PS1 for 4/28/88#CITIZENS' SUMMIT OR CHILD'S PLAY?

""Social Inventions for the Third Millennium'' was the topic of an unusual five-day dialogue between 100 Russians and 400 Americans that took place earlier this year in Alexandria, Virginia. They called their conference the ""Soviet-American Citizen's Summit,'' and it was largely the brainchild of Barbara Marx Hubbard, daughter of toy magnate Lewis Marx.

The announced objective of this international intellectual fraternization was to function as a think tank for joint U.S.-U.S.S.R. projects. The participants appeared to believe that they are paving the way for a ""global family'' in which we will all enjoy world peace.

This ""summit'' was a follow-up to two similar conferences held in Moscow over the last couple of years. The participants announced plans for several future trips to Moscow this year and next.

The principal focus of the agenda was a call to ban and dismantle all nuclear weapons. This was interlaced with all kinds of exchange programs designed to build a fabric of U.S.-U.S.S.R. togetherness -- in business, trade, politics, medicine, religion and spirituality, space, sports, youth, and the media.

Much of the rhetoric at this meeting featured such phrases as ""a new consciousness emerging,'' ""we are a new species,'' and ""world citizen'' delegates. Here are some samples of the something-for-everybody recommendations made at the summit.

For youth, the ""summit'' recommends exchanging Youth Ambassadors for Peace and sending 20 U.S. teenagers to a Soviet computer camp, with a reciprocal visit here by Soviet teens. The summit urges the use of computers to develop ""global classrooms'' in the schools.

The ""summit'' is planning a very visible role for religious leaders. They are to be aligned to proclaim an International Day of

Forgiveness, presumably for the sin of defending our nation against aggressors.

The conference participants not only plan to set up a Global Family Office in Moscow, but they plan to link family and religion in a symbiosis to promote their pacifist goals. They call for creating a ""spiritually-based network'' of individuals who can work to transform the planet ""from separation and fear to unity and love.''

Children are used as pawns in the global plan. The conference participants call for building an international ""children's co-creativity center'' in Moscow.

The conference even plans to work with the Soviets on the AIDS crisis.

The summit participants plan to develop a Soviet-American electronic monetary market based on computers so that goods can be bought, sold and swapped without hard currency. A business communications facility in Moscow called Super Partner Barter Market would provide a telephone system, telex, fax, and translation and secretarial services.

The global planners envision Shannon Airport in Ireland as the nexus of East-West trade, as well as a convenient half-way spot for trade exhibits and conferences.

A ""Soldier Meets Soldier'' program would enable Soviet and American soldiers to meet and interact with each other. This, the summiteers speculate, would eliminate the need to see each other through a gun scope.

Of course, like other visionaries with exalted notions of their own talent and ability to plan the world, they want to build a monument to themselves. It would be two World Peace Bell Gardens, one in Moscow and one in Washington, D.C., made from ""dismantled missiles and recycled implements of war.''

The conference participants weren't all visionaries chasing illusions of a peaceful world. The practical politicians among them rushed over to Capitol Hill to lobby against U.S. aid to the Contras and for the INF Treaty, and the summiteers cheered when it was announced that Contra aid was defeated in February.

One Russian observer at this Citizens' Summit was overheard commenting that, ""Americans act like children.'' Indeed, the juvenile plans and childlike wide-eyed belief that they can change the world would lead to that conclusion.