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YOU'LL LOVE THE B-1 BOMBER!

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THE B-1 BOMBER

submitted by the American Friends Service Committee

The B-1 Bomber is the Air Force's proposed replacement for the B-52 and FB-111 bombers -- a manned, nuclear and conventional, supersonic and subsonic plane that, when finished, will be the largest, most expensive weapons system ever built. Total cost estimates for research and development, production, and support systems for 241 bombers range from \$43 billion to over \$75 billion.

The B-1 is being developed with the following features:

*Twice the bomb tonnage of the B-52: 24 nuclear tipped missiles or 50,000 lbs.

*Swing wings that can be swept back for supersonic flight and straightened out for subsonic flight and takeoff and landing

*Most advanced electronic systems for automated warfare

*Capacity for use of 'laser death ray', when perfected

WHAT WILL THE B-1 COST?

Total cost estimates for the B-1, if fully produced (241 planes plus tanker fleet, operation/maintenance, inflation and equipment), vary greatly. The Air Force refuses to make public its own

estimates, and instead will only talk about "stripped unit procurement cost". Even this figure continued to rise, however. From an initial estimate of \$32 million per plane in 1970, the Air Force has grudgingly raised its price per plane estimate to \$56 million in 1973. It is quite possible that each plane may eventually approach \$80 to \$90 million. Total B-1 System estimates have been made by Princeton University and Members of Congress for Peace through Law, and range from \$47.2 to \$75 billion.

Even the lesser, confidential Air Force estimate of \$43.9 billion would make the B-1 system the most expensive weapons system ever built.

\$1000 per American family -- in the face of the fact that 26 million Americans, 15% of the population, are below the poverty income line of \$3000 and ten million Americans are malnourished. Militarism and consumerism continue to be overdeveloped, while social services are constantly underfunded. While a large part of society has been forced to forgo or curtail the purchase of needed goods, due to reduced purchasing power, inflation or lack of employment, corporate profits have been skyrocketing.

The B-1 is not only an element in the continuing war against the less developed and the underprotected, it is also an element in the deprivation of all American people. hat \$50 billion is taking food out of our mouths, teachers out of our classrooms, and hospitals out of our cities.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THE B-1 BOMBER?

The American Friends Service Committee is mounting a nationwide campaign to stop the development and production of the B-1 Bomber system and to educate the American people about the role corporations play in the development of such wasteful military systems with such high potential for injury to third world peoples. This campaign will focus upon * education about the B-1, its proposed use, and the corporations which have developed it * visits to corporations, discussions with stockholders *demonstrations and protests against the B-1 *organizing of people in local communities to oppose the B-1 and to persuade their Representatives to oppose it. This campaign depends upon the support and participation of people who oppose the B-1 to help do something about it.

Science Education

CHAPEL HILL - The Morehead Planetarium has designed a special program about celestial bodies for students.

The program, called "Celestial Dynamics", demonstrates the real and apparent motions of celestial bodies as seen from the earth.

The show was added new this year to the Planetarium's special series of programs for public schools.

It highlights what can be seen at twilight, the motions of the moon and sun, celestial coordinates and the motions of

the planets.

At the conclusion of the program, the Planetarium's staff answers questions from students.

"Celestial Dynamics" is offered each Wednesday at noon. Advance reservations required.

Arrangements for seeing the program can be made by telephoning the Planetarium at (919) 933-1236 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by writing the Reservation Secretary, Morehead Planetarium, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

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From Gay Alliance

accepting each other, and ourselves, for what we are what it's really all about?

You heterosexuals won't believe this, but gays have more of a tendency to know themselves, because we have to go through a lot more thinking and soul-searching.

What is "gay"? ... A person is gay if he or she can touch members of his or her own sex ... if he or she can embrace members of his or her own sex ... if he or she can kiss members of his or her own sex ... without regard to sexual preference (notice I said "without regard to sexual preference" instead of "without having sexual preferences for his or her own sex" ... think about it ... how does it feel? ... more later ...

I hope none of you still believe that sex is dirty...