also discuss the imminent deployment of cruise missiles in Europe, which has sparked massive protests throughout the European continent.

Other speakers will address: the immediate dangers of stationing nuclear weapons in a densely populated urban area, the environmental impact of the fleet, how the Iowa Task Force threatens the passage of a nuclear weapons freeze, the economic and social impact of basing the fleet in Boston, the potential problems that the fleet will cause for residents of South Boston, the impact of the arms race on the Black community and the role of the fleet in U.S. foreign policy.

In addition to E.P. Thompson, the speakers will include Sue Murphy, a South Bosoton resident, Barbara LaCourte (Greenpeace), Pat Simon (Council for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze), Joseph Gerson (Peace Secretary A.F.S.C. New England) and Michael Burlingame (Connecticut Freeze Campaign). Statements from opponents of the fleet in New York and Newport will also be presented.

In related statements today, the Ad Hoc Committee for a Safe Boston Harbor called attention to the fact that the Navy has recently conceded a record of 379 nuclear weapons accidents over a twelve year period. It also noted that instead of creating 3,000 jobs which supporters of the Homeport proposal initially claimed, the nuclear weapons fleet will create only about 325 permanent jobs for Boston area residents.

Organizations participating in the Ad Hoc Committee for a Safe Boston Harbor include the American Friends Service Committee, Citizens for Participation in Political Action, Jobs with Peace, the Bay State Center for Economic Conversion, Mobilization for Survival, the Episcopal Peace Coalition, Greenpeace, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament and the Cambridge Interfaith Peace Coalition.