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Nuclear Weapons What You Need to Know, Jeremy Bernstein, 2008, History, 299 pages. Nuclear Weapons is designed to give a layperson an understanding of both the history and technology of nuclear weapons.


Biological, Chemical, And Nuclear Warfare? Protecting Yourself And Your Loved Ones: The Power Of Digital Medicine, Savely Yurkovsky, MD, Dec 30, 2002, , 258 pages. The book you can't afford to miss! Prepare simple digital vaccines against any deadly assault: Anthrax, Smallpox, Chemical Agents or Nuclear Disaster. Learn about the most ....


War and peace in the nuclear age , John Newhouse, 1990, , 486 pages.

Death: Corpses, Cadavers, and Other Grave Matters , Elizabeth A. Murray, 2010, Death (Biology), 112 pages.


A number of these nuclear tests were atmospheric explosions. The resulting fallout from these tests, both radioactive and political, garnered world opinion to demand a cessation of nuclear testing. Fears of a nuclear war and radioactive fallout were addressed by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. Nevertheless, anxiety over nuclear testing and the arms race would grip the public. There was a strong call for action! Public opinion clearly influenced President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s decision making.

Banning nuclear test explosions was at least one measure employed to slow down the escalating nuclear arms race. It could also prevent further radioactive fallout. President Eisenhower’s public statement of August 22, 1958 expressed hope that a nuclear test suspension could lead to further disarmament agreements. A brief suspension of nuclear testing would come about in the late 1950’s. However, full-scale testing would resume in the 1960’s and with it, the nuclear arsenals of both the Soviet Union and the U.S. would grow more powerful. The public’s anxiety over fallout was clearly justified. Later studies would substantiate those fears. In 2001, a preliminary report released by the Centers for Disease Control stated that every American living in the United States after 1951 was exposed to radioactive fallout from nuclear tests worldwide. At least 11,000 deaths were estimated to have been caused by cancer resulting from external exposure to fallout. The study also cited exposures worldwide, noting that "A number of populations outside the United States have been exposed to higher levels of radioiodine and other radionuclides..."
than the United States population. These populations include the residents of the Marshall Islands; people living near the nuclear weapons site in Semipalantinsk, Kazakhstan; people exposed to large releases from the Chernobyl nuclear power station accident in Ukraine and people living near the Mayak nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in Russia."

Radioactive fallout was one of the greatest fears for people worldwide and its effects are still being felt today. But by far the greatest fear for the public was a nuclear confrontation. And one fall day in 1962 that nightmare was becoming a reality... --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this book, the first 70 pages are devoted to the actual book chapters. When you take into account the pictures (which are not really mind-blowing) and the large font, there is really not much meat to the book. It does not really describe anything that you couldn't read in a single magazine article or encyclopedia entry. The bulk of the book (the last 100 pages) is given over to poor reproductions of various documents, none of which are very exciting.

This concise book traces the history of nuclear weapons from World War II through the Cold War to the present day. You will also read about issues such as the proliferation of nuclear weapons, missile defense and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This book also examines efforts to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes as proposed by President Dwight Eisenhower in his "Atoms for Peace" speech. This edition includes a report prepared by the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey titled "The Effects of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki". Table of Contents: Chapter 1: The Atomic Bomb Chapter 2: Nuclear Weapons and the Cold War Chapter 3: Atoms for Peace Chapter 4: Nuclear Weapons Testing and Blast Effects Chapter 5: The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Limited Test Ban Treaty Chapter 6: Nuclear Weapons Today Chapter 7: The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Chapter 8: Conclusion Appendix: The Effects of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Documents on the Limited Test Ban Treaty. Author biography: William Lambers has written two other books titled "The Battle of Britain" and "From War to Peace: The Story of Great Britain and the United States". He is a graduate of the College of Mount St. Joseph in Ohio and is the director of Lambers Publications, a book publisher and distributor. He is also a writer for the History News Service.

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Imagine living along Lake Ontario in the British colony of Canada. The year is 1813 and Great Britain and the United States are at war. It is a cool April morning. You peer out across the Lake to watch the sunrise. The waters are calm, the surrounding countryside quiet. You gaze up and down the Lake for American warships. There are none in sight...but where are they?

Little do you know that a fleet of American warships is readying for battle. At Sackets Harbor in the eastern end of Lake Ontario, American soldiers are boarding warships. Crewmen prepare the rows of cannons that will be unleashing fury on Canadian forts and towns. Within hours, the American fleet will set out, heading west on Lake Ontario. Word reaches quickly up the Lake that the warships are coming. You notice a figure upon a distant hilltop, giving signals that warn of the impending attack. Soldiers prepare themselves for the coming fight and everyone else wisely heads for cover. Your heart pounding, you run to warn your family.

When President James Monroe prepared his first annual message to Congress in 1817, he had some good news. He announced an agreement between the U.S. and Great Britain that disarmed the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. Now, with the Rush-Bagot agreement, naval warships would virtually disappear from the Lakes.

President Monroe knew the Rush-Bagot agreement would spare the U.S. and Britain from a dangerous naval arms race. That objective was accomplished and went a long way toward improving British-American relations. But the story does not end there. The lessons of the Rush-Bagot agreement would also be applied during the nuclear arms race of the Cold War.

It was 1963, just one year removed from the Cuban Missile Crisis which brought the Soviet Union and the United States to the brink of nuclear war. The near holocaust placed an increased urgency on controlling the nuclear arms race. Focus shifted to achieving a treaty which would ban nuclear weapons testing, an effort started during the Eisenhower administration and carried over to his successor, John F. Kennedy. Such a treaty could improve relations between the two adversaries and place some restriction on armaments development. In July 1963, the Soviet and American negotiations produced the Limited Test Ban Treaty, which banned nuclear tests in the atmosphere, underwater and in outer space. President Kennedy viewed it as "a step towards peace- a step towards reason- a step away from war."

Yet, although the Limited Test Ban Treaty was signed, it still needed to be ratified by the U.S. Senate to take effect. Not everyone agreed the treaty was a step in the right direction. Some believed it would weaken America's national security by limiting development of nuclear armaments. Back in 1817, the same argument could have been made against the Rush-Bagot agreement since it did deprive the U.S. of naval forces on the Lakes, which proved so vital to its successes during the War of 1812.

Before the Senate would vote on the Limited Test Ban, it held hearings to listen to testimony from key experts. Among those called to testify was Harold Stassen, former disarmament advisor to President Eisenhower. Stassen would invoke the lessons of the Rush-Bagot agreement to support ratification of the Limited Test Ban. Why? Stassen did so because of the Rush-Bagot agreement's effectiveness as an arms control measure makes its lessons timeless.

The Rush-Bagot agreement also set a precedent for including a termination clause in an arms control treaty. This would allow either nation to legally withdraw from the treaty should its national
security become threatened. A termination clause was seen as vital in the case of the Limited Test Ban Treaty due to the unpredictability of the nuclear arms race.

When asked by Senator Frank Carlson about the termination clause of the Limited Test Ban Treaty, Stassen replied, "I don't think it is generally recalled that we have the right in relation to the old Rush-Bagot Treaty over the arms limitation of the Great Lakes with Canada which was in 1817, still in force, and it is the forerunner of the peaceful border with Canada. It came after the War of 1812 and there was great difficulty and fighting. President Monroe took the leadership and the military of that day, many of them sincerely had misgivings and said, how can we defend the United States if we can't arm the Great Lakes, and President Monroe said, let's do it but let's put on a 6-month termination clause; it is a right within a treaty, in other words, within the terms of the contract, under which you can bring the contract to a close, and I think the Joint Chiefs are right in this kind of a world situation to have a safeguard of that kind."

Rostow stated that the Rush-Bagot Treaty was "rather dull." But he was actually praising the agreement saying the very fact it was dull "is the most convincing evidence of its success." Rostow added "it was by no means self-evident in 1817 that the Agreement would work. The passions of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 survived and rankled. There was great tension between the United States and Great Britain over Canada on several occasions during the nineteenth century. In these periods, the Rush-Bagot agreement was a genuine influence for restraint, where there is a general political understanding about the limits of rivalry, arms control agreements can help to prevent friction and conflict from degenerating into war." The Reagan administration achieved the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with the Soviet Union in 1987. The INF Treaty eliminated both countries' medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles which had been dangerously deployed in Europe.

Today, the Rush-Bagot concept of avoiding a dangerous and expensive arms competition will be very appealing for President Obama as he forges his foreign policy. The staggering costs of nuclear weaponry, as much as 52 billion annually according to a 2008 Carnegie Endowment for International Peace report, make disarmament even more desirable. Obama is likely to start by trying to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) which would ban all test explosions including underground.

When one visits Rush-Bagot memorials such as the one at Fort Niagara, NY they will learn about a key turning point in British-American relations. But it goes even deeper than that. The Rush-Bagot agreement is a pillar in the history of arms control and its lessons can be applied to the international crises of today.

Arms control and disarmament can play a role in establishing peace among nations. As John Quincy Adams said about the idea of an arms race on the Great Lakes, "the moral and political tendency of such a system must be to war and not to peace." The Rush-Bagot agreement and its timeless lessons can help in the never-ending struggle to achieve peace among nations.

Thank you for this article - I had not heard of the Rush-Bagot agreement before. I agree that the lesson is relevant to today's discussion on the CTBT. Kennedy also said in his speech calling for ratification of the Limited Test Ban Treaty that, "While it may be theoretically possible to demonstrate the risks inherent in any treaty ... the far greater risk to our security are the risks of unrestricted testing, the risks of a nuclear arms race, the risks of new nuclear powers ..." Words that are still true today and applicable to the CTBT. Surely the greatest risks today lie not in brokering a reasonable, verifiable test agreement - but in allowing the continued spread of the most lethal of all the weapons of mass destruction.

When President Obama and Mitt Romney take to the stage for a foreign policy debate on Oct. 22, nuclear weapons are sure to come up, especially Iran's ambitions for the bomb. But the debate should also focus on the countries that actually have nukes, including Russia, China, North Korea and rivals India and Pakistan.
WFP Pakistan Country director Jean-Luc Siblot says, “We could scale up our response to reach up to 250,000 families; that’s 1.7 million people. But that would mean using food stocks earmarked for relief to the displaced population in the northwest of the country and these would have to be replenished by December; that means funding is needed now.” WFP depends on voluntary donations from governments and the public.

WFP reported earlier in the month that it had to cut its school feeding program in parts of Pakistan because of low funding. It also reported that the funding shortage would cause its food supply to run out in January. Pakistan made a contribution earlier this month to the WFP operation but clearly more can be done.

Pakistan’s spending on the arms race in South Asia could be used to help the poor and suffering within its own borders. Pakistan, as well as India and other states, have a responsibility to limit the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to fight hunger and poverty. India and Pakistan need more treaties and less arms testing. Neither country is a member of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty or the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

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