

The Pentagon happily defers civil defense to FEMA, a miniscule agency which is no budgetary threat to the \$300 billion. The Pentagon has diverted the strategic defense question into a modestly sized, long range research program which also doesn't use up much of their \$300 billion.

The Department of Defense has our \$300 billion per year. They are not providing a credible defense for the American homeland and are quite obviously losing their capability to deal with the Soviets in the nuclear age.

Regarding immediate deployment of strategic defense, they already have the money. With a proper attitude, they could get any required reallocation of those funds through Congress within a few weeks or less. They are instead feathering their own nests while America's future is in jeopardy.

It may seem strange to picket your friends. After all, the American military includes many patriotic Americans who are giving their entire careers to defending their country. Some of these people are in the Pentagon and are doing their best.

Unfortunately there seem to be too many other people who are neutralizing them. By protesting about this, strategic defense advocates would strengthen the efforts of their friends within the Pentagon. They also might scare the others into action out of fear that publicity would weaken their hold on the whole \$300 billion. The pickets certainly would not need to search for publicity. "Pro-defense groups picket pentagon." The press would surely enjoy this.

Picket the Pentagon. I do not know whether this would change the current situation. One thing is sure, however, the current activities are not getting a strategic defense for America and have virtually no chance of success within the next 20 months.

CALDICOTT STRIKES AGAIN

Senator Pete Wilson, cosponsor of Senate Resolution 314, is running for re-election in California against Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy. Helen Caldicott, past president of "Physicians for Social Responsibility", was keynote speaker at a recent fund-raiser for McCarthy's Senate campaign.

During her speech, Caldicott called the United States Department of Defense "the department of annihilation" and described Mikhail Gorbachev as a "miracle man who brought to mind Jesus Christ." Hapless McCarthy who had introduced Caldicott as a