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**WHAT:** Launch of an international campaign encouraging scientists and engineers to pledge that they will never work on weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear missiles or warheads. This event is being held in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting in San Francisco. The organizers will also be staffing a booth at the AAAS meeting.

**WHERE:** San Francisco Press Club (note new location)  
World Affairs Center  
312 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 17, 2001; 10:00am

**WHO: Dr. Julian Borill,** Staff Scientist, National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and Board member, Western States Legal Foundation

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*Also available for questions:*

**Dr. Andreas Toupidakis,** former Staff Research Scientist, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who left in 2000 rather than work on nuclear weapons

**Dr. Charles Schwartz,** Professor of Physics Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley

**WHY:** The pledge is part of a multi-faceted effort to dissuade scientists and engineers from taking jobs in the field of nuclear weapons work. The campaign is sponsored by the Los Alamos Study Group, Natural Resources Defense Council, Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment, and Western States Legal Foundation.

Initial signers of the pledge include: **Dr. Joseph Rotblat,** Nobel Laureate; **Dr. Michio Kaku,** Henry Semat Prof. of Theoretical Physics, City University of New York; **Dr. Charles Schwartz,** Professor of Physics Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley; and **Dr. Andreas Toupidakis,** former Staff Research Scientist, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

**Further information will be available Friday at [www.lasg.org/pledge/](http://www.lasg.org/pledge/) .**

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