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Compromising concept

When President Reagan sent U.S. negotiators back to Geneva this week with a new "build-down" proposal, it marked the fourth major shift in the administration's approach to arms control talks with the Soviet Union. The idea that once would have been scorned by staunch Republicans — and Reagan himself — is now lauded by all as a suitable end to the arms race, the fruit that will tempt recalcitrant Soviets to the bargaining table. It represents a long-awaited move from one-sided proposals that limited only Soviet arms build-up to what could be a fair and equitable plan for all. U.S. officials must now back up the plan with a commitment to further compromise with the Soviets at the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks. Still in Reagan's plans are loopholes yet to be filled, omissions sure to be noted and used by the Soviets as an excuse to further balk at an agreement.

By definition, the "build-down" concept will mean that for every new warhead produced by the superpowers, two old ones will be destroyed. A minimum 5 percent reduction in warheads will be expected each year. Reagan claims such a formula is yet another example of this country's "good-faith effort" in breaking through the chilled negotiations that have become even more stilted following the Sept. 1 downing of the Korean jetliner. "We want to reduce the weapons of war, pure and simple," Reagan has said. "The door to an agreement is open, all the world is waiting for the Soviet Union to walk through."

That's not just rhetoric. These new words may signify a sincere commitment to limiting the danger of nuclear war. The U.S. delegation in earlier negotiations has proposed limiting each side to 5,000 warheads each, a one-third reduction from the present levels; long-range missiles would be reduced to 1,200 each.

Just as these goals should remain the same, so should the commitment to playing the chief instigator of new proposals, especially since the Soviets have shown a firm reluctance to assume the role. Throughout the talks, they have stubbornly insisted on a total freeze of nuclear weapons at the present level and a 25 percent reduction in the future. Reagan has scoffed at the plan because once implemented it would maintain a Soviet advantage in the number of warheads. And now it's the Soviets who probably will object to the "build-down" proposal because it covers ballistic missiles which the United States is worried about, but omits the nuclear bombers the Soviets are concerned with.

It is as clear now, as it was when the talks first began, that only compromise will ensure the approval of any arms reduction agreement, including the highly touted "build-down" agreement. President Reagan has taken the initial steps by proposing plan after plan even though they may never leave the Geneva table. The nuclear "build-down" is not the freeze ideally hoped for in the hearts of all liberal Democrats, but it is perhaps a more realistic look at the future of arms control. As Reagan has said time and time again, "The heartfelt desire shared by people everywhere for a historic agreement dramatically reducing nuclear weapons could, and indeed will, be achieved, provided one condition changes: the Soviet government must start negotiating in good faith."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money, hassle close dorms

To the editor:

Many people have expressed concerns in the past two days about the closing of the residence halls for Fall Break. Perhaps an explanation of how this decision was made and how the decision can be modified will be a great comfort to many out-of-state students. The department of University housing took several different viewpoints into consideration.

• Economics: Would the cost of keeping all of the halls open be worth the benefit to a small number of residents? No. The costs of maintaining every residence hall are expensive. The operating costs could be used more efficiently in the future.

• Administrative advice: The administration felt that the extra hassle was not worth the convenience. Too few people used the services.

• Football game: As luck would have it, Carolina has an open date during Fall Break. The assumption was made that everyone would go home.

Unfortunately, some mistakes were made in this decision process. There was no student input, the decision was not announced to allow for adequate preparation, and the facilities that are offered as alternate living quarters are not adequate. Housing Director Wayne Kuncel, however, has made alternate plans to make the closing more tolerable, if enough students express a concern. The alternative to moving to Craige for Fall Break is moving into Morrison. The positive aspect of this solution is that undergraduates are more likely to know other undergraduates in Morrison from whom they can "borrow a room" for Fall Break. Kuncel has said to me that housing will staff Morrison for the break and offer full services to those students living there. Again, I emphasize that you must make Kuncel aware of your dilemma now.

As an aside, I would like to defend myself for the quotes in the article "University plans to close dorms for break" (DTH, Oct. 4). I did not enthusiastically endorse or support "renting a lounge and sleeping on a couch." I apologize for the misconception and hope that in the future the DTH will report things more accurately and with less carelessness.

In closing, I will again say that you need to make housing or the Residence Hall Association aware of your need to stay during Fall Break. I will be in the Morrison lounge today at 5 p.m. Please come by and give me your name and residence.

Mark Dalton
President,
Residence Hall Association

Smoking

To the editor:

Personally, we've had it with the "Bong-man," i.e. Buzz Brice. In response to his Sept. 29 letter "Long live the queen?" it just proves that if he really wanted to make a point he would have checked his sources before making such a statement. Doc Droze is a senior, and he will be graduating in May. Therefore, the "Doctor" will not be running for re-election. So "Buzz" you're on the receiving end of what is really a funny jokes.

Buzz, seriously, take two bong hits!

Sam Griffin
Ehringhaus

Disgusted with the mikeman issue

To the editor:

This is not a letter of response, but rather a letter of disgust! This whole situation concerning the UNC mikeman is really getting ridiculous. I almost feel that I am adding to the stupidity, but the room of the matter is that "you people" are really "a trip!" Trip? Oh, that's a word that we black folks use to mean "far out, man!" I would like to address a few of the comments made in the Oct. 5 issue of the DTH ("Mikeman maladies"). To you, Kendall Moore — you need to go back home and reevaluate your intelligence if you feel that it was insulted by Ward's "obvious failure." To you, Kelly Darrett — yes, I wish that you could be black so you could see the shocking reality of racism and discrimination.

As for you, Langley Respass — you have a bit more tact, but you fit right in with the whole lot of them. You are all scared! Petrified is more like it! Yes, Ward made a mistake, but the fact is that he is at least up there leading cheers and representing good ole' blue and white Carolina. And let's not mention the four black cheerleaders and the former black Homecoming queen, and heaven forbid — the black student body president!!

And let's not forget the black athletes that dominate the football and basketball teams. "You people" are scared to death! Are they taking over? The thought is chilling, isn't it? Yes — Ward made a mistake. But make no further mistake by thinking that there are no racial undertones because there are. Grow up, people, and face reality, or GO HOME! I wish you could all be like Kelly Darrett. You wouldn't last one day being black. The psychological impact would KILL YOU!!!

Ava D. Greene
Morrison

His jokes — forget them. Ward's jokes are the same type of jokes that most of us sit and tell our friends in private, the only difference is Ward is telling his to everyone.

There are only three more home games, so you might as well let Ward finish this season and get your new mikeman next year.

Angela Rameur
Hinton James

To the editor:

So, the folks at the department of student life want Kenny Ward to resign as Carolina's mikeman. Perhaps a better idea would be to suspend Ward for a game or two (without pay, presumably). If Sharon Mitchell isn't familiar with this procedure, she can get the details from her boss, Donald Boulton.

Frank Wells
Chapel Hill

To the editor:

What's all this commotion I keep hearing about the UNC mikeman? I didn't even know the school had a mikeman. What was he doing, dropping the little bottles of milk on the floor too hard so they broke and the milk ran down the dorm hall? Was he late, so that when you got back from classes, the milk had been sitting there all morning, all spoiled and smelly?

I don't know, it's just my opinion, but I think mikemen who make deliveries are so rare, we should maybe give him another chance.

I heard that the issue of black vs. white was brought up. Hey, I don't know, but if you don't like chocolate milk or white milk, you shouldn't be forced to drink it. Gee, what's all the fuss about? Huh? MIKEMAN? Oh, well... Never mind.

Dean Foust
Tar Heel Manor

THE Daily Crossword by Stanley B. Whitten

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Reagan calls for U.S. and Soviet arms reduction

By KELLY SIMMONS

President Reagan made a move toward arms reduction Tuesday when he proposed that the Soviet Union and the United States each destroy about 5 percent of their strategic nuclear warheads every year. He also offered to negotiate a limit on long-range bombers and air-launched cruise missiles.

Reagan accused the Soviets of stonewalling, and a "very cold reaction" from Moscow was predicted by Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis.

The administration is aiming for an eight-year treaty which would reduce the number of Soviet warheads to a little less than 5,000. The Soviets have about 7,900 warheads now. The United States has about 7,200.

This proposal is the third put forth by the Reagan administration in a little more than a year and is expected to be the president's last offer to the Soviets in his first term.

Reagan said there would be trade-offs in the agreement and the United States was prepared to make them. "Let me emphasize," he said, "that the United States has gone the extra mile."

Court says "yes" to gun control

Despite a plea by eight Morton Grove, Ill., residents this week to abolish a law banning the sale and possession of handguns, the Supreme Court allowed the law to remain. Opponents to the prohibition claimed that the law conflicted with the Second Amendment — the right to keep and bear arms. But the court said no, the Second Amendment was only to prevent Congress from interfering with the states' right to form their own militias. It is up to the states to make their own laws regarding gun control, they said.

The ruling has set the precedent for other local and state governments to adopt

some form of gun control if they so choose. And a few other cities have considered the idea.

San Francisco imposed a ban on the sale or possession of handguns last year, but because their law conflicted with the California law allowing firearms to be kept in businesses and private homes without a license, the ruling didn't hold. Miami, Chicago, Massachusetts and Maryland have also proposed imposing gun control laws.

The court began its 1983-84 term with 900 cases, including its first-ever "wrongful birth" dispute. In this, an Illinois couple claimed that they should be able to recover child-rearing costs for a child born after an unsuccessful sterilization. The court threw out the appeal.

Kudos for Walesa

Lech Walesa was awarded the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize Wednesday for his struggle for workers' rights in Poland. The award angered the Polish government but delighted supporters of the Solidarity union movement, which has been outlawed.

Walesa was picking mushrooms near his home in Gdansk, near the Baltic Sea, when he was told of his award. He didn't take credit for himself, but for the people. He said he planned to donate the \$190,000 prize to the Polish Roman Catholic Church fund to aid private farmers.

A group of about 1,000 were on hand to greet Walesa as he arrived home after the announcement of the prize. They chanted "Solidarity" and waved flowers.

Polish authorities were stung by the award, calling the selection of Walesa "politically motivated."

He's leaving anyway

Even though Interior Secretary James Watt wasn't fired because of his remarks a couple of weeks ago, it looks like he's going to resign soon anyway.

Administration officials said the secretary planned to leave his post after an interim period.

Wednesday, Senate Republicans threatened Watt with repudiation in that cham-

ber later this month unless he resigns. President Reagan has backed Watt, saying he shouldn't be forced out because of a stupid remark.

Watt has been in hot water since two weeks ago when he referred to his advisory panel on coal leasing as "a black... a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

Watt's support has faded fast, and the majority of Republican lawmakers now want him to quit. But a spokesman for the president said Reagan has not changed his mind about retaining Watt.

Who'll do the push-ups?

There won't be a mikeman in the stadium to greet the fans at Saturday's Wake Forest game, and there may not be one for the rest of the season. Kenny Ward was officially fired last week by the department of student life.

Ward was fired, according to Sharon Mitchell, the assistant dean of student life, because of his tasteless jokes and remarks made at the games, missing practices and not working well with the band (which is nowhere near him during the games, anyway).

Mitchell said she has spoken with other officials about finding a new mikeman to complete the season. The cheerleaders are planning on relying on Carolina spirit instead of jokes to get the fans going. They'll be going up into the stands, varsity co-captain Mitch Barnes said, when they feel like the crowd needs help.

Ward said he didn't think his performance was in poor taste. "I might have insinuated some things," he said, "but that depends on people's interpretations." He claims the action is a racial issue.

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