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Congresswoman Pat Schroeder of Colorado will chair an ad hoc peace and disarmament hearing during the National Women's Conference in Houston November 18-21.

Rep. Schroeder, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, will head a panel of Congresswomen and experts on international security during the hearing at 10 a.m., Sunday, November 20, in the Albert Thomas Convention Center Music Hall.

Also participating in the event, funded by the Institute of World Order and arranged by the International Committee of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, will be Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke of California.

Dr. Helen Caldicott, a Boston pediatrician who has specialized in the effects of radiation on humans, will review the dangers of nuclear weapons development to human survival.

Other women specialists testifying on different aspects of U.S. military posture and weaponry include; Dr. Anne Cahn, head, International and Social Impact Section of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, discussing the economic considerations of the issue; and Randall Forsberg, fellow, Program for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, speaking on

security issues. A summary of the testimony will be provided by Dr. Betty Goetz Lall, a faculty member of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University.

Civic and peace spokespersons participating will be Peggy Carlin, executive director of the United Nations Association of the United States of America; IWY Commissioner Ethel Taylor, president, Women Strike for Peace; Josephine Pomerance, consultant to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Kay Camp, president, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. They will describe campaigns which their groups are conducting in relation to the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament held in May.

Audience participants also will have an opportunity to provide testimony during the hearing.

A purpose of the hearing is to contribute to the public on the urgent need for U.S. initiatives on disarmament.

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