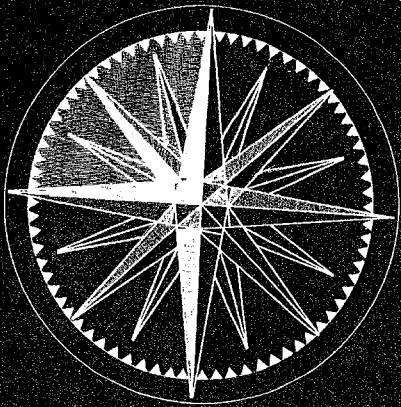


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GENEVA DISARMAMENT TALKS

At the Geneva disarmament talks the major powers seem to have moved no closer to agreement on a nonproliferation treaty. The negotiations now are complicated by the insistence of some of the nonaligned states that the nuclear powers must make concessions if they expect other countries to agree not to acquire nuclear weapons.

India, which usually acts as the voice of the nonaligned at Geneva, has publicly stated that neither the Soviet nor the US draft of a nonproliferation treaty is acceptable. Not only does India oppose "special dispensation" for military alliances in the context of nonproliferation, but its delegate has declared that any treaty acceptable to New Delhi must embody obligations on the part of the nuclear states--such as a freeze on production of nuclear weapons and vehicles.

This demand reflects the growing feeling of insecurity among Indian defense officials in light of the recent Indian-Pakistani difficulties and further development of the Chinese nuclear weapons program. There is now increasing pressure on

the Indian Government to develop its own nuclear weapons. India has been supported by Japan, whose foreign minister has taken the stand that the nuclear powers should not try to prevent non-nuclear powers from obtaining nuclear capability without reducing their own nuclear resources.

Given the special concerns of the nonaligned, Soviet Premier Kosygin's recent proposal to prohibit use of nuclear weapons against nonnuclear states which are parties to the nonproliferation treaty and which do not have nuclear weapons on their territories appears to have been well timed. His ideas quickly won a sympathetic response from the nonaligned, but the West sees in them an obstacle to any nuclear-sharing arrangements in NATO. They also raise the question whether the US and its Allies would be allowed to continue to station nuclear weapons in West Germany.

A Western counterproposal--perhaps one that simply offered assistance from nuclear powers to nonnuclear powers in case of attack--is being considered but no agreed draft has been produced.

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