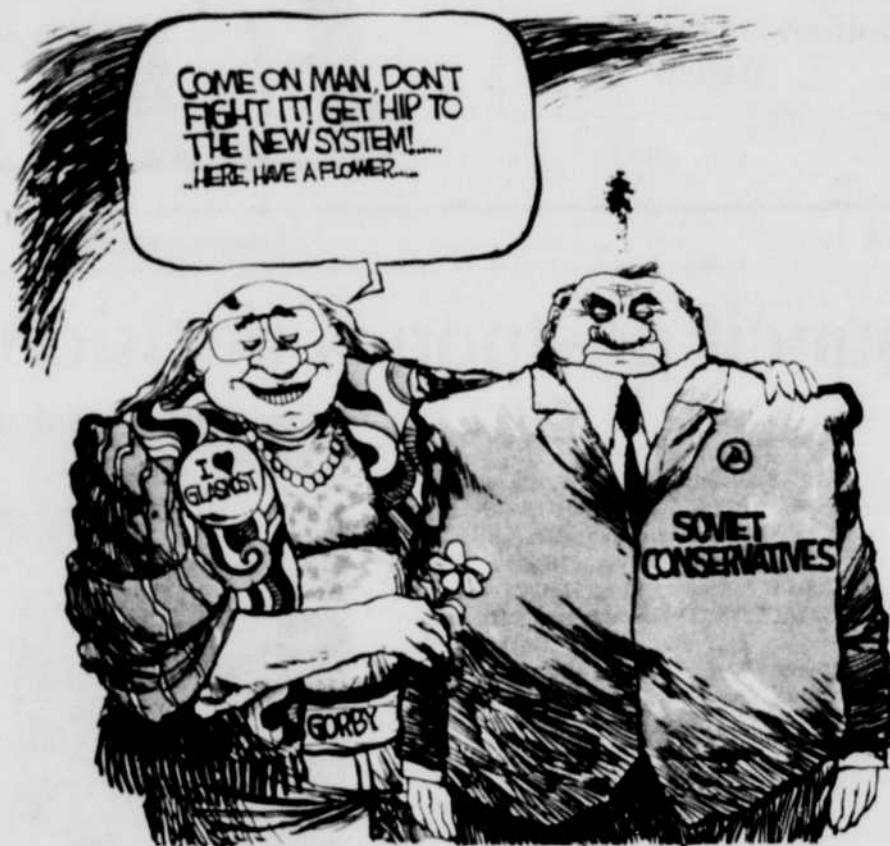
But strengthening NATO's conventional forces in Europe will prove costly in the long run; therefore, the U.S. administration also should seek a treaty to reduce not only nuclear weapons but also conventional forces to a commensurate level in Europe.

The INF treaty alone probably will reduce stability and increase the threat of war; however, if it leads to further reductions in nuclear weapons and a congenial relationship between the superpowers, then the treaty will serve to strengthen peace.

Moreover, the present treaty eliminating intermediate forces from Europe coupled with an asymmetrical reduction of conventional forces through negotiations in the near future would increase stability in Europe.

But for the period directly following the signing of the treaty, special emphasis should focus on verifying the implementation of the treaty. Adherence to the treaty's provisions will prove a decisive factor in future negotiations over nuclear disarmament.

The INF treaty should be signed and implemented — and then negotiations should proceed cautiously toward massive cuts in conventional forces and strategic nuclear weapons.



## Letters

### Preservation

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is located in the northeast corner of Alaska. The coastal plain is the most biologically productive part of the refuge. It is the last unspoiled area of its kind in the Northern Hemisphere. The coastal plain is a national treasure commonly referred to as "America's Serengeti Plain." The coastal plain is in peril!

The oil industry wants to drill for oil in the coastal plain and the Department of Interior has recommended that the entire area be opened up for full oil and gas leasing. Oil exploration and development on the coastal plain will be destructive to the ecosystem and aesthetically nauseating.

The potential oil recovery does not warrant the exploitation of such a pristine treasure. According to the Department of the Interior there is less than a one in five chance that commercially producible oil will be found. If any oil is found, the mean prediction is that only 3.2 billion barrels will be economically recoverable. Americans use more than 3.2 billion barrels of oil in seven months.

We must look towards conservation and alternative energy sources to meet our future energy needs. It simply is not worth despoiling America's most spectacular wildlife refuge for a quick fix.

Tell Congress to preserve the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Jeff Kodish  
Survival Center

### Show respect

I was dismayed by the unwarranted charge of homophobia made against a respected Native American student leader, Harry Hintsala, who also is ASUO Minority Affairs Coordinator, and by the one-sided treatment the issue initially received in the pages of the Oregon Daily Emerald (Nov. 27, 29 and 30).

Hopefully this regrettable affair is now being resolved through mediation. As a contribution to this process I believe that GALA, as well as the campus Indian community, might profit by reflecting on the humane way that gay people are treated in traditional Indian culture. Non-Indians who are unfamiliar with this custom might wish to consult the excellent work by Walter L. Williams, "The Spirit and the Flesh" (Beacon Press, 1986).

Usually, the only instances of homophobia that exist in Indian communities occur among those individuals who have been acculturated to white prejudices.

I believe that Hintsala and the Indian students on campus deserve to be treated with more respect and sensitivity for their ethnic traditions than has been the case in this unfortunate affair.

Steve Talbot  
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### Agitated

I read the Nov. 23 ODE Streetwise opinions about labeling convicted sex offenders and I

was greatly agitated by the remarks of three students against it.

Do they know that child molesters are never "rehabilitated?" That they never lose their urge to molest children?

My infant daughter was severely abused by my mother's last husband, yet he walks free today. Labeling this man for what he's done (and still can do) is the least society can do. I would prefer castration and a brand 3-inches across his forehead.

Becki Kennedy  
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### Pave the way

Farmers elect farmers, bankers elect bankers to their respective boards. Educators, on the other hand, gnash their teeth because the governor appoints political hacks to supervise them.

Granted, a university gets public funds and is responsible therefore to more constituencies. Aren't the subsidies given farmers also public funds?

This makes one wonder how far the system of appointing board members from outside those running the institutions can be explained by the latter's dependence on special interests with clout and how far by anti-intellectualism.

The latter was not too long ago the bane of this nation and expressed itself in the contemptuous designation of "egghead" former-governor Atiyeh, and those he appointed probably believe professors are incapable of running their institutions.

A constitutional change letting the faculties of the various institutions elect a majority of the board is urgently needed. What a wonderful challenge for social-minded students to pave the way for such change!

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