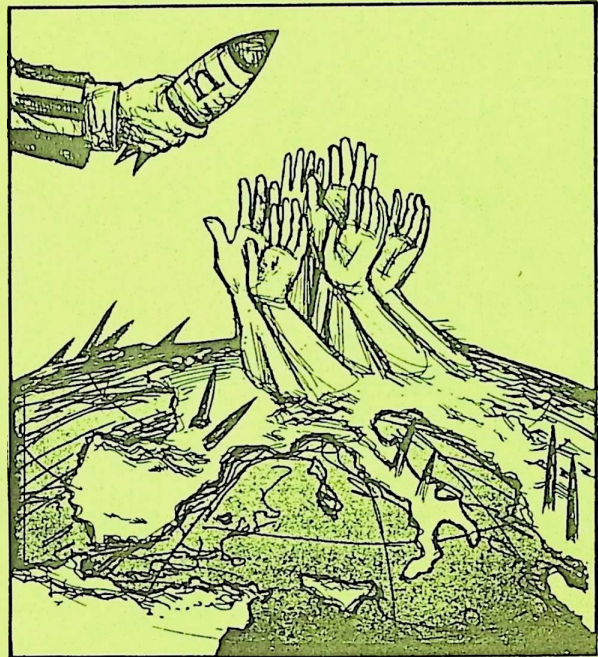


Euroshima No!

**How Would You React If
The Soviet Union Deployed
New Nuclear Missiles That
Could Reach The United States
In Six Minutes?**



Would you consider it a threat to world peace?

Would you think the Soviets were planning to attack us?

Doesn't it make sense that the people of Europe and the world are saying No to the United States cruise and Pershing II Missiles?

What are the Cruise and Pershing II Missiles?

The Cruise is a new computer-guided nuclear missile designed to avoid detection by radar by flying very low to the ground. Since the Cruise is only 25 feet long, its placement is virtually undetectable by satellite. Each missile will carry a warhead 15 times as powerful as the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. The Pershing II is a highly accurate nuclear missile, capable of landing within a few feet of its target. Once deployed in West Germany it will be able to reach deep into Soviet territory in six minutes. The Reagan Administration plans to deploy 464 Cruise and 108 Pershing missiles in Europe in late 1983.

Why Are These Missiles So Dangerous?

- The Cruise and Pershing II missiles are first-strike weapons (weapons that are designed to attack Soviet missile silos with such precision that they can destroy the Soviet's ability to retaliate). As such, they are built to be *used* and are designed to be used

first. First-strike weapons are not defensive—they are only useful *before* someone else launches their missiles. Development of a first-strike capability greatly increases the prospects for nuclear war. Not only will it tempt NATO leaders to attack the Soviet Union, but the Soviets, fearing a crippling first strike, will be encouraged to launch their own missiles "on warning" (at the first suspicion of an attack, without waiting for verification).

- The deployment of these missiles on the borders of Eastern Europe could create a "Cuban Missile Crisis" in reverse. The Soviet Union could respond by placing missiles of their own off our shores. (Although the USSR lags behind the U.S. in first-strike technology, they will be able to deploy Cruise missiles in a few years unless some form of a freeze or disarmament agreement is reached.)

- Deployment will further escalate the arms race and could touch off further increases in the development of destructive conventional as well as nuclear weapons.

How Would These Missiles Affect The Freeze?

If the Reagan Administration succeeds in deploying the Cruise and Pershing II missiles, there is very little chance for a freeze agreement with the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union will never agree to a freeze once first-strike weapons are stationed so close to its borders. Since the Cruise cannot be detected, they would undermine a major component of a freeze—the ability for each side to verify the numbers and movements of the other's missiles to ensure compliance.

How Do The Europeans Feel About This?

NATO decided to deploy the Cruise and Pershing II missiles without consulting the people of Europe or of the United States. This decision sparked the current wave of disarmament activity in Europe. Millions of Europeans have marched through the streets of their capital cities, demanding their governments refuse to accept Cruise and Pershing II missiles on their soil. According to a Gallup Poll, the majority of people in England, Germany and Holland do not want these missiles. The reason is simple: deployment of the Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe will increase the likelihood of nuclear war, with Europe as the battleground.

Aren't The Cruise and Pershing Necessary To Catch Up To The Soviet Union?

The Soviet Union does not have any nuclear weapons in North or South America, nor does it have a first-strike capability. Far from "evening up the score," deploying the Cruise and Pershing II would create a strategic imbalance that could increase the pace of the arms race and thus the possibility of nuclear war.

Why Does The Reagan Administration Want To Deploy These Weapons?

The Reagan Administration is attempting to develop the ability to fight a war using nuclear weapons, continuing the policies of previous administrations. President Reagan views nuclear weapons as an important part of our military arsenal for use during a conventional war either with the Soviet Union or a smaller country. According to the Pentagon's war planners, a conventional war could be escalated into a "limited nuclear war" from which the U.S. could emerge victorious. First-strike weapons like the Cruise and Pershing IIs are an essential component of this plan. Stationing the Cruise Missile in Comiso, Sicily, as planned, would have no strategic value in deterring a Soviet attack in Germany, but many Italians believe that its close proximity to the Middle East indicates the Cruise is planned for use in that region.

What Is The Alternative?

An immediate nuclear freeze with plans for dismantling existing arsenals would prevent all nations from developing first-strike weapons, and stop the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing II missiles. By significantly reducing the military budget and transferring those funds to create jobs and meet human needs, we can reduce world tensions and the inclination to use military means to influence the internal affairs of other nations. To do this would take active participation from a broad spectrum of citizens across the nation. A broadly based international movement against the Euromissiles has already grown in Europe, Canada, and the United States. As an individual you can play a role in this movement by joining your local peace group; letting your congressional representative know how you feel; and participating in the many activities organized to prevent the deployment of these missiles.

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