

# Helsinki Arms Talks Seen Holding Great Potential

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(NC News Service)

The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) that began Nov. 17 in Helsinki, Finland, between the United States and the Soviet Union, "are potentially the most significant negotiation since World War II, and possibly of this century," said Mrs. Marvin Borden, director of the Division of World Justice and Peace, U.S. Catholic Conference.

"The superpowers," Mrs. Borden said, "are sitting down together to see if the arms spiral can be reversed. It is hoped that, by these talks, mankind can avoid nuclear holocaust which is the ultimate in irrationality."

No one, either in Moscow or Washington, has any illusions about how long and complex the SALT negotiations will be. U.S. Secretary of State William

Rogers cautiously observed, "We should not confuse a start with a successful finish."

Some background for an understanding of the talks:

Military commanders are well aware, in these days of exceedingly rapid scientific progress, that a weapon is no sooner perfected than it is almost obsolete.

Thus the intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's) buried deep in their silos have been outmoded by more accurate, and therefore more dangerous, rockets.

As a result of this fantastic dynamism inherent in every new strategic weapon, an anti-missile defense system has been set up. It is based on the use of rockets, known as ABM (Antiballistic Missile). The Russians were the first to set up ABM defenses, around Moscow

and Leningrad. In 1969, this network consisted of 67 ABM launching pads.

It goes without saying that the Soviet initiative constrained the Americans to do likewise, with their Safeguard network (formerly known as Sentinel and passed on from President Johnson to Nixon).

The Soviets are not seeking equality, but superiority. Their aim is to acquire what is known as "first strike" capability, that is, to have sufficient power to put the enemy's means of retaliation out of action at one blow.

Thus we have reached the stage of having more and more "refined" missiles, such as the MIRV (Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle). This monster missile, the MIRV, has not one nuclear warhead, but three or five or several megatons (i.e., several million

tons of TNT). These warheads separate before they re-enter the earth's atmosphere and follow independent trajectories toward different targets. They therefore have every chance of getting through any ABMS defense. They can also be used simply to decoy the ABMS, using dummy warheads.

Now the Pentagon has commissioned new MIRVs. These have a new telecontrol system that enables them to attack the ABMS and to guide the thermonuclear bombs right to their targets.

Trying not to lag behind, the Soviets have carried out several experiments. Their most recent trial, last Sept. 15, involved a "superbomb" of 25 megatons (25 million tons of TNT) known as FOBS (Fractional Orbital Bombardment System).

U.S. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird pointed out on June 12 that Russia would have 420 of these rockets, known there as SS9, by 1975. He went on: "If we do not set up our Safeguard network against the Russian SS9s, our Minuteman force, as it is deployed at the moment, will be exposed to destruction from 1975 onwards. Already the Russians have more than 1,200 intercontinental bal-

listic missiles in place. Now last autumn, our information experts predicted that they would not reach that figure until 1975. At the present rate of growth they will have about 2,500 by 1975."

Thus, each new experiment can only speed up the nuclear arms race between the Big Two. It seems as if the Russians, and the Americans too, have been forced to consider the danger and the expense involved in this fantastic arsenal of destructive weapons.

The coming together of the Big Two to discuss a subject hitherto regarded as taboo, is more than symbolic. Until now their agreements about armaments have, in fact, been about those of others. The Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, for example, meant that the non-nuclear countries undertook not to become nuclear, while the

nuclear powers were not obliged to cut down in any way. The validity of that treaty depends on the theory that the more nuclear countries there are, the greater the risk of general war.

There have been other agreements between the Big Two: the treaty for keeping space nuclear-free, and the most recent one doing the same for the deep seas.

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## Ecumenical Storm Over Tokyo

By FATHER JAMES P. COLLIGAN, M.M.

Tokyo — When Catholic and some Protestant organizations in Japan agreed to erect a Christian Pavilion for the 1970 World Exposition (EXPO '70) in Osaka, the project held promise of becoming the outstanding ecumenical venture in the history of Christianity here.

(The Vatican is involved in the project.)

Now nearing completion for EXPO's opening in March, the pavilion is the focal point of an ideological storm that threatens to chill ecumenical winds.

The turbulence originated within the United Church of Christ (called Kyodan here). Theology students, some young pastors and seminary professors objected to participation in the pavilion project and demanded a hearing.

They claim that participation of the Kyodan's several denominations in Expo constitutes a financial extravagance, a sell-out to capitalistic interests and support of the rightist government. They claim further that day laborers on the Expo site are treated unfairly.

To date, the continuing confrontation remains an internal problem of the Kyodan. Other Christian bodies, while truly sympathetic, anticipate an outcome potentially embarrassing to all concerned.

On a Sunday in August, students interrupted morning worship in a Kyoto church, demanding that the pastor answer their questions. Dissatisfied with his replies, they forced him from his pulpit, tore off his gown

and told him to resign his pastorate. Other churches have experienced similar, though less disruptive, incidents.

One objection to EXPO '70 views it as an attempt on the

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