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A NEW WIND ARISING

Not so long ago — do you remember? — everyone was talking about the Third World War which was just round the corner.

The Cold War had blown an icy blast of fear and foreboding into the hearts of people everywhere. Each new Atom Bomb test sent waves of horror round the world. We were tense, anxious, questioning — Will war come again? Must it come?

Have you noticed how such things have changed? Now heads of governments are meeting in a friendlier atmosphere: the idea of co-existence of the big countries with different social systems living peacefully together in the same world — is accepted.

WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT THIS CHANGE? It did not come by itself. It was the **organised** action of people in every country of every race, colour, creed and political belief, through their Peace movements, that brought a new situation.

It was the forces for Peace that pressed for "Big Power" talks — and made them possible;

It was the forces for Peace that pressed for trade and cultural relations between the various countries — now beginning to grow;

It was the forces for Peace that have always insisted on outlawing the A and H bombs and on general disarmament — still our most urgent task.

ONLY THROUGH THE ORGANISED ACTION OF PEOPLE WHO DEEPLY WANT PEACE CAN WE PREVENT FUTURE DESTRUCTIVE WARS.

A NATIONAL CONVENTION ON PEACE, ON NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL UNREST is being called to discuss important questions affecting all South Africans.

A Preparatory Committee consisting of representatives from all bodies of all views, who wish to join it, is organising the Convention.

Five main themes for discussion have been suggested:—

1. AFRICA NEEDS PEACE.

Our continent is beset with problems that need all men's skill to solve. They include the problems of poverty, illiteracy and backwardness; of diseases that sap strength; of droughts and deserts; of unused sources of wealth that must be utilised for the benefit of the people. Yet many of Africa's great resources are being exploited for possible future wars. **AFRICA NEEDS PEACE.** Atomic power to develop our great, wild areas; modern science to bring social advance; modern medicine

2. CLOSER CULTURAL LINKS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"Primitive" South African arts have always fascinated people overseas. But we are rich in many talents which have not been developed. Culture only thrives through exchange — each country's treasury of culture helps to enrich the world. We have potentially great artists, dancers, sportsmen, writers, and as we develop our cultural links with other countries, so our own great gifts will flourish. How can this be achieved?

3. URANIUM FOR A HAPPY LIFE.

Nobody can really believe that our great natural deposits of uranium exist for the sole purpose of making terrible bombs to destroy millions of people.

The power now being unlocked by man is here to be used to make life richer for every man, woman and child. How can uranium be used for peaceful purposes?

4. SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

Our relations with our African and Asian neighbours are of importance in the preservation of world peace. We must have a policy of co-operation with all the countries of the Middle East, not for the purpose of exploiting their resources, but for mutual aid to benefit us all.

5. SECURITY THROUGH DISARMAMENT.

The majority of people throughout the world do not get enough shelter, food, clothing, schools or hospitals. Yet nations are squandering millions in an arms race in which none ever really gains the lead. People need peace; the wealth of nations must be used to improve education, health and other services.

It is a false idea that only through strength can peace be guaranteed.

Arms bring War — not Peace.

Disarmament is our guarantee of peace!

How can we make it come about?

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION. YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE THIS WORLD SAFE FOR US AND OUR CHILDREN BY:—

- ★ Inviting us to send someone to speak to your organisation on the Peace Convention.
- ★ Getting your organisation to sponsor the Convention.
- ★ Getting your organisation to send delegates to serve on the Preparatory Commission.
- ★ Discussing the Convention with your friends or in the organisation to which you belong.
- ★ Write letters to local newspapers on the need for such a Convention.
- ★ Send delegates to participate in the Convention.

THE PEACE CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 27th & 28th OCTOBER, 1956 AT THE GANDHI HALL, 50, FOX STREET, JOHANNESBURG.

'N NUWE WIND BEGIN WAAI

Slegs kort gelede — onthou u nog? het almal gepraat oor 'n Derde Wêreldsoorlog wat destyds voor die deur was.

Deur die "Koue Oorlog" die mensdom oral was in angs en ysige voor-gevoel bevang. Elke nuwe kernbom toets het trilings van vrees en afsku die wereld-om gestuur. Ons was gespanne, angstig, twyfelend: sal daar weer oorlog wees? Moet dit kom?

Het u gemerk hoe sake verander het? Staatshoofde ontmoet mekaar in vriendeliker gees: die begrip van die vreedsame saambestaan van groot state met verskillende maatskaplike stelsels word algemeen aangeneem.

WAT HET HIERDIE VERANDERING TEWEEG GEBRING? Dit het nie sommer vanself gebeur nie. Dit was die georganiseerde aksie van mense in elke land, van elke ras, kleur, godsdienstige geloof en politieke oortuigings wat uiting gevind het in hul Vredesbewegings, wat hierdie nuwe toestand geskep het.

Dit was die Vredesbewegings wat die druk uitgeoefen het ten gunste van beraad onder die „Groot Moondhede" en so die samesprekings van die jongste tyd moontlik gemaak het.

Dit was die Vredesbewegings wat die druk uitgeoefen het vir handels en kulturele betrekkinge tussen lande—betrekkinge wat nou begin ontwikkel.

Dit was die Vredesbewegings wat altyd daarop aangedring het dat kernwapens, A-bomme en H-bomme in die ban gedoen moet word —steeds nog ons dringende taak.

SLEGS DEUR DIE DIE ORGANISEERDE AKSIE VAN ALLE MENSE WIE VREDE OPREG BEGEER KAN ONS VERNIETIGENDE OORLOE IN DIE TOEKOMS VOORKOM.

'n NASIONALE KONVENSIE OOR VREDE OOR NASIONALE EN INTERNASIONALE ONRUS word byeengeroep om belangrike vraagstukke wat alle Suid-Afrikaners aanraak te bespreek.

'n Voorbereidingskommissie, bestande uit verteenwoordigers van alle liggame, van alle sienswyses, dat daarop wil dien, sal die reëlings vir die Konvensie tref.

Vyf hoofemas vir bespreking is voorgestel—

AFRIKA MOET VREDE HE

Ons vasteland is beset met probleme wat elke gawe van die mens nodig het om oplossing te vind. Daar is die probleme van armoede, ongeletterdheid; en agterlikheid van liggaams ondemynende siektes; van droogtes en woestyne; van rykdomsbronne wat ongebruik le, en tot voordeel van die mens aangewend moet word.

Nogtans word Afrika se bronne uitgebuit vir moontlike toekomstige oorloë. **AFRIKA MOET VREDE HE** . . . kernkrag om ons wye, wilde streke te ontwikkel; moderne wetenskap om maatskaplike vooruitgang mee te bring; moderne geneeskunde.

2. NOUER KULTURELE BANDE TUSSEN SUID-AFRIKA EN ALLE VOLKE:

"Primitiewe" Suid-Afrikaanse kunste het nog altyd mense van oorsee bekoor, maar is nog ryker in talent wat nie ontwikkel is nie. Kultuur floreer deur ommegang — elke landse kultuurskat help om die wereld te verryk. Ons het, potensieel, groot kunstenaars, sportmanne, skrywers, dansers — en namate ons kulturele bande met ander lande versterk word, sal ons eie groot gawes onttoi. Hoe kan dit gedoen word?

3. URAAN VIR 'N GELUKKIGE BESTAAN.

Niemand glo tog regtig dat ons groot natuurlike bronne van Uraan slegs bestaan om skrikwekkende bomme, wat miljoene mense kan uitwis, te maak nie. Die magte wat die mens hiermee vrygestel het, kan die lewe van elke man, vrou en kind gelukkiger maak. Hoe kan Uraan vir vreedsame doeleindes aangewend word?

4. SUID-AFRIKA EN DIE MIDDE OOSTE.

Ons betrekkinge met ons bure in Afrika en Asie is van belang by die behoud van wereldvrede. Ons moet 'n beleid van samewerking met die lande van die Midde-Ooste he, nie om hulle skatte uit te buit nie, maar vir onderlinge hulp waaruit ons almal voordeel trek.

5. SEKURITEIT DEUR ONTwapening.

Meeste mense op aarde het nie genoeg voedsel, klere, beskutting, skole en hospitale nie. Maar volke mors miljoene in 'n wapenwedloop wat nie een van hulle op die ou end kan wen nie. Die mensdom het vrede nodig: die rykdom van die volkere moet gebruik word om mense te voed en te versorg. Dit is 'n vals idee dat vrede deur mag gewaarborg kan word. Wapentuig bring oorlog mee — en nie vrede nie. Ontwapening is ons waarborg van vrede. Hoe kan dit bewerkstellig word?

WAT KAN U DOEN?

U kan 'n bydrae lewer. U kan help om hierdie ou wereld veilig maak vir ons en ons kinders deur:

- ★ Ons uit te nooi om 'n spreker na u vereniging te stuur om oor die Vredes-Konvensie te praat.
- ★ Aan verenigings voor te stel dat dit een van die belêers van die Konvensie word.
- ★ Aan u vereniging voor te stel dat dit afgevaardigdes stuur om op die voorbereidingskomitee te dien.
- ★ Die Konvensie met u vriende te bespreek.
- ★ Briewe aan u plaaslike koerant te stuur om die idee van so 'n Konvensie te ondersteun.

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