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DAYTON, Ohio, March 3, 1983 -- "The Arms Race is picking up speed....by
the year 2000 as many as 100 nations will know how to acquire nuclear weapons.
Many nuclear scientists calculate our chances for reaching 2000 at less than
40 per cent." Doctor, mother, and scientist Helen Caldicott thinks that figure
may be too high.

At the University of Dayton on Wednesday, March 9, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. in
the Kennedy Union Ballroom Helen Caldicott will speak on "The Medical Consequences
of Nuclear War."

An Australian born and educated doctor, Caldicott believes that she is
doing "the ultimate in preventive medicine" -- fighting against nuclear weapons.
As president of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) Caldicott encourages
all doctors to practice "political medicine."

Caldicott has been a recent figure in the news because of a lecture she
made that is a part of a film "If You Love This Planet." This film, featuring
scenes from Hiroshima and Nagasaki after atomic bombs were dropped, and two
others were recently required by the U.S. Justice Department to be labeled as
political propaganda.

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Her involvement in the anti-nuclear movement began in 1971 when she lead a protest against France's testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere over the Pacific. She claimed that the fallout from the testing was endangering life in Australia. Her campaign culminated in 1973 when the International Court of Justice in Hague banned nuclear atmospheric testing in the Pacific.

Caldicott, a former instructor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and author of *Nuclear Madness: What Can You Do?* is also known for her research on cystic fibrosis.

In 1980 she visited the Soviet Union with a group from the American Friends Service Committee -- meeting with over 100 Russian government officials, journalists, scientists, physicians, and citizens. The main topics of discussion were the SALT treaty and international nuclear weapons freeze.

Helen Caldicott's appearance is a part of the UD Distinguished Speakers Series' on issues of Life and Death.

Press interviews will be available on March 9 at 3:00 p.m. in Kennedy Union Room 211. For further information contact Ro Nita Hawes at 229-3241.