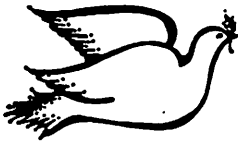


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PEACE



## 8. PEACE

**SITUATION:** For the first time in history people have the power to destroy themselves and all life. In the event of global nuclear war, not only would the present world population die, but there would be no future possibility of life as we know it, at least for millions of years. The whole evolutionary process would be radically altered.

This catastrophic event is no longer a remote possibility. Its probability increases daily. The superpowers have enough nuclear firepower to destroy all large and medium sized cities 100 times over. Each claims that its policy is one of deterrence, but practically both have the ability to strike first. As more sophisticated weapons are added to the armoury, the probability of nuclear war by accident or intent rapidly increases.

An all-out nuclear war could be over in thirty to sixty minutes with over a billion dead in the first exchange. As horrifying as this is, it is not the whole story. Even a partial exchange of nuclear weapons, perhaps as low as one-tenth of the power available, would affect the atmosphere to such an extent that survivors and most life forms would perish.

The notion of a limited war is probably illusory. Major pockets of war and terrorist activity arises from the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Central America. Escalation would be most likely to follow outside intervention and bring the world, directly or indirectly to the brink of total destruction. Over the last six years, local wars with conventional weapons have killed and displaced more people than World War II. The arms trade has escalated and fewer resources are available for development. Frustrated efforts to participate in building new relations and just structures have fanned the fires of physical aggression and terrorism.



RESPONSE: Throughout the world, people are mobilizing to awaken others to the dangers of the nuclear age, the escalation of regional conflicts and local community tensions. We live in a volatile world.

During the last four years the "peace movement" has changed fundamentally. This is due to the growing awareness that nuclear "war" is different in kind to any previous method of resolving human conflict, and to policies that have increased our insecurity.

The most notable changes are in size and composition. It is estimated that seven to ten times the number of people are now engaged in peace efforts than in 1980. Active participants now include scientists, business executives, educators, military personnel, physicians and many other professional groups, as well as large numbers of women, churches and community groups. The coalition of ecology, health, human potential, and alternative lifestyles movements, with the old peace movement, has added great numbers, talent and expertise. This broader coalition is more geographically representative and includes East and West Europe, Asia, Pacific and native groupings. The participants are considerably closer to the center of the political spectrum, act in a larger historical context and encompass a wider range of goals and actions. Networking and synergistic relations are bridging apparently unconnected and disparate activities.

This growth in size and complexity has created an identity crisis and revealed a credibility gap. Few policy changes have been realized and there is a new interest in actions that transcend protest and confrontation. It is also acknowledged that the goal of "peace" has little substance when compared to the activities of defense and war. Many are engaged in visualizing a world beyond war and experimenting with alternative programs activities and methods within and alongside economic, political and social structures. Conflict resolution is a household concept with increasing sophistication and wider application.

In spite of the growth of these efforts, villagers in Burma, Arabs on the West Bank and refugees in the Sudan are notably absent under the peace banner and millions are unaware of the dangers of a nuclear war or of the urgent need of their participation in preventing one.

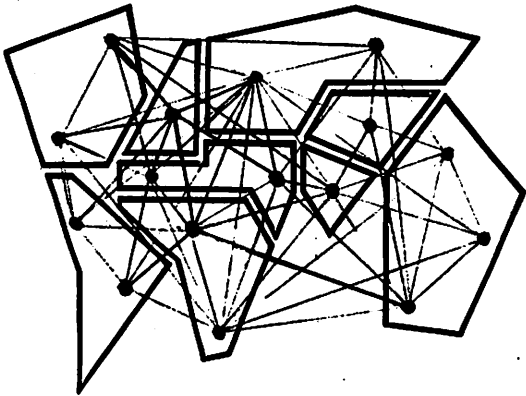
## FUTURE DIRECTIONS in the arena of PEACE

The future directions in relation to PEACE are expressions of, and empowered by, the following dimensions of the new paradigm.

- 1) The wholeness of one planet Earth and "no boundaries" existence.
- 2) The total destruction (death) of life on planet Earth is a viable possibility.
- 3) Solutions, in which all parties are "winners", can be created thru full assertiveness and full cooperation.
- 4) Responsible participation by any individual or group is not only possible and needed, it is adequate to create the future.

These dimensions of the new paradigm expand the image and content of peace efforts. Rather than seeing peace just as the absence of war, the image of peace expands to that of humans living ever fuller lives in harmony with themselves, others, the planet and the source of all life.

The Peace Safari identified five major futuristic directions for Peace.



### I. NETWORKING APPROACHES THAT WORK within and across nations, political boundaries and ideologies so as to demonstrate hope that the world can work for everyone.

This involves identifying, linking and promoting cooperative efforts in the wide range of peace efforts throughout every part and dimension of the world. People to people bridging is a vital aspect of this direction. Increased motivation, hope, resolve, effectivity, power and critical mass are the results.

When the people lead,  
in time,  
the leaders will follow.

Harold Willens



### II. RAPID MULTI-LATERAL DE-ESCALATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS below the "Nuclear Winter" threshold and redirecting the human, natural and technological resources.

The possibility of destroying all life on the planet through a nuclear bomb exchange must be removed. This short range, immediate effort is needed to provide the time and opportunity for the long range, more comprehensive and long lasting efforts of peace.

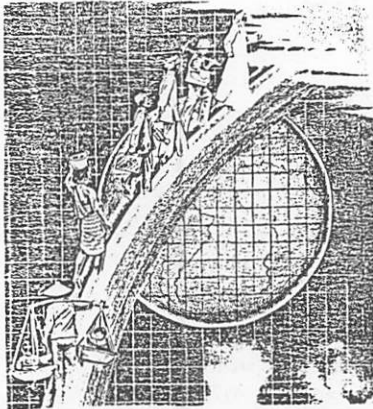
Every gun that is made,  
every warship launched,  
every rocket fired,  
signifies in the final sense  
a theft from those  
who are not fed,  
those cold and not clothed.  
Dwight Eisenhower



III. AWAKENING PLANETARY CONSCIOUSNESS thru providing peace information, diverse perspectives in mass media and spirit methods.

This direction includes the whole range from providing information relative to peace issues to efforts of expanding people's consciousness of oneness with all existence..It involves increasing people's awareness of the various perspectives that exist around the world and promoting the new perspectives necessary for living in the new paradigm.

There are no passengers  
on Spaceship Earth.  
Everybody is crew.  
M.McLuhan



IV. STRENGTHENING SYSTEMATIC COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT efforts to eleminate conditions and fears that cause conflict.

The lack of human rights and basic necessities create divisions, fears and the conditions for conflict. The foundations of real and lasting peace rest on people living full, satisfying, meaningful lives in local communities.

Unless the villages  
come alive and move,  
the world does not  
have a chance.  
Tagore



V. REFINING AND UTILIZING CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES which provide alternatiives to adversarial relations, reduce tensions and allow everyone to win.

Solutions that result in some people "losing" are not only inappropriate in a wholistic perspective, they also perpetuate the conditions for conflict. Techniques have been developed, and will be further developed and refined, that permit solutions in which all parties involved benefit. This direction points to their use in all types of conflicts from those involving nations to inter-personal conflicts.

We are constantly  
confronted by opportunities  
brilliantly disguised  
as problems.  
M.Fergusson

Thus the future directions of peace encompass not only the more short-range and immediate effort to reduce the destructive possibility of military conflict, but also the efforts to create a world in which people live exciting fulfilling lives and in which people deal with differences and conflicts in constructive ways.

## IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ORDER

### CONTEXT

The peace effort has been gathering momentum and has achieved limited success in moderating the nuclear threat. However, at present, is in desperate need of spirit, motivational, and practical methods that will allow it to build critical mass consciousness for alternatives to nuclear war over the next 4 years.

### IMPLICATIONS

#### I. INTERNATIONAL SHARING APPROACHES THAT WORK

The gap in this arena is that, just development practitioners experienced themselves operating in isolation and unaware of successful approaches being used, so it is true of groups related to the peace effort. The implication for the Order involves continuing the process of sharing approaches that work in local development but incorporating an additional emphasis that involves sharing approaches that work in the arena of peace amongst peace groups as well as local development practitioners. Local development points to our long range understanding of the peace effort. Human development needed sharing approaches that work to accelerate it globally. This is now true of the peace effort.

Illustrations of this implication:

1. Fostering contact in the East Bloc.
2. Being present and listening to areas of conflict.
3. IERD with peace movements around the world.
4. Develop and use practical methods for developing personal consciousness-oneness with the planet.
5. Cultivate GAB & NSCs for global peace exposition.
6. Accelerating sharing approaches that work in the silent parts of the world.
7. Rural Development Symposia involving Cuba, All Central America, U.S. aligned nations, Mozambique, Ethiopia.
8. 1986 "International Exposition of Peace" simultaneously in nine continents.

#### II. EXCHANGE AND NETWORKS

The gap in this arena is similar to the gap named in the International Sharing Approaches That Work, with the addition that people involved in the peace effort do not have the methods that will allow them to create strategies beyond protests and demonstrations. The implication for the Order involves exchanging ideas, personnel, and contacts with peace related groups, utilizing our network for increasing peace consciousness in the world, and facilitating networking among peace groups. It will involve attending peace conferences and sharing our methods of group problem solving and decision making with peace related groups as a way of giving the peace effort more credibility and providing its members with the capacity to discern the next steps for the peace cause.

Illustrations of this implication:

1. Increase programs of international interchange.
2. Spreading the word through our network.
3. Create publishable forms of our methods.
4. Awareness campaign with present contacts.
5. Satellite data link for global networking. Peace events bulletin board and database with IERD database.

## II. EXCHANGE AND NETWORKS Implications (cont.):

6. Motivate popular urban peace groups.
7. Exchange and identify with peace movements--attend conferences.
8. Create a permanent communication model between ICA and other peace organizations.

## III. MEDIA

The gap in this arena is that the present forms of media dwell on the harsh realities of a nuclear threat but do not provide people with positive ways they can respond. The implication for the Order involves creating media tools for use in accelerating popular awareness throughout the globe of nuclear threat and creative options people have for responding.

### Illustrations of this implication:

1. Show the facts.
2. Publish pamphlets.
3. Film combining the reality of the situation and shock value with "sharing approaches that work".
4. Create and equip media unit to produce five peace possibility tapes.
5. Translation of Global Brain to show in urban areas.

## IV. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The gap in this arena is that the forms for resolving conflicts are antiquated and based on adversarial traditions where there is a winner and a loser. The implication for the Order involves enhancing the capabilities of conflict resolution techniques so they can be utilized by peace efforts(eg, proposed Peace Academy) as well as methods applicable to the community, family and individual level.

### Illustrations of this implication:

1. Researching and phasing critical mass re; non-violence and non-cooperation.
2. Develop methods credibility with multiple national and international peace academies.
3. Methods for conflict solving exchanges with opposing groups and organizations.
4. Learn and use conflict resolution techniques.

## V. ICA'S PUBLIC STANCE

The gap in this arena is that the peace effort is in need of methods that allow grassroots people to get their input into the future strategies of the peace effort. The implication of the Order involves publically asserting ICA's decision to enable and strongly identify with the peace effort, and create program components that reflect this decision.

### Illustrations of this implication:

1. Peace component in all courses and events.
2. Public declaration of our commitment to the peace effort.
3. Assigned/structural leadership commitment to peace action in nuclear nations.
4. Celebrating World War IV event at the Order Council on August 5th.

## VI. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ZONE

The gap in this arena is that there are only limited and isolated examples of people dealing with basic issues that could lead to conflicts. The implication for the Order involves continuing our work with the Human Development Zone which is a demonstration of grassroots people dealing with the world's major issues (ie humger and health) which, if left unchecked, create the atmosphere for future wars and conflicts.

Illustrations of this implication:

1. Human Development Demonstrations.
2. Expand HDZ.
3. HDZ with a focus targeted on the causes behind conflicts in that continent.
4. Peace movement as a part of HDP work.
5. Promote human fulfillment completeness through community based development and personal consciousness of oneness with the planet.

"PEACE" Resources

I. VIDEOS AND FILMS

1. The Day After (Panel Reflection)
2. If You Love This Planet (National Film Board of Canada)
3. War Games
4. America - From Hitler to MX
5. Dawn in Zimbabwe (Peaceful Independence - Moral Rearmament)
6. Gandhi
7. Pacific Peacemaker (Peacemaker ship story - Seattle)

II. BOOKS & PERIODICALS

1. Creating A Global Agenda Howard F. Didsbury, Jr. World Future Soc.  
(Assessments, Solutions & Action Plans)
2. Global Solutions Selections from the Futurist  
(Innovative Approaches to World Problems)
3. Visions of Peace Edited by Shirley J. Hickman
4. New Genesis Robert Mueller UN
5. The Idea of Disarmament Alan Geyer  
(Rethinking the Unthinkable)
6. What About the Russians? Sen. Hatfield, George Kennan, Bishop  
Matthiesen, Ron Sider - Edited by  
Dale W. Brown
7. Evolutionary Tactics 1st Earth Battalion  
(Operational Manual, charts, pictures)
8. Frieden Ist Moglich (Peace is Possible) Franz Alt  
(Politics of Sermon on the Mount)
9. Nuclear Madness Helen Caldecott

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1. Green Light News "Peace is Possible" Ellenville, N. Y.
2. World Without War Council Pamphlets Widespread  
"Towards An American Strategy For Peace"
3. Advices & Cautions For those Leading Organizations in War/Peace Field Today  
Prepared for Organization Leaders Consultation, John Hopkins Univ. , School of  
Advanced International Studies. Written by Robert Pickens & George Weigel
4. Ways of Peace & Service 1407 N. Spurgeon, Santa Ana, CA 92701
5. Co-Evolutionary Quarterly Available in Bookstores
6. In Context - Quarterly of Humane Sustainable Culture Context Foundation  
P.O. Box 215 Sequim, WA 98382
7. Directories (examples: War & Peace In Iowa - Pub. by U.N. Assn of Iowa)  
Directory of Small Groups Seeking Peace by World Peacemakers,  
2023 Mass. Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20036

III. GROUPS SUPPLYING INFORMATION

1. YMCA - YWCA
2. League of Women's Voters
3. Moral Rearmament
4. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom
5. World Without War Council
6. Public Libraries
7. Universities - Political Studies

IV. COLLEAGUES INVOLVED DIRECTLY WITH PEACE EFFORTS

1. Wayne Kines (People's Fears) Formerly with UN, also Moral Rearmament  
Brandon, Manitoba, Canada
2. Jack Heckelman (Peace Academy) Naperville, Ill.
3. Marjorie Heckelman (League of Women's Voters) Naperville, Ill.
4. Dr. Bob Moore (Networks) Chicago Theological Seminary
5. Olivant Slotta (Cornerstone, Center for Peace) Denver, Colorado
6. Don & Jane McClain (Peace in Central America) Topeka, Kansas
7. Marilyn Ferguson (World War IV Celebration) U.S. A.
8. Viola Padvorac (Earth Steward Network - Travelled in Soviet Union) Seattle, WA

