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UM TO HOLD NUCLEAR THREAT CONVOCATION NOV. 11-12

MISSOULA--

This year students, faculty and staff members at the University of Montana plan to observe the traditional Armistice/Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, as more than a holiday in remembrance of past wars. They plan to learn the dangers of a possible new war and how they might participate in preventing it.

In concert with more than 108 other colleges in the United States, including students at UM's sister institution Montana State University, several UM groups will sponsor a local program for the "National Convocation on the Threat of Nuclear War" Nov. 11 and 12 on the UM campus.

The UM convocation is sponsored through resolution by the Executive Committees of the Faculty and Staff Senates, the Central Board of the Associated Students of UM (ASUM) and the UM law school Student Bar Association (SBA). Events will be conducted by the Student Action Center, MontPIRG and the SBA.

Free public events for Wednesday, Nov. 11, are an open forum at noon for people to voice their opinions on the threat of nuclear war, followed by a play, "Ode to Progress, " in the UM University Center first floor Mall.

Keynote addresses Nov. 11 will be delivered at 2 p.m. in the University Theater by Dr. Elizabeth Gunderson, Helena, of the Montana Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Edwin Firmage, Salt Lake City, Utah, professor of law at the University of Utah College of Law. Gunderson will speak about health and nuclear war and Firmage, a former vice-presidential staff member and

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well-known opponent of the MX-missile plan, will deliver an address titled "Allegiance, Defense and Survival."

Firmage also will conduct a workshop at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 11, "Organizing Your Community for Peace," in the UC Montana Rooms and will speak at 8 p.m. on "Arms Control, International Law and the MX," in the UM Law building room 204, sponsored by the SBA.

At 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 a panel on "The Medical Implications of Nuclear War" will be conducted in the UC Montana Rooms 360 by the Missoula Physicians for Social Responsibility. Panel members will be Missoula physicians Gerald Diettart, Paul Loehnen, James Gouaux and Tom Roberts. The panel will be sponsored by the ASUM.

Events for Thursday, Nov. 12, will be a talk, "Theater as Political Action," by Randy Bolton, assistant professor of drama at UM, at 4 p.m. in the UC Montana Rooms 360, and a film, "War Games," and discussion on UM coalition groups in the UC second floor Lounge.

The convocation is organized nationally by the Union of Concerned Scientists and is supported by Nobel Prize winners Hans Bethe and Owen Chamberlain, former Presidential Science Adviser George Kistiakowsy, California Institute of Technology President Marvin Goldberger and astronomer and author Carl Sagan of Cornell University, among others.

For more information, interested persons may call the Student Action Center at 243-5897.

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