

It is proposed that those attending this session split into 3 groups A - C, and that each group discusses one of the two questions (or both if there is time):

Group A Technical

- A.1 What are the most significant new predictions that emerged from the scientific studies reported at the Washington Conference on the World After Nuclear War ?
- A.2 What are the most important uncertainties about these predictions ?

Group B Policy

B.1 Reporting on the conclusions reached by the Washington Conference in the January issue of SANITY, I wrote:

A first strike would be suicidal, even if it were a hundred percent 'effective'. Even if one side or the other were to obtain a fully 'effective' first strike capability, so that the other side could not launch a single nuclear weapon in retaliation, the attacker would thereby commit suicide.

This statement has been, correctly, criticised. Why ?

B.2 It has been argued that the scientists cannot, with the existing state of knowledge of atmospheric physics, predict with certainty that a limited nuclear war would unleash a climatic catastrophe, and that therefore the wisest course is to preserve the nuclear deterrent. How would you answer this ?

Group C Campaigning

- C.1 It has been argued that the nuclear winter is only an additional horror on top of the horrors of nuclear war that we already know about, and that there is no point in making this a special campaigning issue: "Everybody knows that nuclear war would be horrific, and nobody wants to know any more about it". How would you answer this argument ?
- C.2 Identify four or five (more if you have time) social or political groups at which special campaigning on the nuclear winter might be aimed, and in each case specify one or two aspects that may be of special significance for that group.

As we have only 50 minutes for this Briefing Session, I suggest that the time be divided as follows:

Discussion in parallel groups A - C :	20 mins
Reports on answers from groups A - C :	15 mins
Comments from combined group	10 mins
Summing up by Briefing convenor	5 mins

[The SANA Information Leaflet on the World After Nuclear War will be available to Council members attending this Briefing Session]

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