

REAGAN: U.S. & SOVIETS AGAINST THE GALAXY

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President Reagan said today he told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their Geneva summit that they would quickly join forces and forget their differences if aliens attacked Earth from another planet.

The President reached into the realm of science fiction in an off-the-cuff remark made while addressing a crowd of cheering students at Fallston HS in rural Maryland.

"I couldn't help but say to him, just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings if suddenly there was a threat to this world from some other species from another planet outside in the universe."

"We forget all the little local differences that we have between our countries and we would find out once and for all that we really are all human beings here on this earth together."

"When you stop to think, we're all God's children, wherever we

might live in the world," Reagan said.

The President did not characterize Gorbachev's response.

But he smilingly dismissed his fantasy saying: "Well, I don't suppose we can wait for some alien race to come down and threaten us. But I think that between us we can bring about that realization."

The President's remarks were made to the students at the end of a speech which called upon the Soviets to "draw back the barriers that separate our peoples" and to cooperate with the U.S. in a wide-ranging exchange of students, athletes, scientists and average citizens.

Reagan said he hoped such trade-offs would build a safer world for the coming generation.

"We should have no illusions that people-to-people contact will solve all the problems that exist between us. The Soviet Union is not a democracy," he warned.

"But these exchanges

are a beginning to building a better world, one based on better human understanding."

Reagan said his 15 hours of talks with Gorbachev showed him that the Soviet leader was "a determined man, but one who is willing to listen."

But he repeatedly stressed his surprise at discovering that Gorbachev really thinks the U.S. was out to destroy the Soviet Union.

"I hadn't believed that he'd believe some of the propaganda that had been going on for 70 years about us," Reagan said.

"I got the impression that they really do believe that we have hostile intentions towards them."

He said he tried to convince Gorbachev of the U.S.'s peaceful nature by reminding him the U.S. had "a clear opportunity to dictate to the world" when it held a nuclear monopoly at the end of World War II and declined to do so.

Ron tells alien story

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FALLSTON, Md.—President Reagan yesterday said he told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their November summit that if aliens invaded from outer space "we'd forget all the little local differences between our countries" and realize "we really are all human beings here on this earth together."

Speaking to high school students here, Reagan also recalled telling Gorbachev that he saw the "hand of providence" in his Star Wars missile defense scheme because it would deliver the world from the "awful threat" of offensive nuclear weapons.

On one other arms control issue, Reagan said he has not yet decided whether the U.S. will continue to abide by the nuclear arms limits in the unratified SALT-2 treaty after this year but warned that American compliance will come to an end if Soviet violations persist.

"There's no way that we could be so one-sided as to be destroying (our) missiles and things of that kind to stay within a limit that they are violating," said Reagan, asserting that there have been 23 Soviet breaches of SALT-2.

Reagan recalled that at one of his sessions with Gorbachev he "couldn't help but say to him, just think how easy his task and mine might be in these meetings... if suddenly there was a threat to this world from some other species from another planet."

Reagan said he told Gorbachev that the American Strategic Defense Initiative for a space shield against nuclear attack was "a reason to hope, not to fear" because it could make offensive weapons obsolete.