

U.S. nuclear arsenal remains adequate, Defense Secretary says Cheney reiterates nation's security

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's most powerful and modern weapons will still be ready, in missile silos on land and aboard nuclear submarines prowling the oceans, even after the cutbacks President Bush is ordering in the nation's arsenal.



Cheney

"The world has changed, but insurance is still a good idea," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said over the weekend. "Under this plan, we believe we will have enough."

And "enough" means some 2,000 nuclear warheads ready to be hurled aloft by 550 intercontinental nuclear missiles, as well as the more than 5,000 nuclear warheads that could be launched from the Navy's 24 ballistic missile submarines.

The core of the nation's nuclear defense remains a mighty one, particularly until the Soviets say

they are willing to agree to further cuts in the most deadly weapons.

Even though Bush ordered startling cuts in the nation's arsenal of nuclear weaponry, much remains untouched by his initiative.

In his Friday speech, the president moved to sharply reduce the number of nuclear arms used at sea and on the battlefield, known as tactical nuclear weapons.

He also took off hair-trigger alert status the front line of the nation's nuclear bomber forces, as well as the oldest sector of its intercontinental ballistic missiles, the Minuteman IIs.

"We are doing nothing that would put the nation at risk," Gen. Colin Powell said.

Bush ordered the 450 single-warhead Minuteman II missiles off alert and accelerated moves that will mean their eventual elimination.

That still leaves the nation defended by 50 MX missiles, with 10 warheads each, and 500 triple-warhead Minuteman III missiles in their silos. That means that a force now armed with 2,450 nuclear warheads will retain the de-

structive power of the 2,000 most modern nuclear warheads.

And there is no change in the alert status of the MXs or the Minuteman IIIs, Air Force officials said.

Even though Bush ordered the 280 premier long-range bombers, and their tankers, off their alert

□ Soviet response to U.S. unilateral nuclear weapons cuts/Page 1

status, all the B-52s and the B-1Bs will be maintained.

Their nuclear bombs and nuclear cruise missiles will also be kept in storage, but could be reloaded in the bombers within a day's time, officials said.

And the Pentagon will retain its smaller bombers, capable of delivering either nuclear or conventional bombs, at their bases overseas.

Bush's proposal does not affect sea-based ballistic missile systems.

The world's oceans and strategic sea lanes will still be patrolled by the Navy's 24 nuclear submarines.

Expert analyzes U.S. military position

Continued from Page 1

military production to civil uses. This is one way they can do it. They no longer need the weaponry, and can match what the U.S. does."

Keuter said, however, the issue of long-range nuclear weapons is not as clear-cut.

"The Soviets are much more leery in this area," he said. "Most of their nuclear forces are in ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles), while most of ours are launched from submarines."

Keuter said the eliminations, however, will not affect U.S. defense plans in Europe.

"As far as tactical weapons go, this will have no real effect on the U.S. military," he said. "Those weapons were only a last resort if Warsaw Pact forces were overrunning our own. Now that the threat, and the Warsaw Pact, is gone, there is nothing left that could cause us to use a tactical nuclear weapon."

The Warsaw Pact, a military alliance of Eastern European countries, officially dissolved earlier this year.

The plan also includes elimina-

tion of alert status from several Strategic Arms Command bases, Keuter said.

"For the Air Force this is a dream come true," he said. "Crews that were on seven day alert, kept away from their families, have been removed from alert status."

Keuter said 40 B-52s, from an arsenal of about 280, will be removed from alert status.

"These planes will have their weapons downloaded," he said. "They will then be returned to regular duty, and put on a normal flight cycle."

Keuter said, however, that planes off alert status could still be used for nuclear strikes.

"The planes can be loaded back up in 12 to 24 hours," he said. "We lose some of our fast reaction capability, but there is no longer the same threat of an imminent attack. Tensions have eased off."

In addition to the B-52s, Keuter said 450 long-range Minuteman ICBMs have also been taken off alert status. He said the missiles were to be eliminated with the ratification of the START treaty soon, and the move is only a jump-start

on that program.

About 550 missiles, including Minuteman IIIs, will not be affected by the action and remain on alert.

The SHRAM II, a short range nuclear missile presently under development would also be cut by the plan, Keuter said.

"The elimination of the SHRAM II comes as a surprise," he said. "Although the program was a year behind schedule, the missile had not even been tested. The SHRAM A has already been taken off of alert due to technical problems."

While the cutbacks are a major step, other nations with nuclear capabilities need to join in the effort, Keuter said.

"The cuts are drastic for military planners," he said. "We will be cleaning out all of Europe, but what we really need is to get nations like Britain, France and China to make the same types of cuts. Maybe they will play the same game."

While other nations joining the bandwagon may not have been the main goal of Bush's proposal, Keuter says it is a sidelight he is looking for.

Only a Deal to Play the Battalion



\$5.99 MEDIUM PIZZA

Buy Any Medium
1 item Pizza
for Only \$5.99



FOR DELIVERY CALL 693-9393

Please mention coupon when ordering
Code 7. One coupon per visit • Void 10-31-91

Fashion Fotos

2 for 1 SPECIAL
\$19.99 ea. sitting
(Both appts must be booked together)
Call for appt.
Open 7 Days a Wk.
Color Portraits
Additional
Offer Good Through
Oct. 9, 1991

409-764-3800 POST OAK MALL (Next to Foley's)

2504 Kent, Bryan

CRAIG'S

TAKE 15% OFF
TOTAL SELECTIONS OF
LINGERIE AND CHILDREN'S ITEMS

All your one-day purchases in
Lingerie/Loungewear and
Children's wear, regular or
sale price.

VALID THRU OCT. 31, '91
WITH A&M I.D.
CANNOT BE USED WITH ANY
OTHER SPECIAL DISCOUNT.

2504 Kent, Bryan

CRAIG'S

TAKE 15% OFF
TOTAL SELECTIONS OF
ACCESSORIES AND SHOES

All your one-day purchases of
shoes, handbags, scarves,
jewelry & belts.
Regular or sale price.

VALID THRU OCT. 31, '91
WITH A&M I.D.
CANNOT BE USED WITH ANY
OTHER SPECIAL DISCOUNT.

BCS BICYCLES

* \$20.00 TUNE UP
FREE ESTIMATES

* \$25.00 FREE
ACCESSORIES WITH PURCHASE
OF A NEW 26" BICYCLE.

GIANT SAVINGS ON ALL BICYCLES

Authorized Nishiki Dealership

696-6551

819 TEXAS AVE. SOUTH
ACROSS FROM MAIN ENTRANCE OF CAMPUS

Nobody Knows Tune-Ups Like We Do!

- A poorly-tuned car produces 200 times the harmful emissions of a properly maintained car.
- A well-tuned car can use 9% less fuel than a poorly-tuned car.

Get a PERFORMANCE at TUNE-UP

Engine Performance Experts.

Precision Tune

OF BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION
601 HARVEY RD.
COLLEGE STATION.....693-6189
(2 BLKS. EAST OF TEXAS AVE.)

Good for \$10.00 off on any Tune-Up
Good for \$5.00 off on complete oil change.

Welcome Back Specials From

EXXON

BRAKE OVERHAUL	\$49.95
OIL & FILTER CHANGE (UP TO 5 QTS. OF SUPERFLO OIL)	\$18.95
A/C SERVICE (ONE CAN OF FREON FREE)	\$18.95
TIRE SALE (ALL ATLAS BRAND TIRES)	20% OFF
2 LITER PEPSI (FROM OUR MINI-MART) (WITH MIN. 8 GALLON FILL-UP)	99¢

K&L EXXON SERVICE CENTER
815 TEXAS AVE (next to Red Lobster) COLLEGE STATION • TX 77840
Major Credit Cards & ATM Accepted. Good thru 10/31/91. 696-3174

3 FOR \$88

BUDGET OPTICALS

of America

776-1555
1121 Briarcrest Dr.
Suite 302
Bryan, Tx. 77802

EYE EXAMS Dr. D.L. Smith
Independent Optometrist
Located Next Door 776-5274

"Please bring this coupon in with you"

Little Caesars Pizza

BRYAN COLLEGE STATION NORTHGATE
1775 Briarcrest Tx. Ave. & SW Pkwy. University & Stasney
776-7171 696-0191 268-0220

VALUABLE COUPON

FREE
Buy one sandwich
GET ONE FREE!
\$3.25

Not valid with any other offer.
One coupon per customer.
Expires 10/17/91

VALUABLE COUPON

BABY PAN! PAN!
& 32oz. soft drink
\$2.49 plus tax

Two adorable little individual-sized pan pizzas with cheese and pepperoni for one low price. Valid only at participating Little Caesar's. Expires 10/17/91

Free Delivery Call 846-TAMU
Call Today

VALID SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

The Aggie Special 12" 1 Topping Pizza and one free coke \$4.99	Lunch Special 12" 3 Topping Pizza \$4.79
Cheese Breadsticks Ranch Dressing & Pizza Sauce Free Free Delivery 846-8268 12" + 1 free coke \$5.55 16" + 2 free cokes \$7.77	Pepperoni Cheese Rolls Ranch Dressing & Pizza Sauce Free Limit 4 orders per coupon Free Delivery 846-8268 1 Coke & 6 Rolls \$5.99 2 Cokes & 11 Rolls \$9.99

Coupon may expire without notice

ADVANTAGE Computer Center

Sales • Service • Training • Consulting
Susan and Dale Cuthbertson
Owners

846-EASY

Town & Country Cntr. 3707 E. 29th Street, Bryan

Buy 10 Floppy Disks Get 10 FREE!

Limit one per person Exp. 10-31-91

Little Caesars Pizza

Terrific Tuesday
Two Pizzas
with cheese and pepperoni
Two Medium ... \$6.99 plus tax
Two Large ... \$8.99 plus tax

No coupon necessary. Limit 1 order per customer.
No substitutions, additions, or deductions.
Limited time offer. Expires 10/17/91

TWO PIZZAS "AGGIE CHOICE"
One for you... One for your buddies!
Two Small ... \$9.49
Two Medium ... \$11.49
Two Large ... \$13.49

*With Everything™ toppings include pepperoni, ham, bacon, ground beef, Italian sausage, mushrooms, green peppers, onions. Hot peppers and anchovies upon request. (NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR DELIVERIES). Valid only with coupon at participating Little Caesars. Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per customer. Carry out only. *Excludes extra cheese. Expires 10/17/91

BRYAN COLLEGE STATION NORTHGATE
1775 Briarcrest Tx. Ave. & SW Pkwy. University & Stasney
776-7171 696-0191 268-0220