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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Publication of “Stopping the Arms Race” criticized—and applauded

Editor: The “Open Channel” feature of Computer is, according to the statement that appears therein each month, a forum for the free exchange of technical ideas. The contribution entitled “Stopping the Arms Race” in the September issue is clearly inappropriate, and in fact has no place anywhere in a professional technical publication. I trust that you will take whatever steps are necessary to prevent a repetition of this unfortunate lapse.

Andrew Allison
Los Altos Hills, Calif.

Editor: I would like to thank the editors and publisher of Computer for including in “The Open Channel” the short note outlining the position of a group of people,1 unknown to me at the time, who, by means of three modest recommendations, are doing something positive about what I believe to be a futile and mutually suicidal nuclear arms buildup. We engineers, as a group, are known for our lethargic attitude when it comes to issues not directly related to our technical specialties, so I have little Illusion as to how much impact this group may have on our executive and legislative bodies, but it is a welcome step and I applaud your making space for this viewpoint in your magazine. I might add that if any of your readers are interested in references other than the three which were cited, they need only turn to their May issue of Spectrum which graphically describes our coast-to-coast vulnerability to just three 10-megaton thermonuclear weapons detonated 400 km above the United States.2 Surely, after studying this information, many rational people will agree that to support this disarmament effort may be the most important decision they will ever make.

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Artist Identified

In answer to the many inquiries about the rendering of Richard E. Merwin on p. 3 of the October Computer, the artist was Chuck Ren of Vista, California. The original illustration as created using acrylic wash and pencil. The photographs on which the illustration was based were taken by Tom White during an AFIPS meeting in 1979.

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