Do you expect the Superpower Summit will produce anything concrete? If you could, what message would you want Reagan to deliver to Gorbachev?



Kelly O'Rourke, Sophmore, Milwaukie:

No. They may say they have accomplished something, but their arguing has gon on so long that one conferene won't help. I would tell Gorbachev we want peace world wide

Christina Knutson, Freshman, Lake Oswego:

I think over many, many more meetings something could be done. I do think the meeting is good. You never accomplish anything through noncommunication.



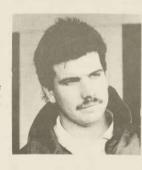


Patti Cook, Sophmore, Hillsboro:

Probably not. They both want the same thing--power. I couldn't tell Gorbachev anything he doesn't already know

Scott Bowman, Sophmore, Gladstone:

No, I don't expect concrete results. I don't think one meeting will accomplish much. I would tell Gorbachev that we aren't giving up Star Wars.





Jim Starnes, Sophmore, Canby:

We have got two equal powers that don't want to let anything out of their grasps. They always are talking in circles. Gorbachev should lay his cards on the table.

Norma Schwabauer, Freshman, Mollala:

I don't really expect the conference to accomplish much. I think it will take more meetings between them. Gorbachev should stop the arms race. (More arms) are not necessary. One bomb is enough.



Leaders should build homes, not N-bombs

By Dave Holmes

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The superpower summit which started today should give us hope in at least two major areas, military spending and decreased military threat.

First, both leaders are going to have to show some concern for their own economy by making the effort to halt the horrific flow of cash into the military sector.

Both countries could be using the dollars or rubles they spend on military expenditures on social programs that would help to bring a better way of life for their citizens. Housing the homeless sounds so much better than building another bomb.

The other issue that hangs over our heads is that of being wiped-out. And the summit talks will be aimed in this general direction. After all, what is each leader trying to prevent? A first strike by the other. And as a realistic person, I can't see that the talks, in themselves, are going to prevent such a catastrophy.

What they might do is supply a deterent for further Soviet imperialistic activity (e.g. Afghanistan and Nicaragua) by President Reagan making a "show of strength."

In 1961, President Kennedy made what the Soviets thought was a weak showing at a summit conference and before you could say "Bad show, old boy" the newspapers carried headlines of Soviet troops in Berlin and missiles in Cuba.

A show of strength may not be as easy for President Reagan as a lot of people speculate. Any national leader that has to read State of the Union addresses off cue cards might be in a bit of a spot. All that can be done is hope and pray that Reagan keeps a strong stance and the talks don't bog down in a river of trivialities and preposterousness.

Perhaps the prayers of hope should be offered on behalf of the President's speechwriter. I mean, the fate of U.S. arms policy may very well rest on his shoulders.

The summit talks in Geneva won't be the cure for the threatening arms AND defense policies of both countries. But it's something. They're talking. And in this instance talk will not be cheap.

Though he and his advisors have their faults, and may bumble about a bit, I support the President's efforts in what could be a very important tete-a-tete. Though the talks may not bring about a solution to the world's problems of aggressiveness, they might help delay or prevent certain incidents that could cause irreversable damage to the human community. Pa

