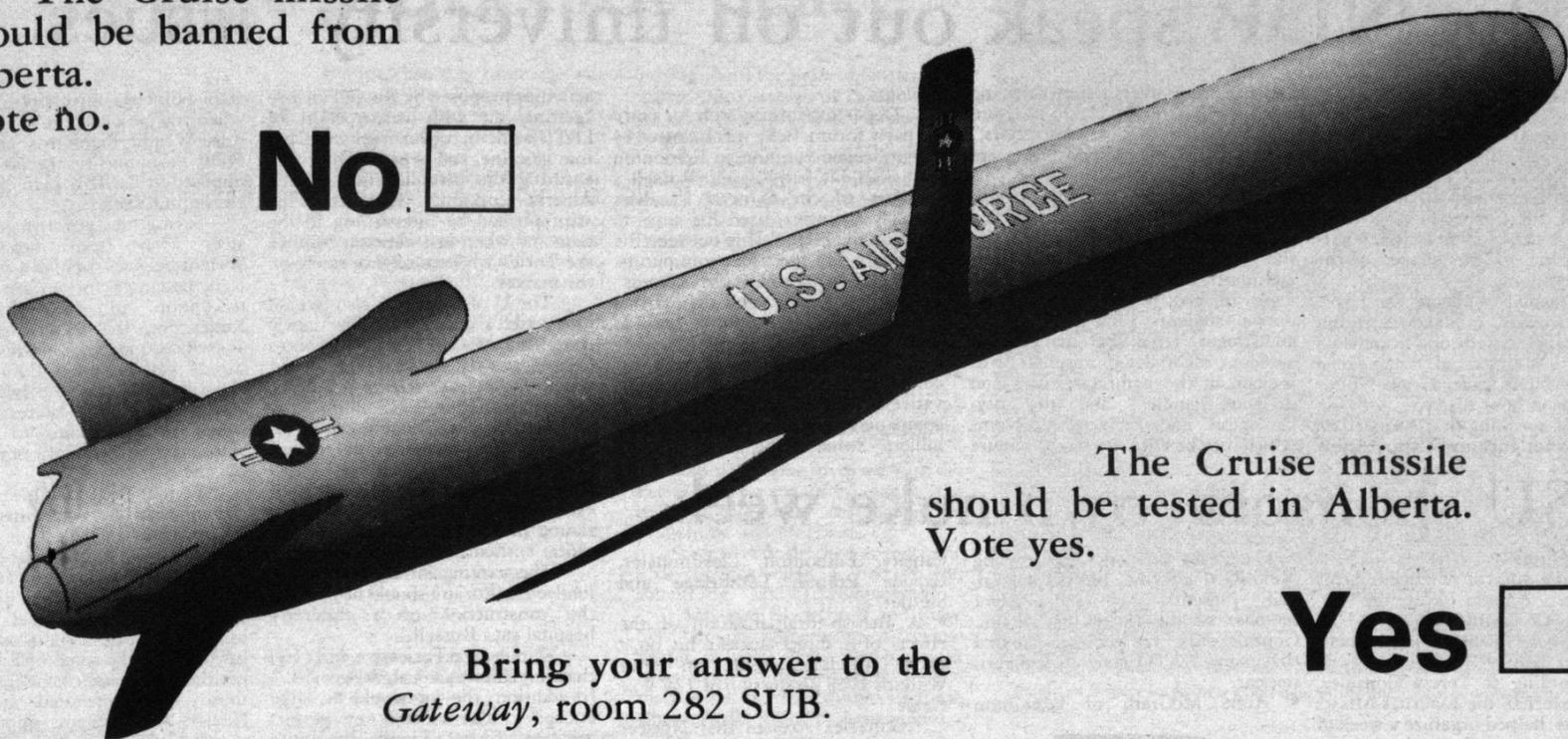


The Cruise missile should be banned from Alberta.  
Vote no.

No



The Cruise missile should be tested in Alberta.  
Vote yes.

Yes

Bring your answer to the Gateway, room 282 SUB.

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What happens when a man with experience meets a man with money?...

the man with experience gets the money and the man with the money gets the experience.

## Nuclear group stages protest march

by Richard Watts

Two weeks of nuclear disarmament activities will climax in a march and rally Oct. 30.

The activities are sponsored by a number of groups including the U of A Students' Union but mainly coordinated by the Edmonton Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament.

The activities include workshops, lectures by guest speakers, and films.

The climax of the activities will be a march and rally held at October 30. This will be part of a Nation-wide protest against the testing of the Cruise missile in Cold Lake Alberta.

Marchers will assemble at Strathcona Highschool at twelve noon and then march to HUB mall for a rally.

Says Jill Mercer of the Edmonton Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament, "We're opposed to the Cruise missile because the facts are there is now rough parity between the U.S. and the Soviets but this missile will give the Americans superiority."

Mercer says the Americans are trying to gain a first strike capability, since the Cruise missiles are aimed at military installations.

Mercer says this is part of a 1.6 trillion dollar package designed by the United States to give the West first

strike capabilities to make war on the USSR.

Mercer says, "The Soviet threat is really blown way out of proportion, the members of NATO have got to start asserting themselves to stop the American domination of NATO."

Mercer does not believe allowing the Cruise missile to be tested in Canada represents part of Canada's NATO commitment.

"What we are really looking at is to have Canada declared a Nuclear weapons-free zone."

Mercer feels this will be a "first step towards unilateral nuclear disarmament."

The Edmonton Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament is an umbrella group which supports all organizations devoted to de-escalating the nuclear arms race.

The films and seminars surrounding this protest march were originally planned to coincide with National Disarmament Week in February.

Unfortunately, National Disarmament Week falls during reading week when all student activities must cease. So it was decided to surround the march and rally with activities connected with Nuclear Disarmament as the central theme.

Other highlights yet to come include a talk given by Jim and Shelley Douglas on Thursday, October 28 in the Knox Metropolitan Church at 2:30 and 8:00 pm.

Other events that should definitely not be missed are some of the films that the SU is sponsoring, such as *War Without Winners* on November 1 in HC-L1 on November 1.

Another film is *If You Love This Planet* at 7:30 pm in TL-B2 on November 2. The film will also be

shown on November 2. The film will also be shown on November 3 at 3:00 and 7:00 pm in HC-L1 and TL-B2 respectively.

On Thursday, November 4, Nino Pasti will speak at 4:30 in HC-L1. Pasti is a member of the Italian Senate, a retired NATO general, and formerly Supreme Vice-Commander in Europe for Nuclear Affairs.

Friday, November 12 there will be a benefit folk concert by British Folk singer Vin Garbutt. The concert will be at the New Riverdale Hall at 8:00.

Says Jill Mercer, "We have to start encouraging people to form peace committees, in schools, churches, trade unions...otherwise in the end we will all lose."

## Cache in your Christmas

A group of concerned parents have gathered in Grande Cache to try to keep Christmas special for the town this year - and you can help.

This group hopes to raise funds to buy a present for every child in town this year, since many might be broken-hearted otherwise.

Most of the town has been out of work for the past four months and Christmas is looming on the horizon.

The new town of Grande Cache, Alberta is located about 250 miles northwest of Edmonton. While it previously held a population of 5,000, this has dropped due to the temporary shutdown of McIntyre Mines Ltd., the coalmine in the area. The majority of workers in town have been employed with the mine. Others are employed with a sawmill and businesses in town.

On June 28, 1982, the mine shut down, supposedly just until the end of August. This shutdown was followed by a number of permanent layoffs.

The re-opening was then delayed until September 20, and another layoff occurred. Those still technically on the payroll were receiving no wages during this time.

September brought no news, and the situation looked bleak. Several merchants were also forced to lay off their employees too, due to slow business.

At this point, talk of a chilly winter and whether Santa would be able to find the town this year began. A small group of parents gathered and looked at possibilities. The idea of a Christmas party where all the children in town would receive a present from Santa or one of his

This message has been passed on and received with great optimism by the anonymous group in Grande Cache. Simultaneously, hotdog sales, etc. have been organized with a low profile to maintain an element of surprise.

The mine re-opened in mid-October, but mortgage payments have been "taken care of" by the mine and will be coming off the employees' cheques in addition to payments for months to come.

Anyone reading this article who has been moved to play a part in saving the town from the "Grinch" is asked to bring donations to the Gateway office, or mail them to the Grande Cache Family Centre (cheques payable to the same name). Receipts will be provided upon request. If you have any questions, call Candy at 433-4567, or Ken at 432-1378. Please hurry. All donations must be in by November 26 so that orders can be placed for toys.

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"helpers" appealed to them. The resulting theme was "Help Save Grande Cache From the Grinch."

How to raise money for this was another question. One person volunteered to make some of the toys for material cost, but there are a lot of children in town. Wholesale toys could be purchased, but not much money could be raised in town, since money is so short. The University of Alberta was chosen as a source of hope.

In the meantime, this group of parents got permission to be sponsored by the Grande Cache Family Centre, since the agency as a Charitable Organization status.

With no budget other than contributions from the parents themselves, advertising was a problem, but the Gateway volunteered to step forward and campaign for this cause. The Gateway has also volunteered to accept donations and provide receipts on behalf of the group.

## McGill nixes Cruise

MONTREAL (CUP)—The students' council at McGill University has joined the growing list of Canadians opposing the proposed testing of the Cruise missile in Canada.

At a recent council meeting, councillors voted to oppose the testing of the missile this winter in Cold Lake, Alberta, to oppose the storage and manufacture of weapon's components in Canada, and to support the "Refuse the Cruise" demonstration in Ottawa Oct. 30.

Christopher Cockrill of McGill's Project Ploughshares told council the

Cruise missile is an offensive first-strike weapon designed to give the west the option of initiating nuclear warfare.

"Cruise missiles are not just a normal weapon. They are used as a major nuclear weapon, and each carries 15 times the weight of the Hiroshima bomb," said Cockrill.

"They can be launched from any kind of truck or submarine. Most of all, they don't demand any sophisticated delivery. Holding a Cruise missile increases the possibility of a nuclear war," he added.

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