

# A Possible Nuclear Holocaust Is Threatening Mankind - Get Involved

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darkness in which no nation, no society, no ideology, no civilization, will remain; in which never again will a child be born; in which never again will human beings appear on the earth, and there will be no one to remember that they ever did.

This threat of self-destruction and planetary destruction is not something that we will face one day in the future, if we fail to take certain precautions; it is here now, hanging over the heads of all of us at every moment. The machinery of destruction is complete, poised on a hair trigger, waiting for the "button" to be "pushed" by some misguided or deranged human being or for some faulty computer chip to send out the instruction to fire.

The most fateful of the possible consequences of a full-scale nuclear holocaust would be the extinction of mankind which could come about not because every human being would be killed

by bombs directly but because the holocaust would destroy the global ecosystem on which human and other life depends. We have been warned that this could be the consequence by, among others, Einstein, Eisenhower, Kissinger and, more recently, by Dr. Fred Ikle, Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under Presidents Nixon and Ford and now Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. A 1981 Soviet government publication reached the same conclusion.

Bearing in mind that the possible consequences of the detonations of thousands of megatons of nuclear explosives include the blinding of insects, birds, and beasts all over the world; the extinction of many ocean species, among them some at the base of the food chain; the temporary or permanent alteration of the climate of the globe, with the outside chance of "dramatic" and "major" alterations in the structure of the atmosphere; the

pollution of the whole ecosystem with oxides of nitrogen; the incapacitation in ten minutes of unprotected people who go out into the sunlight; the blinding of people who go out into the sunlight; a significant decrease in photosynthesis in plants around the world; the scalding and killing of many crops; the increase in rates of cancer and mutation around the world, but especially in the targeted zones, and the attendant risk of global epidemics; the possible poisoning of all vertebrates by sharply increased levels of Vitamin D in their skin as a result of increased ultraviolet light; and the outright slaughter on all targeted continents of most human beings and other living things by the initial nuclear radiation, the fireballs, the thermal pulses, the blast waves, the mass fires, and the fallout from the explosions; and, considering that these consequences will all interact with one another in unguessable ways and, furthermore, are in all likelihood an incomplete list, which will be added to as our knowledge of the earth increases, one must conclude that a full-scale nuclear holocaust could lead to the extinction of mankind.

We are uncertain whether or not a holocaust would bring about human extinction, and this uncertainty cannot be remedied.

We cannot run experiments with the earth, because we have only one earth; we are not in possession of any spare earths that we might blow up in some universal laboratory in order to discover their tolerance of nuclear holocausts.

While we cannot know for certain whether or not our species will be extinguished in a holocaust, the mere possibility of it imposes unprecedented obligations on our generation.

The risk of extinction has a significance that is categorically different from, and immeasurably greater than, that of any other risk. Up to now, every risk has been contained within the frame of life; extinction would shatter the frame. It represents not the defeat of some purpose but an abyss in which all human purposes would be drowned for all time.

Once we learn that a holocaust might lead to extinction we have no right

to gamble, because if we lose, the game will be over, and neither we nor anyone else will ever get another chance. We have no choice but to address the issue of nuclear weapons as though we knew for a certainty that their use would put an end to our species.

That so much should be balanced on so fine a point - that the fruit of four and a half billion years can be undone in a careless moment - is a fact against which belief rebels.

We have found it much easier to dig out our grave than to think about the fact that we are doing so. Almost everyone has acknowledged on some level that the peril exists, but the knowledge has been without consequences in our feelings and our actions, and the superpowers have proceeded with their nuclear buildups.

The use of nuclear arms was contemplated in past crises and will continue to be contemplated in future ones. The sequence of events once hostilities begin lies open. The state of mind of the decision-makers might be one of calm rationality, of hatred, of shock, of hysteria, or even of outright insanity.

In the theoretically

sophisticated but often humanly deficient world of nuclear strategic theory, it is likely to be overlooked that the outbreak of nuclear hostilities in itself assumes the collapse of every usual restraint of reason and humanity. Once the mass killing of a nuclear holocaust has begun, the scruples, and even the reckonings of self-interest, that normally keep the actions of nations within certain bounds will by definition have been trampled down, and will probably offer little further protection for anybody. In the unimaginable mental and spiritual climate of the world at that point it is hard to imagine what force could be counted on to hold the world back from all-out destruction.

Predictions about the size and form of a nuclear holocaust are really predictions about human decisions, and these are notoriously incalculable in advance - especially when the decisions in question are going to be made in the midst of unimaginable mayhem.

No generation before ours has ever held the life and death of the species in its hands. But if we hardly know how to comprehend

the possible deaths in a holocaust of the billions of people who are already in life how are we to comprehend the life or death of the infinite number of possible people who do not yet exist at all? How are we, who are a part of human life, to step back from life and see it whole, in order to assess the meaning of its disappearance? To kill a human being is murder, and there are those who believe that to abort a fetus is also murder, but what crime is it to cancel the numberless multitude of unconceived people? In what court is such a crime to be judged? Against whom is it committed?

We and our adversaries have so far had no better idea than to heap up more and more warheads, apparently in the hope of so thoroughly paralyzing ourselves with terror that we will hold back from taking the final, absurd step. Considering the wealth of our achievements as a species, this response is unworthy of us.

While the events that might trigger a holocaust would probably be political, the consequences would be deeper than any politics or political aims, bringing ruin to the hopes and plans of

capitalists and socialists, rightists and leftists, conservatives and liberals alike.

If a lasting political solution seems almost beyond human power, it may give us confidence to remember that what challenges us is simply our extraordinary success in another field of activity - the scientific.

We have only to learn to live politically in the world in which we already live scientifically.

At present, most of us do nothing. We look away. We remain calm. We are silent. We take refuge in the hope that the holocaust won't happen, and turn back to our individual concerns. We deny the truth that is all

around us.

Such imponderables as the sum of human life, the integrity of the terrestrial creation, and the meaning of time, of history, and the development of life on earth, which were once left to contemplation and spiritual understanding, are now at stake in the political realm and demand a political response from every person. As political actors, we must, like the contemplatives before us, delve to the bottom of the world, and Atlaslike, we must take the world on our shoulders.

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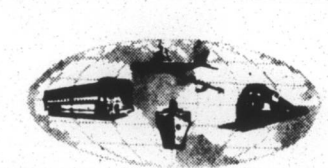


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**ELECTION DAY: JUNE 29, 1982**

Voting will be at the following places:

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Mrs. Patricia Whitson-----	Registrar
Mrs. W. E. Mills-----	Judge
Mrs. Rudolph Dale-----	Judge
<b>WEST EDENTON</b> -----	Edenton Municipal Building
Mrs. Carroll Wood Jones-----	Registrar
Mrs. Rosa Rountree-----	Judge
Mrs. David Wright-----	Judge
<b>ROCKY HOCK</b> -----	Rescue Squad Building
Mr. Stanley Hege-----	Registrar
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<b>CENTER HILL</b> -----	Center Hill Community Building
Mrs. Marguerite Jones-----	Registrar
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Mr. Glenn Rogerson-----	Judge
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Mrs. Peggy Boyce-----	Registrar
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