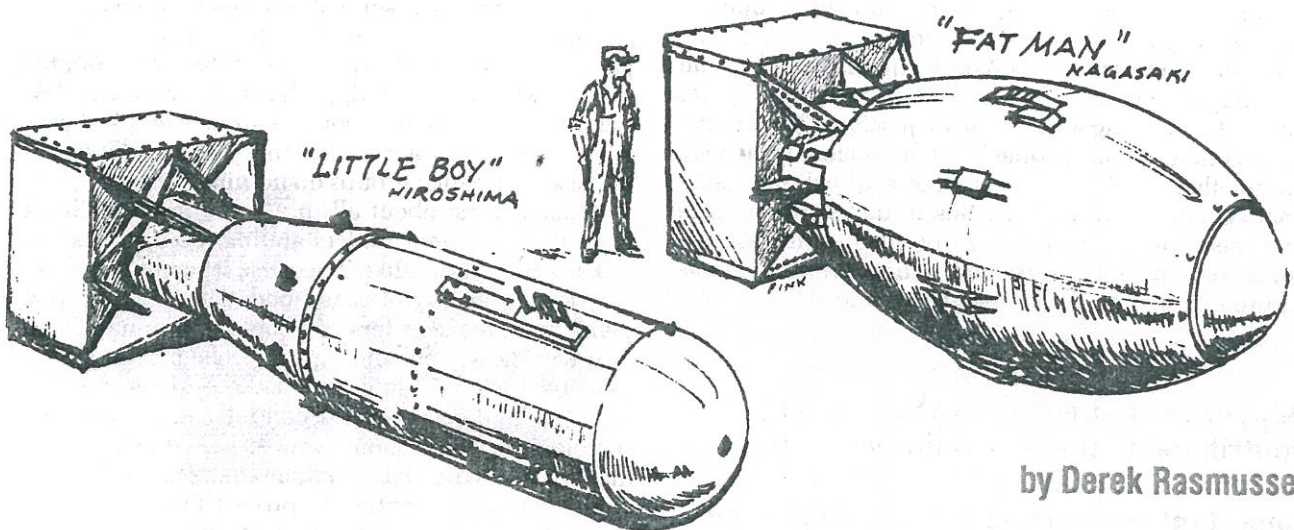


3 myths about the arms race



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If you're like me you were probably taught a few basic "facts" about nuclear weapons while you were growing up. Somebody probably taught you that the atom bombs the United States dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki shortened World War II. In history class somebody probably said that nuclear weapons have only been used twice. Later somebody probably said that the main reason for the United States having nuclear weapons is to deter the Soviet Union.

Everything they told you was a lie.