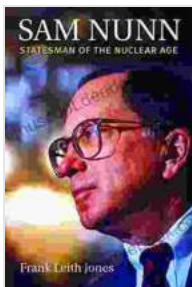


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The Cold War era, a period of intense rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union, was marked by the ever-present threat of nuclear war. As the world teetered on the brink of potential annihilation, it was the responsibility of statesmen, both in the executive and legislative branches of government, to guide the nation's nuclear policy.

Among these statesmen, congressional leaders played a critical role in shaping the course of nuclear policy. They were tasked with balancing the urgent demands of national security with the equally pressing need for arms control and nuclear disarmament. This article examines the contributions of some of the most influential congressional leaders during the nuclear age, exploring their motivations, strategies, and impact on the trajectory of nuclear policy.



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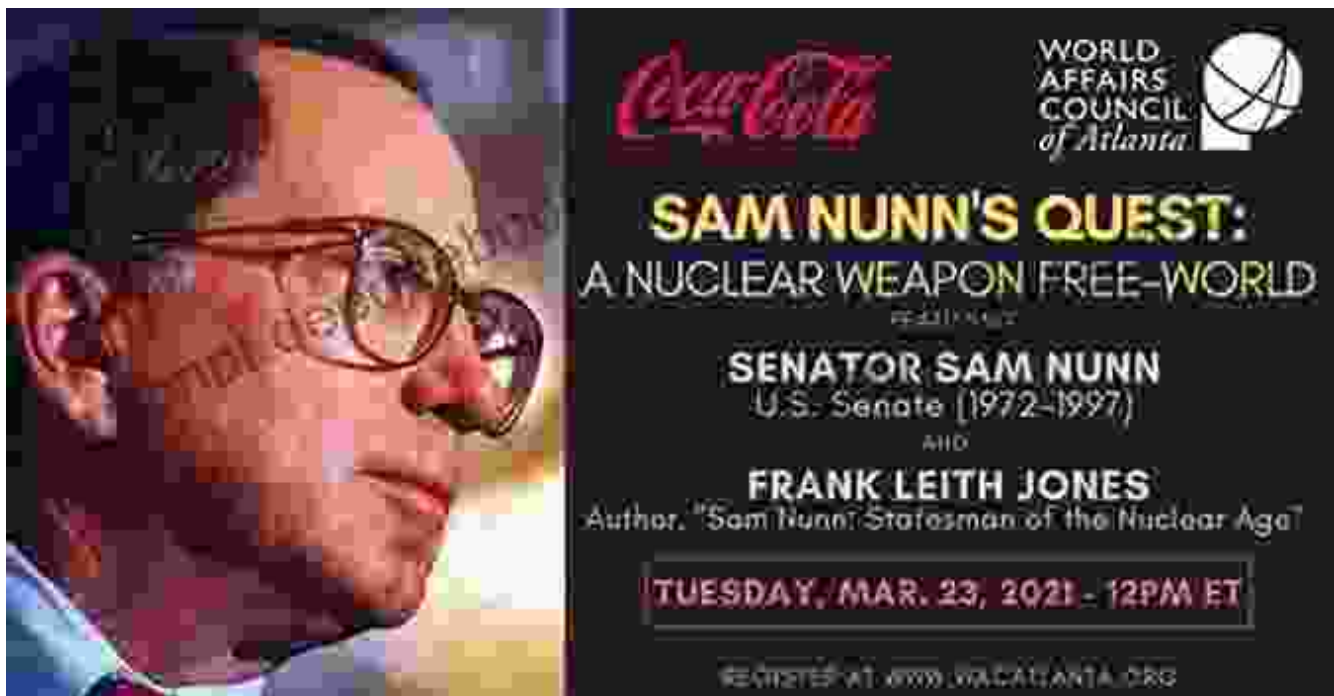


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Richard B. Russell, a Democratic senator from Georgia, served as Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee for over two decades. Known for his integrity, wisdom, and deep knowledge of military affairs, Russell played a pivotal role in shaping nuclear policy during the Cold War.

Russell was a staunch advocate for nuclear deterrence, believing that it was necessary to prevent nuclear attack. However, he was also a vocal critic of excessive military spending and the Vietnam War, arguing that these policies were draining the nation's resources and distracting from the primary threat of nuclear conflict.

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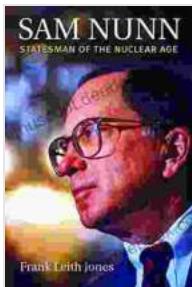
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Jackson played a key role in the passage of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in 1972, which limited the development and deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems. He also led the fight against the SALT II treaty, arguing that it would have given the Soviet Union an unfair advantage in nuclear weapons.

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