

## **DDP MEETING**

This year's annual meeting of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness was outstanding. If it had a rival, it was last year's DDP meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are available by writing to DDP, 2509 N. Campbell, Box 272, Tucson, AZ 85719 - telephone (602)325-2680. A listing of the principal presentations is enclosed with this newsletter.

Among many excellent presentations were those by:

- Petr Beckmann - America's foremost advocate of nuclear power and a remarkable scientist who is currently doing theoretical work that challenges the preeminence of Einstein's Theory of Relativity. Dr. Beckmann picked up where Dixie Lee Ray left off last year and gave a very entertaining analysis of the pseudoenvironmentalists of the "Green Religion". If the media would put this man on national television for a few weeks, the pseudoenvironmentalist movement would be set back 20 years.

- Edward Teller - father of the American hydrogen bomb and one of the originators of America's civil defense research program after World War II.

During one of his two talks, Dr. Teller described the technology for low-level satellite surveillance of the earth. If satellites are close enough they can, as he put it, use their "flashlights" for 24 hour per day operation. Laser lights can be used for nighttime viewing and, if a cloud cover is present, radar can be utilized. This is superior to high altitude satellites that must depend upon reflected daytime light from the earth for their pictures.

Dr. Teller pointed out the potential for good in such a system as the eyes of an SDI system and as a weather data system. No doubt this technology will come and will have many beneficial uses. As was pointed out during the discussion, however, it can also be used as a 24 hour a day surveillance system by governments to abridge the privacy and freedom of their people.

- Sam Cohen - inventor of the neutron bomb and one of the developers of America's tactical nuclear weapons. Punctuated with anecdotes from his remarkable career, Sam Cohen's talk provided a thoughtful analysis of sensible American policy in the nuclear age. There is probably no other American scientist more worth hearing and heeding than Sam Cohen.

Calling our current SDI research program "immoral", he pointed out that the defense of the American people with anything less than the best technology is immoral and that SDI is not using the best technology when, for political reasons, nuclear warheads are not allowed on the interceptor rockets.

As to our best policy in the nuclear age, Sam Cohen's message is essentially the same as that in George Washington's farewell address - with the analysis modernized by one of