No-nuke group marches on Draper

By Mark James

About 30 demonstrators gathered outside the Charles Stark Draper Laboratories yesterday to hear Daniel Elsberg speak against the neutron bomb and Draper’s role in developing guidance systems for nuclear weapons.

“We can stop this one — we heard it in time,” Elsberg said about the neutron bomb, contrasting it with previous weapons whose development was kept secret until they were completed.

Public reaction to the neutron bomb so far has indicated, according to Elsberg, that the “public in general doesn’t have the [same moral] view of the Pentagon.”

Elsberg, a former Pentagon employee who relinquished the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times, electrified the audience in his inherent weapons research, and opined on Draper employees to open their secret files and direct themselves to peaceful ends.

The neutron bomb is a small nuclear weapon that is designed to kill people within a relatively small area but cause little damage to surrounding buildings. Elsberg warned that future versions of the bomb will be more selective, and could be used against rebellions in one section of a city while leaving all buildings intact.

Before the weapon was not intended for use against the Soviets. Now it would be finished, he asserted, to use it against a Soviet battalion armed with tactical nuclear weapons, because many of the soldiers would survive up to 30 days and would retaliate.

Elsberg argued that the neutron bomb’s only military value is as “in İstanbul” weapons that will be used in combat situations against small nations or for “counterrevolutionary” uses.

The neutron bomb is an example of “progress that threatens the existence of the human species,” Elsberg said.

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