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THE ACTIVE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

IPPNW World Congress in New Delhi *Continued Dangers of Nuclear Proliferation Underscored*

By Robert M. Gould, MD,
SF Bay Area PSR President

In early March, I and other PSR members participated in the 18th World Congress of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) held in New Delhi. The Congress, organized by the Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD), drew approximately 600 participants, including hundreds of medical students from South Asia and around the world. Excellent symposia and workshops examined the persistent flashpoints for nuclear and conventional conflict, as well as the enormous challenges facing the region and the globe as regards enormous poverty and economic disparity, placed against the backdrop of an unfolding energy and global warming crisis.

Many of the featured speakers from India and South Asia dealt squarely with the rising dangers of regional militarism coupled with the rapid incorporation of the subcontinent into the global economy. The latter has led to a marked expansion of a consumerist-oriented middle class while leaving increasing levels of destitution among the countless people left behind, desperately seeking the dirty and dangerous work necessary to survive in the new order. Susan George of the Transnational Institute directly addressed the dire outlook of “the hundreds of millions seen as rubbish people” who have been effectively excluded from the global economy, dependent on the most menial jobs in the informal economy or harvesting the detritus of society in garbage dumps in order to scrape by. Former Indian Naval Chief of Staff, Admiral Ramdas contrasted the unmet needs of the multitudes of Indian

people living in unspeakable squalor with the tens of billions of dollars pumped into the Indian military and nuclear establishments, providing the fuel for deadly regional warfare.

A key related concern of the conference participants was the unfolding U.S.-India nuclear deal slated to expedite the transfer of nuclear plants and technology to India, putatively to address India’s burgeoning energy needs, but providing the U.S. nuclear industry with a massive market for initiating a new round of nuclear energy expansion that has, in PSR’s view, been falsely marketed as the “greenhouse solution” to climate change. A number of speakers examined the legacy of the Indian nuclear power industry that, after decades of massive expenditures has only provided approximately 4% of the Indian energy needs, while much lower investments in sustainable energy such as wind has yielded twice the energy output. Such presentations illustrated the fallacy of an expanded Indian nuclear energy program that would largely benefit industry and government insiders, while starving out the cheaper and renewable energy options that could more effectively address India’s needs over the coming decades.

Of equal concern to the conference



Dr. Gould (4th from right) with IPPNW delegation to Indian President Patil (center), Presidential Palace, New Delhi

attendees were the strategic implications of the deal that could facilitate the ability of India, which remains a non-signatory to the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT), to effectively transfer freed-up resources to its nuclear weapons program, heightening the dangers of regional nuclear conflict. Speakers such as noted Indian political analyst Kamal Chennoy, who spoke at my own workshop, “U.S. Militarist Agenda and Resistance,” examined the dangers of India being drawn into a strategic alliance with the U.S., effectively aimed at countering rising Chinese economic and military power in the region. This point was underscored by numerous visits of U.S. officials to India in the two weeks before the conference to pressure the Indian government to sign-off on the deal, including an offer by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates to provide advanced conventional weapons systems to sweeten the pot.

During the meeting I had the privilege of participating in two delegations led

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The Fellowship and Residency training program in Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) is accepting applications from June through September from qualified physicians for our post-graduate specialty training program beginning in July of 2009. Previous graduates of our program are leaders in environmental and occupational medicine in academics, government agencies, NGOs, and corporations.

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For more information contact Gina Solomon, MD, MPH, Program Director, at Gina.Solomon@ucsf.edu, or Sarah Jewell, MD, MPH, Program Co-Director, at Sarah.Jewell@ucsf.edu. ■



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Happy Birthday, NPT!

By Thomas B Newman, MD, MPH

The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) is having a 40th birthday this year. As the NPT is one of the most important and successful disarmament treaties of all time, but has had a rough fourth decade, it is worth reviewing its history, current status and future prospects.

The NPT traces its roots to a 1961 UN Irish General Assembly consensus resolution stating that the countries that already had nuclear weapons would refrain from sharing with other countries either the weapons or the knowledge to produce them, and countries that did not have the weapons would not try to obtain them. The main obstacle to turning that resolution into the NPT was disagreement between the US and the USSR about the degree to which the US could share nuclear weapons with NATO allies. At that time, the US was proposing a Multilateral Force,¹ which would involve nuclear weapons on vessels manned by NATO allies and under NATO control; there were also US Nuclear Weapons positioned in other countries, particularly West Germany, but under command and control of the US. Eventually this dispute was resolved, prohibiting the former but not the latter. The NPT was officially proposed by Ireland on July 1, 1968 and received 62 signatures that day, including the US, the USSR and the UK. The treaty entered into force with US Ratification in 1970.²

There are now 189 signatories to the treaty, more than any other arms limitation and disarmament agreement in history.³ In 1970, at the time the NPT entered into force, there were 5 nuclear weapons states: the US, the Soviet Union, England, France, and China. Israel, India, and Pakistan did not sign the treaty, and North Korea subsequently withdrew. However, other countries, including South Africa, Brazil, South Korea, Taiwan, and Argentina each abandoned their nuclear weapons programs after signing the NPT. Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine, which had inherited nuclear weapons when the Soviet

Union dissolved, returned their nuclear weapons to Russia, and joined the NPT as non-nuclear-weapons-states. In the absence of the NPT these countries and many more would probably have nuclear weapons today.

But the NPT is in trouble. One problem is that countries outside the treaty are not bound by its prohibition against sharing nuclear weapons technology, as Pakistan has with Iran and North Korea. A second problem is that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), charged with monitoring possible nuclear weapons-related activities such as uranium enrichment and plutonium separation, has had some dramatic failures in this task (in Iraq, North Korea and Iran) because its inspections have been limited by host countries. A third problem is that, under the NPT, countries are allowed to produce fissile material as long it is for nuclear energy, rather than bombs (as Japan does). But once the fissile material is produced, countries could withdraw from the NPT and use the highly enriched uranium or plutonium for weapons. Finally, as I have previously written on these pages (Spring, 2006 www.sfbaypsr.org/psrnewsletter17.pdf), the United States, under President Bush, has been undermining Article VI, a key provision of the treaty.

Article VI, which requires the nuclear weapons states to negotiate in good faith towards nuclear disarmament, was a key topic of the 2000 NPT review conference. At that conference, the US and 179 other countries agreed on 13 Practical Steps towards nuclear disarmament. Outrageously, the US has moved in the opposite direction on at least 6 of these steps.⁴ The Bush administration's apparent contempt for this and other international treaties (and the U.S. Constitution which states in Article VI that they are the 'supreme law of the land'), has



done considerable damage to the NPT and the whole concept of the rule of law.

Will the NPT survive? I am getting more optimistic, mainly because the Bush administration is drawing to a close and more and more people are looking at the alternative to the NPT's survival—unrestrained nuclear proliferation—with alarm. With a new president who believes more in treaties, and less in military action, we may be able to make some progress negotiating solutions to the first three problems. Our ability to do so will be aided by good faith efforts to implement Article VI. And here the good news is that, while Barak Obama has been more forceful and consistent on this issue, both he and John McCain (as well as such old cold warriors as Henry Kissinger and George Schultz) have endorsed a world free of nuclear weapons.⁵

But it is up to us to make sure that the NPT and nuclear disarmament receive the attention they deserve. Here's a concrete suggestion, particularly relevant this time of year. Instead of donating to house or senate candidates when they call or write to you asking for money, funnel all of your donations through Council for a Livable World (www.clw.org). (As a nonprofit organization, PSR cannot raise money for candidates.) The candidates still get 100% of your donation, but it has more

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Looking Back, Looking Forward

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

August 9, 2008 might be just another day for the U.S. government. The nuclear weapons designers at Livermore Lab may not mark it.

But those who value peace and justice will commemorate August 9th — and we ask you and all people who value the same to commemorate it with us. This August 9 will be the sixty-third anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan. Three days earlier, on August 6, 1945, the first nuclear weapon used in war unleashed unimaginable terror and death on the people of Hiroshima.

It is estimated that by the end of 1945, 210,000 died from the combined effects of the blasts. And those two atomic bombs are still killing. Each August 6 and 9, the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki read the names of those who have died that year due to the lingering effects of nuclear radiation.

The U.S. government has yet to issue an apology. Recently, President Bush turned down an invitation to visit the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Museum during his trip to Japan for the G8 Summit.

Perhaps the U.S. government would prefer that the effects of nuclear weapons go unnoticed. Possibly Livermore Lab wants to disassociate its efforts to create new nuclear weapons from the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Maybe they don't like the

public to be reminded that the entire nuclear cycle, from uranium mining to weapons production to war, damages the health of communities—here in Livermore and around the globe.

Fortunately there are many people who believe the victims of August 6th and 9th should be remembered and honored. There are many who believe that there should never be any more victims of the creation or use of nuclear weapons.

SF Bay Area PSR and other Bay Area groups are working to ensure that August 9, 2008 stands as a day of remembrance, a day of deepening our understanding of the nuclear fuel cycle and a day of rededicating ourselves and our efforts to achieve a nuclear weapons free future for all.

We invite you to join us for “Looking Back, Looking Forward,” a commemoration with speakers, music and activities at the Livermore nuclear weapons Lab. Livermore Lab is one of two locations that has designed every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal. We will stand together to insist that the U.S. stop

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

Keynote address by Mr. Nobuaki Hanaoka, minister and survivor of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Gather and enter the “nuclear maze” at 10:30 AM, observe a moment of silence at the time the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki at 11:02 AM, and listen to music and our speaker.

Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab

Corner of Vasco Rd. and Patterson Pass Rd, Livermore, CA



developing new nuclear bombs and, instead, move to the abolition of nuclear weapons and war.

Near the Lab's fence line, we will erect the “nuclear maze,” which participants can walk through, learning as they go about the impacts of nuclear weapons and nuclear power on communities. We will listen to a keynote address by Reverend Nobuaki Hanaoka, a Hibakusha (survivor) of the Nagasaki bomb, and music by Kaylah Marin.

Recently declared by United for Peace and Justice as a special month of awareness and activism to stop nuclear madness, August is “Nuclear Free Future Month.” Numerous events around the country and in the Bay Area will take place this August. ■

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clout because the candidate knows that it's a donation from someone who strongly supports nuclear disarmament. Like donations to PSR, donations to candidates through CLW make nice birthday presents for the NPT. ■

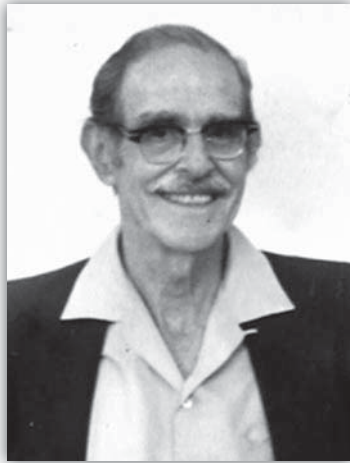
ENDNOTES

1. The Multilateral Force was immortalized in Tom Lehrer's MLF lullaby “... We've got the missiles, peace to determine. And one of the fingers on the button will be German...”
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Dr. Alvin R. Leonard: Public Health Visionary

Dr. Alvin R. Leonard, who forged many of California's public health initiatives, died April 20 in Berkeley at age ninety. The cause was complications of pneumonia. Dr. Leonard was a great friend and supporter of our chapter and was husband of Steering Committee Member Pearl Leonard.



Dr. Leonard's accomplishments ranged from documenting pesticide poisoning among farm workers in the 1940's, to helping establish the Berkeley Free Clinic. He was instrumental in creating a statewide database and programs to control high blood pressure among specific ethnic groups and examining the health effects of electromagnetic fields.

Throughout his career, Dr. Leonard was ahead of his time. In the 1950s and '60s, as Berkeley's Director of Public Health, he started a seat-belt campaign, got health department employees to run up and down the stairs for exercise and was an early proponent of tobacco control, urging people to give up their "coffin nails."

Dr. Leonard secured the trust of the American "Indians of All Tribes" who requested his presence on Alcatraz Island to ensure sanitary conditions while they occupied the island in 1969.

Dr. Leonard was born in New York City and educated in Los Angeles Schools. He graduated from the University of Southern California School of Medicine in 1942 at the head of his class, after working his way through both UCLA pre-med school and USC.

Alvin Leonard and Pearl Cooper were married in June, 1942, at which time he started his internship at Los Angeles County Hospital. He joined the U.S. Army in 1943, serving in the 5th Auxiliary Surgical Group, in the European theater of war. His experiences led

him to become a lifelong pacifist. One of his most satisfying achievements later in life was being arrested for protesting at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site in 1988.

After the war, he decided to follow a career in preventive medicine and public health. He received further training at

the Harvard School of Public Health, where he graduated with highest honors in 1947.

His professional life encompassed positions in county health departments, the California Department of Public Health and the newly established University of Arizona College of Medicine. He also was a clinical professor of public health at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health.

In 1963, Dr. Leonard co-authored a landmark book, "Public Administration: A Public Health Viewpoint" with longtime colleague and friend Henrik L. Blum. The book was described as "an original and stimulating exposition of the role of the public health agency in relationship to the nature and philosophy of democratic government."

Dr. Leonard and his wife, Pearl, lived in Sacramento from 1975 to 1982, while he was Director of the California Department of Health Services' Hypertension Program. Dr. and Mrs. Leonard helped to establish a Sacramento chapter of the Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Pearl Leonard said of her husband, "He was a man of great integrity. He firmly believed in the democratic participation of people to make decisions regarding their own well-being."

Among the hundreds of physicians and students he trained, he had a devoted

following. One of his former medical residents, Dileep G. Bal, regarded him as his lifelong guru and always addressed him affectionately as Maestro. Bal said of his mentor, "Al was truly a public health genius who was the living embodiment of the sentiment that what matters in public health is the size of your heart and humanity, not the size of your budget."

Dr. Leonard was a quiet person and scholar whose joys included reading a wide range of topics and playing chess. He frequently had a pun or wry joke to make.

Barbara Leonard of Levallois-Perret, France, pointed out that her father was an example of his health ideals, including jogging in the Berkeley hills at 6:30 a.m. through his ninetieth birthday. In addition to its health benefits, he claimed this regimen built "strong moral fiber."

Cathy Leonard of Richmond said Dr. Leonard was a complex person. "My father was a man who embodied contradiction: a Zen Buddhist-leaning philosopher who worried about everything, an optimist who thought the world was going to hell, a dedicated humanitarian fond of saying, with a smile, 'People are no damn good!'"

Dr. Leonard is survived by his wife, Pearl, and daughters Barbara and Cathy. In keeping with his scientific curiosity and desire to further medical knowledge, Dr. Leonard donated his body to the University of California, San Francisco.

We at SF Bay PSR mourn the loss of a great friend, and celebrate the spirit of public welfare and health that Dr. Leonard fostered and championed over a long life and career. His ideals are carried forward each day in our chapter's work.

A memorial is being planned for the fall. Donations to honor Dr. Leonard may be made to the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, 2288 Fulton St., Suite 307, Berkeley, CA 94704. ■

SPEAKING for PSR

SF Bay Area PSR Speakers' Bureau members have spoken on a broad array of topics to a wide variety of audiences during the first half of 2008.

JANUARY

- UCSF Focus the Nation Conference. "Achieving Sustainability: Top Down AND Bottom Up." UCSF Medical Center. Tom Newman, MD, MPH
- UCSF Focus the Nation Conference. "Adaptation: Planning for Global Warming." UCSF Medical Center. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- UCSF Focus the Nation Conference. "Fuel Wars: Promotion of Nuclear Power as 'Greenhouse' Solution." UCSF Medical Center. Robert Gould, MD

FEBRUARY

- UCSF Health and the Environment Course. "Nuclear and Carbon Free" in "Global Warming and Health." UCSF. Robert Gould, MD
- KGO Channel 7 News, "Contaminants in Airplane Water." Bay Area, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- Hospitals for Healthy Environment conference on sustainable healthcare practices. "Health Impacts of Current Healthcare Practices." UCSF. Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH
- AAAS meeting, Boston. Moderator, "Measuring Human Exposures to Hormone Disruptors: Scientific Tools for Global Health." Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH

MARCH

- Meeting with Indian President Patil, IPPNW Delegation, IPPNW 18th World Congress, New Delhi, India. Robert Gould, MD
- IPPNW 18th World Congress. "U.S. Foreign and Military Policy in an Era of Geopolitical Decline." New Delhi, India. Robert Gould, MD
- Meeting with Indian Prime Minister Singh, IPPNW Delegation, IPPNW 18th World Congress, New Delhi, India. Robert Gould, MD
- DOE PEIS Public Hearings. Comments on DOE PEIS Report for Complex Transformation 2030 Program. Tracy, CA. Robert Gould, MD
- DOE PEIS Public Hearings. Comments on DOE PEIS Report for Complex

Transformation 2030 Program. Livermore, CA. Michael Geschwind, MD, PhD

- American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Leadership Forum. "Urging a 'Yes' Vote on Resolution Opposing New Nuclear Weapons and Supporting the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty." Schaumburg, IL. Tom Newman, MD, MPH
- Commonwealth Club, "Health Effects of Pesticides." San Francisco, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- Technical Advisory Implementation Group, CA Dept of Health Services Tracking Program. "Heat Wave Preparedness: Lessons from the 2006 California Heat Wave." Oakland, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- Northern California Cancer Center, "Cancer and the Environment." San Francisco, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- CA Public Health Association North Annual Conference, "Climate Change and Waterborne Disease." Davis, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- UC Berkeley Course, "Biomonitoring for Health Surveillance." Berkeley, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- Northern California Cancer Center, "Cancer and the Environment." Atherton, CA. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH

APRIL

- Academic Senate Task Force on Sustainability. "Sustainability at UCSF." Tom Newman, MD, MPH
- UC Berkeley. "Public Health Issues Related to Biological Weapons and Terrorism." Berkeley, CA. Robert Gould, MD
- "Iran Is Not the Problem" film premiere, "PSR's Opposition to War in Iran." Victoria Theater, San Francisco, CA. Robert Gould, MD
- Greening Fair at John Muir Medical Center. "Health Impacts of Current Healthcare Practices." Walnut Creek, CA. Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH
- Community seminar series sponsored by Reproductive Health Technologies Project, Acterra and Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. "Challenged Conceptions: The Impact of Environmental Chemicals on Fertility and the Developing Fetus." Palo Alto, CA. Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH

MAY

- Advances in Internal Medicine course, "Climate Change and Health." UCSF. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- Medicine 180: Occupational Toxicology, "Male Reproductive Health and the Environment." UCSF. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- UCSF Integrative Medicine Course, "Environmental Health for the Clinician." UCSF. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- "Nuclear Weapons and Public Health." San Jose State University, CA. Robert Gould, MD
- "Public and Environmental Health Impacts of Global Climate Change. Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA. Robert Gould, MD
- Keynote Address, 2008 Forum on Civilization and Peace. "Generations at Risk." Academy of Korean Studies. Bundang, South Korea. Robert Gould, MD
- Interview, Yonhap News Agency. "PSR Global Security Issues." South Korea. Robert Gould, MD
- Interview, "Heart to Heart." Korean International TV. "The Work of PSR and IPPNW." Seoul, South Korea. Robert Gould, MD
- Littlefield Women's Health Medical Forum, Stanford University Dept. of Ob/Gyn. "Environmental Exposures and Human Health: What's the Evidence and What Can We Tell Our Patients?" Palo Alto, CA. Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH
- Medicine 180: Occupational Toxicology, "Male Reproductive Toxicology." UCSF. Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH

JUNE

- Medicine 180: Occupational Toxicology, "Female Reproductive Health and the Environment." UCSF. Gina Solomon, MD, MPH
- School of Pharmacy Quarterly Faculty Meeting, "Sustainability at UCSF." Tom Newman, MD, MPH
- Medicine 180: Occupational Toxicology, "Female Reproductive Toxicology." UCSF. Sarah Janssen, MD, PhD, MPH

If you are interested in speaking on nuclear proliferation, environmental health issues, gun violence, or global climate change, contact SF Bay Area PSR at 510-845-8395 or action@sfbaypsr.org. ■

By Harry Wang, MD, President, PSR/Sacramento

On May 4, we had our 4th annual Scholarship Essay Contest Finals Dinner at Sacramento State University. 114 essays were received from area high school seniors based on this prompt by Marine Corps Medal of Honor winner Major General Smedley Butler: "War is a racket...in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives."

The top three finalists were chosen by a panel of distinguished judges from the community: Dr. General Davie, former Superintendent of Schools, San Juan Unified School District; Dr. Kathryn Jeffery, President of Sacramento City College; Lisa Kaplan, Board Member, Natomas Unified School District; Leon Lefson, community activist; and Michael G. Virga, Sacramento County Superior Court Judge. The first place winner was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship, second place a \$1,500 scholarship, and third place a \$1,000 scholarship. The other seven finalists received \$750 scholarships.

Special thanks to everyone who helped to make the event a success, to

Sacramento State University for their sponsorship of the event, and to Media Edge for videotaping! Please go to our website, www.sacpsr.org, to read the outstanding essays of the finalists and/or to hear the local NPR station interview of Dennis Zheng, the first place winner.

On June 14, we were co-sponsors of a Therapists for Social Responsibility event "Reaching Out to our Veterans and their Families." Former PSR LA board member Judith Broder, MD, founder of The Soldiers Project, spoke about their program which provides free therapy to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and to their families. PSR/Sacramento board member Zohreh Whitaker spoke about her son's military deployment in Iraq and the effect on her family.

If you work in mental health and live near Sacramento and would like to offer your services for a similar project here, please contact TSR coordinator and PSR member Shauna Smith, MFT, at gushauna@yahoo.com.

For more information about chapter activities, please visit www.sacpsr.org or call 916 955-6333. ■



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Conference in New Delhi...

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by IPPNW Co-Presidents Drs. Ime John (Nigeria) and Gunnar Westberg (Sweden) and IDPD President Dr. L. S. Chawla that met with Indian President Devisingh Patil and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, respectively. Our delegation reminded the Indian leaders of the past singular leadership of the Indian government, as evoked by the work of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, in spearheading regional and global calls for nuclear abolition, and offered the hope that the current government might

mirror this exemplary record by undertaking new initiatives for regional and global disarmament. While we were able to engage in frank discussion, particularly with Prime Minister Singh, we were unfortunately unable to move either leader from a position of supporting the status-quo, rationalized by following the example of the major nuclear weapons powers such as the U.S. and Russia, and expressed concerns about regional contention with China and Pakistan.

As such, the decision in early July by Prime Minister Singh to form a new government that would support the U.S.-India nuclear accord presents an ominous sign for

heightened tensions in the region. It is now up to groups such as PSR to do our utmost to derail moves to fast-track approval of the deal in Congress before a new U.S. Administration takes office in 2009. We'll be redoubling our efforts within our chapter and grassroots networks over the next period to vigorously oppose this pending agreement that promotes retrogressive solutions for addressing climate change while providing the fuel for regional and global nuclear conflict. With a world suffering through the confluence of rapidly unfolding food and energy crises, we can do better than a rerun of the false and retrogressive promise of "Atoms for Peace." ■

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