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NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE

Despite the dangers of nuclear tests and the possibilities of nuclear war, we believe that there is hope. Despite the obstacles, we believe that:

- ★ Men are capable of sanity and courage ;
- ★ Men can be moved to action to preserve life ; and
- ★ Effective action is possible.

We believe that action against nuclear war by nonviolent resistance is our human and democratic responsibility. What is nonviolent resistance, why do we use it, and how is it democratic ?

Nonviolent resistance is a way of acting against policies of violence. It means that people act to withdraw their support, and at times nonviolently intervene, in opposition to the policies they oppose. They may use such methods as marches, vigils, refusing certain jobs, strikes, boycotts, fasting, sit-downs, silence, civil disobedience, and non-violent intervention. In it people must be nonviolent while taking part in resistance, but resisters do not have to be pacifists.

Why do we choose nonviolent resistance ? Conventional types of action to change government policy are all important. In this time of unprecedented danger, however, we do not believe they are enough. We cannot offer only WORDS of disagreement and then acquiesce while governments of East and West pursue a policy which may destroy humanity.

We believe that nonviolent resistance is necessary :

- ★ to shatter the widespread escapism so that millions throughout the world will face the issues and make up their own minds ;
- ★ to bring governments seriously to consider that a significant number of people strongly oppose nuclear war preparations ;
- ★ to produce a pressure for peace on governments, to counter the powerful pressures for war ;
- ★ to dissociate ourselves from this policy of genocide ;
- ★ to revitalize the normal democratic processes, so that real debate becomes possible and so that an Opposition at long last opposes ;
- ★ to build up a future movement combining mass support with effective resistance which will be capable of halting these preparations for extermination ;
- ★ to help create and strengthen by example similar movements of resistance against nuclear war in all countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Nuremberg trials and the trial of Eichmann were based on a legal view that men must DISOBEY orders if they are believed to be morally wrong. How can we passively acquiesce in nuclear war preparations ?

Our nonviolent resistance is a democratic response to the present danger. There is nothing democratic about a Hydrogen bomb. By acting peacefully and openly in nonviolent resistance we are combining such qualities of democracy as persuasion and respect for our opponents with the most effective kind of resistance against nuclear war.

If our fellow citizens really believe in preparations for nuclear war, they will continue to support the government and its imprisonment of ourselves for resistance. If, however, prodded by our opposition and a consideration of facts and arguments, they decide they, too, oppose nuclear war, we welcome their support.

When they join us they will know that in addition to conventional democratic channels there is for such a crisis also another form of democratic action : nonviolent resistance. As our support grows, and our ability to resist effectively increases, so does our hope that peace will be achieved.

We are thus in this single act of protest and resistance taking an important step in moving away from impotence and helplessness in face of the grave peril to the human race. We are moving toward a restoration of reason and sanity and toward the time when the power of the people will be great enough to end our pursuit of nuclear death and to restore our opportunity to make life full of meaning and joy for all the people of the earth. For this we resist and live.