

### 1: Ban The Bomb – Dismantle the Death Devices

*Banning the bomb Sixty-six years after two atomic bombs destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki – and two decades after the Cold War ended – some say the time is right to restart the drive towards the elimination of nuclear weapons.*

You can help by adding to it. There are five "specialist sections": There are also parliamentary, youth and student groups. History[ edit ] The First Wave: Priestley wrote an article for the New Statesman magazine, "Britain and the Nuclear Bombs", [7] advocating unilateral nuclear disarmament by Britain. In it he said: The article prompted many letters of support and at the end of the month the editor of the New Statesman, Kingsley Martin , chaired a meeting in the rooms of Canon John Collins in Amen Court to launch the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Collins was chosen as its chairman, Bertrand Russell as its president and Peggy Duff as its organising secretary. Priestley, Bertrand Russell and A. Waddington and Barbara Wootton. Pennington , Eric Baker and Dora Russell. Because the WPC had a large budget and organised high-profile international conferences, the peace movement became identified with the Communist cause. The flag semaphore symbols for letters "N" green and "D" blue The symbol adopted by CND , designed for them in by Gerald Holtom , [11] became the international peace symbol. It is based on the semaphore symbols for "N" two flags held 45 degrees down on both sides, forming the triangle at the bottom and "D" two flags, one above the head and one at the feet, forming the vertical line for Nuclear Disarmament within a circle. About three-quarters were Labour voters [13] and many of the early executive committee were Labour Party members. It was said that from that time onward it lacked any clear idea of how nuclear disarmament was to be implemented and that its demonstrations had become ends in themselves. In Bertrand Russell resigned from the Campaign in order to form the Committee of , which became, in effect, the direct action wing of CND. Russell argued that direct action was necessary because the press was losing interest in CND and because the danger of nuclear war was so great that it was necessary to obstruct government preparations for it. The Committee of was created as a separate organisation partly for that reason and partly because of personal animosity between Collins and Russell. Although the Committee was supported by many in CND, it has been suggested [27] that the campaign against nuclear weapons was weakened by the friction between the two organisations. The Committee organised large sit-down demonstrations in London and at military bases. It later diversified into other political campaigns, including Biafra , the Vietnam war and housing in the UK. It was dissolved in When direct action came to the fore again in the s, it was generally accepted by the peace movement as a normal part of protest. The relationship between supporters and leaders was unclear, as was the relationship between the executive and the local branches. Collins was unpopular with many supporters because of his strictly constitutional approach and found himself increasingly out of sympathy with the direction the movement was taking. But six months after the crisis, a Gallup Poll found that public concern about nuclear weapons had fallen to its lowest point since , [11] and there was a view disputed by some CND supporters [31] that U. On the Aldermaston march, a clandestine group calling itself Spies for Peace distributed leaflets about a secret government establishment, RSG 6 , that the march was passing. The people behind Spies for Peace remain unknown, except for Nicholas Walter , a leading member of the Committee of Later, when the march reached London, there were disorderly demonstrations in which anarchists were prominent, quickly deprecated in the press and in parliament. Although CND has never formally allied itself to any political party and has never been an election campaigning body, CND members and supporters have stood for election at various times on a nuclear disarmament ticket. INDEC was never endorsed by CND nationally and candidates were generally put up by local branches as a means of raising the profile of the nuclear threat. More women than men supported CND. This publication was ridiculed in a popular pamphlet, Protest and Survive, by E. Thompson , a leading anti-nuclear campaigner of the period. The British anti-nuclear movement at this time differed from that of the s. Many groups sprang up independently of CND, some affiliating later. A network of protesters, calling itself Cruise Watch, tracked and harassed Cruise missiles whenever they were carried on public roads. After a while, the missiles traveled only at night under police escort. At its conference, the Labour Party adopted a policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament. It lost

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the general election "in which, following the Falklands war , foreign policy was high on the agenda. Election defeats under, first, Michael Foot , then Neil Kinnock , led Labour to abandon the policy in the late s. An academic study of CND gives the following membership figures from onwards:

### 2: Banning the Bomb, Then and Now

*By Daryl G. Kimball For seven decades, UN members have pushed and prodded the world's nuclear-armed states to address the threats posed by nuclear weapons. The first resolution of the UN General Assembly First Committee on international security, which was adopted in 1948, established a commission to make proposals for "the elimination from national armaments of atomic weapons and of all.*

This does not mean the US behemoth encounters no opposition to its plans for global plunder. In Syria, Russia " at the invitation of the Syrian government " has effectively blocked US led efforts at regime change. Economically, the global capitalist system is in terminal decline, and this drives ever more reckless wars of regime change, invasions, bombings, funding and arming of death squads to bring down sovereign governments, and much more. US troops are stationed in over countries around the world. Canberra, heading up the vassal Australian state, politically or practically backs, or participates in, all such operations. The governments of nations have signed up to endorse this agreement. Despite constant demonization by Western governments and their media, the DPRK was an enthusiastic signee. The only reason it does, is that it is threatened with annihilation, nuclear or otherwise, at any moment, by US imperialism and its allies. Consequently, as Mike Whitney wrote: It is purely a matter of survival. The DPRK is more aware than anyone else of the unfathomable barbarism visited upon them during that war. Around 4 million Koreans and Chinese volunteers were slaughtered, bridges and power stations were reduced to rubble, relentless volumes of napalm were dropped on civilian targets, and that was just for starters. It is estimated that Pyongyang was reduced to a population of 50 during the war, whereas before the war it was This entirely reasonable offer has been stated time and time again, only to be ignored by the US state. It was largely to contain the socialist revolution in China that the US launched the war against Korea in The US, with a declining economy and crumbling infrastructure, is well on the way to being overtaken as world number 1. The US ruling class knows that it must take action against Red China sooner rather than later to prevent this from happening. The threats of the US Empire towards Russia are no less serious. Russia, as well as China, is being encircled by a swathe of US military bases. To not do so would result in extermination. In excess of NATO troops are building what are in effect permanent bases in these countries, menacingly pointed towards Russia. At worst, it greatly heightens the danger of an accident which could trigger a military, or nuclear, confrontation. From where do the threats of war arise? While working people should not oppose universal bans on nuclear weapons, i. The threat of war, nuclear or not, is present due to the day to day operation of the system of capitalist-imperialism. Leading this system is the ruling class of the United States, which is currently threatening nuclear world war via its simultaneous regime change threats against Syria and the DPRK. Any more US moves to take down the Syrian government, could activate Russia, which is doing its utmost to defend Syria and prevent such a potential nuclear war. This is why, despite laudable efforts to ban nuclear weapons, while US imperialism exists, anti-imperialist, socialist and independent states e. It is only the nuclear deterrent existing in these states which currently prevents them, and large parts of the world, from being obliterated by the US juggernaut " inevitably with the backing of Canberra. It has to accumulate not only profit, but an adequate rate of profit. Once the opportunity for capital expansion has expired within the home country, it must seek others in other parts of the globe. Regime change is here again. This is one reason why war itself will not be removed until the planet is able to rid itself of capitalism. We can begin to assemble such a party now, even if the subjective conditions for it do not currently exist. To do this, working people will need to apply pressure to their own Union leaders " many of whom are thoroughly tied into the system which provides them well-paid careers, and thus are tied into Australian government foreign policy. These positions flow from Australia being an imperialist power in its own right, albeit a minor one. The Australian people are overwhelmingly against a world war. In fact, rather than uniting the peace movement, such as it is, what is required is for pro-worker elements to break away from those who wish to direct appeals to the very rulers who are enabling the conditions for world war. That is, the anti-imperialist elements need to break away from the pro-imperialist sections. For no matter how many words political forces such as the Australian Labor Party

ALP , the Greens and NGOs may offer against war, the fact is that they are a strong pillar of the capitalist system producing it. Many of the members of these organisations would strongly campaign against imperialist war, and such folk should be welcomed. Doing so cripples the politics to such an extent that it the movement becomes one which is appealing to the very purveyors of war itself – the Western ruling classes. Every rank and file worker today would understand that that appealing to the King would be fruitless, and that the only hope would lie in a generalised peasant revolt. Today we no longer live in such times, and we have the advantage that the modern ruling classes, the bourgeoisie, often prefer to rule by manufactured consent rather than by force. The working class must produce its own leaders, and its own party, if we are to stand a realistic chance of preventing war through ending the rule of capital, and establishing workers rule.

### 3: Project MUSE - Banning the Bomb: A New Approach

*The Nobel Peace Prize conferred on the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is equally a recognition for the countries that backed the UN treaty this summer to ban the.*

Marcel Junod A hero of Hiroshima As streams of blackened figures clogged the roads out of the decimated city, hundreds of kilometres away in Japanese-controlled Manchuria a year-old Swiss doctor visited Allied prisoners of war. Arriving in the Japanese capital on 9 August, he was oblivious to what had happened in Hiroshima three days before and that morning in Nagasaki. On 8 September, accompanying a special investigation team of ten Americans and two Japanese doctors, along with 12 tonnes of relief supplies, Junod set off for western Japan. In a paper entitled *The Hiroshima Disaster*, he described the scene as the plane flew over the port city: Here and there, a large stone building was still standing, breaking the monotony. Heavily damaged and without much of its equipment, the hospital was inundated with 1, patients on the day of the blast; died almost immediately. Junod witnessed many more similar scenes of hopelessness elsewhere. After observing so much indiscriminate destruction and suffering, Junod was convinced that nuclear weapons should be banned in much the same way that poison gas had been after the First World War through the Geneva Protocol. These calls are not entirely based on humanitarian concerns. Because nuclear weapons are extremely expensive to maintain, many political and military leaders question the value of weapons that effectively cannot be used “ for political and moral reasons ” and which are far from the weapon of choice in modern asymmetric warfare. This may come across as a rather bland statement in the face of the destructive power of nuclear weapons. But these 27 words are significant. Nuclear diplomacy The statement from the NPT states, meanwhile, did not come by chance. Like much of the language contained in international accords, these two phrases were the result of intense diplomatic efforts by various parties, working independently, to develop a consensus among states party to the treaty. In the days, weeks and months before the May NPT review conference, the Swiss delegation to the conference developed and lobbied for such language while Swiss federal councillor Micheline Calmy-Rey made a speech suggesting that nuclear weapons are essentially illegal under international law. Coming exactly a year after US President Barack Obama outlined his vision for a nuclear-free world in a landmark speech in Prague, Kellenberger urged all countries to ensure that the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were never repeated. Timed just before the NPT conference, the speech was accompanied by a media communications effort that brought additional attention and pressure to bear. A historic moment While most of these steps have not been widely reported and the public seldom know about them, momentum is clearly building. Ironically, public awareness and concern over nuclear weapons is at a low point, having faded considerably since the Cold War era. Still, in the face of a lot of public apathy, there is something very positive happening right now. This will be easier for some National Societies than for others. In some countries, the nuclear question is deeply connected to national identity and politics. But advocates say there is consensus that National Societies can play a role by focusing solely on the humanitarian consequences of the weapons and the implications they pose for IHL. A consortium of National Societies “ Australia, Japan and Norway ” are running an international campaign on the issue. The Australian Red Cross is engaging younger Australians by using local celebrities and digital media, such as a web site that demonstrated the effects of a nuclear explosion on an Australian city by calculating the number of Facebook friends a user would lose. Preben Marcussen, a policy adviser with the Norwegian Red Cross, says that the Red Cross Red Crescent, as a credible humanitarian organization, has the potential to reinvigorate an international campaign that peaked in the s. Organized by the Australian, Japanese and Norwegian Red Cross societies, the meeting was followed by further consultations that then became the basis of the draft resolution. The resolution, it is hoped, will create a foothold for further discussion and pledges with governments towards support for the next step “ perhaps eventually a new treaty calling for a prohibition and the elimination of nuclear weapons. This goal may seem like a long shot. But the significant achievements made regarding a ban on cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines show that diplomacy and public campaigning can make a big difference. The Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital shown here before 6

August withstood the atomic bomb blast, but was heavily damaged.

### 4: Ban the Bomb! No to Nuclear War! | Red Fire

*Ban the bomb? By Héctor Guerra, Bharat Karnad, Rodrigo Álvarez Valdés, August 25, Decades after several nuclear weapon states committed themselves to pursuing disarmament "in good faith" and "at an early date," frustration over the pace of disarmament is growing more conspicuous.*

### 5: Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament - Wikipedia

*Banning the Bomb: A New Approach Banning the Bomb: A New Approach Ward Wilson &sqvar; Winter In July of , U.S. president Harry Truman wrote in his diary, "It is certainly a good thing for the world that Hitler's crowd or Stalin's did not discover this atomic bomb.*

### 6: Banning the bomb

*Fifty years ago, on August 5, , the United States, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom signed the Limited Test Ban Treaty, banning tests in the atmosphere, underwater and in outer space. This landmark treaty is the main reason that no nation tests above ground to this day.*

### 7: Banning the bomb | New Internationalist

*A ban treaty, on the other hand, is likely to exist outside the NPT structure. With 38 nations voting against the proposed treaty, it seems clear that the world is still not ready for a complete ban on nuclear weapons.*

### 8: Banning the bomb " on nuclear weapons - The Hindu

*Banning the Bomb: The Politics of Norm Creation participates in the ongoing debate on international norm creation between Realists and Constructivists in international relations scholarship. The author argues from a Constructivist provenance that it is critical to examine the role of international non-state coalitions in order to appreciate the.*

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