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DECLARATION OF PEACE

*World Pacifist Conference,
Tokyo, Japan, April 21, 1954*

THE WORLD PACIFIST CONFERENCE in Japan, concerned with the problems of peace, is deeply conscious of the untold physical and spiritual suffering caused by war. The Conference is convinced that only the people's refusal to participate in war for any purpose whatsoever will save the nations. The Conference therefore appeals:

To the peoples of the world, through organizations of youth, women and labour, and through all religions, to demand with one voice that war be abolished:

To the peoples of the world to move their governments to resort exclusively to peaceful solutions for all international and other disputes:

To all governments, acting through United Nations or other channels,

- a) to take effective steps to eradicate the political, economic and social causes of tensions and conflict between nations, and in their place to bring about world-wide co-operation; and
- b) to abolish the manufacture and use of atomic weapons as a first step to total disarmament.

Finally, the WORLD PACIFIST CONFERENCE urges the people of the world to become conscious of their power to reject war and total annihilation and to affirm their right to life and peace, and to this end urges all pacifists the world over to organize non-violent resistance to war.



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HIROSHIMA DECLARATION
AGAINST ATOMIC WEAPONS

World Pacifist Conference, April 18, 1954

WHEREAS, the evil effects of the first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima still persist even after nine years, and continue to cause incurable diseases and death, thereby threatening man with total annihilation unless he exercises discretion in the handling of nuclear energy; and

WHEREAS, at the present moment, research in atomic energy is being conducted along lines that forebode the ultimate destruction of mankind, as has been so clearly demonstrated by the recent atomic explosion experiments which have seriously imperilled innocent lives, and shown that man must choose between total extinction and unprecedented prosperity through the use of atomic energy; and

WHEREAS, the World Pacifist Conference Meeting in Hiroshima is concerned with the establishment of permanent peace;

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE:

1. THAT any and all use of atomic weapons, even for the purpose of retaliation, shall be absolutely prohibited, and all atomic weapons now in existence shall be effectively destroyed;
2. THAT manufacture of atomic weapons and experiments with them, and any other attempts at utilizing nuclear energy for military purposes shall be permanently banned;
3. THAT atomic energy resources shall be placed under strict international control so as to make them available for peaceful uses only, for which purpose all information relating to the manufacture of atomic energy shall be made accessible to all countries;
4. THAT the crime committed by using the atom bomb shall never be allowed to be repeated, and that as a token of this solemn determination, the City of Hiroshima shall henceforth be known as the City of Peace, which shall stand as a monument calling on all men to strive for the abolition of war.

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