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Rejoice, friends! We've done it. The nuclear Freeze campaign has mobilized the largest **peacetime** peace movement in the history of the United States.

The politicians in Washington don't believe it yet. They will. They think that this is just a fad. It's not. They think that if they simply talk about arms control, we will let them build the next generation of nuclear weapons. We won't!

The American people are fed up with the arms race. We are scared by the arms race--and we should be. The people who are simpleminded are not those who call for a Freeze, but those who think we can race forever without incinerating ourselves. They are the ones who are missing some of their marbles.

We call for sanity. We call for an end to the nuclear arms race. Until the arms race stops, until we have real peace and real justice worldwide, we will not go home and be quiet: we will go home and organize. We will demonstrate and demand until our would-be "leaders" in Washington hear us.

And we will watch what they do. Last week the Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted down the Kennedy-Hatfield Freeze resolution. We will remember that vote in November.

Next week the Markey Freeze resolution comes up in the House Foreign Affairs committee. We will watch what they do--and we will remember in November.

Many members of Congress who have endorsed the Freeze are still voting funds for new nuclear weapons. Soon there will be a vote on the MX missile--the most destabilizing, dangerous boondoggle in the history of the world. Which members of Congress will vote to waste billions on this dangerous weapon? We will watch what they do, and we will remember in November.

With the Freeze, we can stop not just the MX, but a whole new generation of nuclear weapons: cruise missiles, two new bombers, the Trident II submarine-launched missile, neutron bombs, and their counterparts on the Soviet side.

How can we spend \$20 billion a year on these stupid weapons while infant nutrition and school lunches are cut back; student loans are cut back; the elderly are forced to go without heat and eat dogfood; and 20 percent of the black population is unemployed?

We demand that the fundamental decency of this nation be restored. We demand that rationality and self-preservation be restored. We refuse to let our lives and livelihoods be destroyed by bureaucrats who can't think of anything else to do but what they have done for the last 30 years.

The Freeze movement will not be co-opted. We will not be pacified by endless negotiations. We demand that talks **begin** with a Freeze on both sides, and then move on to negotiations on **real** reductions.

We crave a better world. Our existence is contaminated by the nuclear arms race. We will not go home and forget: we will go home and organize. We will not be led like sheep to the slaughter. We will not quietly stand by and watch our world go up in flames and radiation.

Reagan, Washington: Stop the nuclear arms race. If you do not, we will remember in November.