

Editorials

“The Day After” Very Thought Provoking

To the readers:

The movie “The Day After” which was shown on the local ABC channel recently has brought up very many issues which the people of the United States will have to confront in the very near future.

While many viewers objected to the movie and said it was propoganda advocating the “anti-nuclear movement,” it still may have raised the conscience of many people on the issue. Whether you believe that nuclear disarmament is the only way to settle the matter or not, the fact remains that currently the U.S. has over 40,000 nuclear warheads and the Soviet Union probably has even more.

It seems fatile to continue building more nuclear weapons when we have so many at our disposal. After all, we can only strike out in our defense a limited number of times.

What really concerns me is the probability of someone tapping into our defense system and activating a nuclear missile. Surely Pentagon officials would say in defense that they have a “foil-proof system.” However, the number of people tapping into other “sophisticated” computer systems shows that no system is perfect.

Yet my main worry is why would two supposedly intelligent nations threaten to wipe out man's existence on earth, by pushing for more nuclear build-up. Surely we've all heard that nuclear weapons are a deterrent to war. However, the fact remains that we've been involved in smaller, nontheless important battles since the time we developed nuclear weapons.

Though many critics of the movie, said the movie was used by ABC as a “scaretactic,” it should be pointed out that damage to the earth would be much more severe than what was depicted in the movie.

Those surviving a nuclear attack, such as that shown in the movie would be subject to disease, pestulence, famine and slow, painful death.

What Americans should think about most in deciding where they stand on the issue of nuclear weapons is the fact that in a nuclear war there are no winners. As the late inventor, scientist and genius Albert Einstein stated years ago, “I don't know what the weapons will be used to fight World War III, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

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Yuletide Greetings

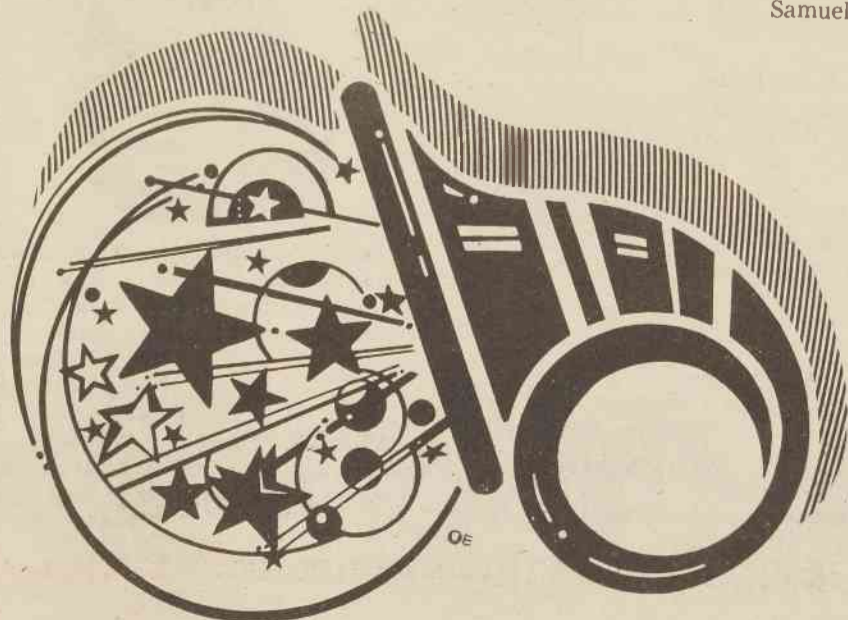
At this time of year, most of us are preparing ourselves for the Christmas season. As we look at the days ahead let us not forget what Christmas is supposed to be. A time of giving, expressing our feeling for our loved ones in various different ways.

It is a most cheerful time of year. A time that many of us pause to reflect on the good deeds others have bestowed upon us. Also, a time to celebrate with friends and family.

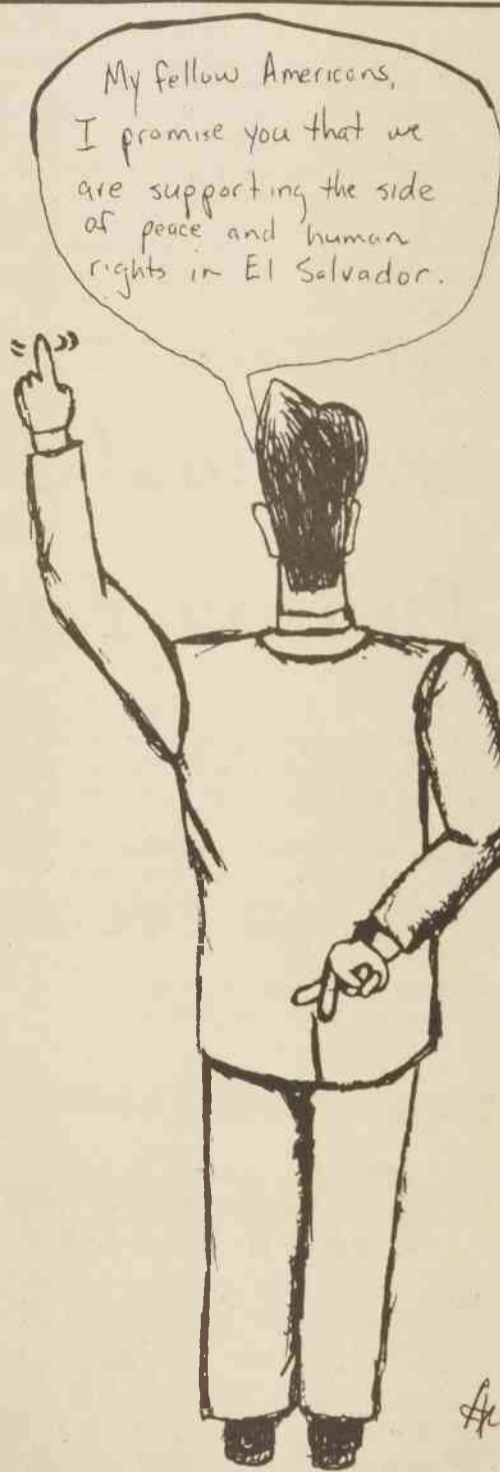
Remember in this most joyous season that it is not the gift itself that counts, but rather the message behind what is being given. I harken back to the old passage of scripture that reads, “Peace on earth..Goodwill to men.” That sums up what we all should be about as we approach the holidays.

When you give, give from the heart. You are the person that has to decide how to express your feelings for people in your life.

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