PS1 for 1/1/87#NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

We have a custom in our family that each of us writes out New Year's resolutions for (BF)other(end BF) members of the family instead of for ourselves. In that helpful spirit, here are a dozen resolutions for the Reagan Administration to include in its agenda for 1987.

1. President Reagan should order the immediate deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) because it is our best insurance policy against a sneak, surprise attack, against a nuclear accident (a military Chernobyl), and against the Soviets' violating treaties and arms agreements. The first duty of the Federal Government is to ""provide for the common defense,'' and SDI is the centerpiece of a common defense today.

2. President Reagan should promise to veto any and all tax increases. The new low rates in the 1986 tax reform legislation (passed with bipartisan support) represent a landmark attempt to achieve real tax reduction; they should be given a real chance to work before the rates are changed.

3. The Reagan Administration should vigorously oppose the proposed large increases in Federal salaries. No other class of people in our country is getting such large increases, and inflation is running at only one percent.

4. The hallmark of the Reagan Administration is faith in the American private enterprise system as the most productive and fairest economic system ever devised. The Administration should vigorously oppose ""Comparable Worth'' and all other regulations that tend to handcuff private enterprise, dictate wages and benefits, or impact disproportionately on small business, which is the source of most of the new jobs that are created in the private sector.

5. The Department of Health and Human Services should be ordered to respect parents' rights in public education and to terminate its attempts to teach children how to be sexually active using contraceptives and abortion. Just as the atheist child has established his constitutional right to be protected against the embarrassment of being in a public school classroom when

others are praying (the (BF)Jaffree(end BF) case), the moral child has the constitutional right to be protected against the embarrassment of being in a public school classroom when others are discussing sex activities, contraceptives, abortion, or other sex practices which he believes are morally wrong.

6. The Department of Justice should aggressively enforce the laws against pornography, especially child pornography. The Justice Department should work with the Federal Communications Commission to prohibit pornography on dial-a-porn, television, cablevision, and radio.

7. The Reagan Administration should start implementing the agenda of the (Gary Bauer) White House Working Group on the Family, starting with a proposal to raise the tax exemption for every child from $2,000 to $3,000 per year. Actually, if a child were to be worth as much in the income tax code today (adjusted for inflation and tax rates) as a child was worth 35 years ago, the exemption would be $5,000 per child per year.

8. Every piece of legislation should be evaluated for its family impact: does it include incentives or disincentives for mothers to care for their own children? By this rule, the child care credit in the current income tax code, which discriminates against mothers who care for their own children, should be extended to all mothers.

9. The Reagan Administration should devise ways and means of restructuring the welfare system so that the father is reestablished as the head of the family, and as the source of physical protection and financial support. By making the father irrelevant, the welfare system has created a permanent fatherless class in our society, and this social crime should be laid squarely at the feet of the big-spending liberals.

10. The Reagan Administration should educate the American public about the urgent need to back the Freedom Fighters in Nicaragua so that they can prevent the Soviets from consolidating another military base in Central America. To protect the United States against the threat of millions of refugees from

Communism walking north across our borders, we must reassert the lasting integrity of the Monroe Doctrine.

11. Since 1987 is the Bicentennial Year of the writing of the United States Constitution, we should strongly encourage all appropriate celebrations and educational activities. Under no circumstances should the Bicentennial be allowed to be used as a platform by those who are trying to plunge us into a new constitutional convention (known as Con Con) to rewrite our Constitution.

12. The Reagan Administration should set up a Media Watch to record the day's important news which the TV networks fail to report because they are so consumed with their passion to use news selection and innuendo to destroy the Reagan Administration over the arms to Iran and the Contras affair. The Reagan Administration should expose the news omissions and thereby bring the media elite back to earth from their ""high'' of shameless advocacy journalism.