

Letter to World Citizens

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We write from the headquarters of the United World government in Bangalore. No impressive building that houses the United Nations. In fact, it's really just a table on which this typewriter is sitting! But we don't care. Last month, this new government was proclaimed. The U.S. government started in a tiny hall in Philadelphia. The Ford Motor Company started in a smaller barn (it is now larger than many governments in financial resources!), and the Red Cross started with a bandage and a courageous, generous woman.

Last month, we gave you three definitions, on an ascending vertical scale, of your innate world citizenship. This month we will go further and explain how this definition must give rise to a *de facto* government which we call the United World Government and how you are therefore actually related to it dialectically or reciprocally since by definition it represents Man or Humanity in its totality. Also last month, we spoke of your happiness and ours, the highest Value of life. Now we speak of your very human life and ours, the rockbottom Absolute Necessity of existence itself.

On VALUES' cover this month is the omnipresent H-Bomb with Man standing before it. No symbol is as potent as this to illustrate the Absolute Necessity of our times. "One World or None" expresses our dilemma. The sheer presence of an H-Bomb which overshadows us like the spectre of death itself, brings into blinding relief the Absolute Necessity of our particular times *if* the human race as such is to survive intact.

The Bomb itself is of such intensity that most of us have shrunk from its full implications. And in turn so categorical is the solution to this nemesis, so absolute in *its* Necessity that most of us, not being used to linking absolute moral values with our political life in terms of one world, have been virtually blinded by its intensity. The H-Bomb is Absolute or total in its physical power. The United World Government is Absolute or total in its spiritual or qualitative power. Both meet with silence from the relativist public. It has stuck its head deep into the relativist sand and cried even louder, "My country, right or wrong!" Not only is this moral and intellectual bankruptcy, but it is inverted instinct. The so-called death-wish permeates public thinking today. How else to explain the pitiful recourse to the violent expediency of an H-Bomb or its self-righteous justification in--what is worse--humane or Christian terms! How to explain the support of an impotent and still-born United Nations, the very name contradicting the public aspiration for world union.

OUR BOMB : Let's wake up to the stark reality of our common situation. Let's get our heads out of the asphyxiating sand and dare--as mature men and women--the Absolute Necessity *which is now at this minute facing us*. But let's face it totally--no half solutions. Can we jump a chasm in two leaps? Let's face it sanely with the absolute morality and sound intelligence required. Can the blind lead the blind? Remember that the H-Bomb does not distinguish Americans from Russians, sinners from saints, Communists from Capitalists or White from Black. It just doesn't care. It taps us all on the shoulders and asks us if we have the time. What time would you give to the H-

Bomb? 11:30 P.M.? And would you stop to plead that because you are a Brahmin or a Jew or a Frenchman or a coolie that you deserve special consideration? Do petty differences matter in the face of this common disaster we share due to Our H-Bomb? For make no mistake about it, it is Ours collectively, just as blood spilt on the battle-field and now in the lost sanctity of the home is Ours. Womankind is as much involved as mankind. Even our children can claim the Monster.

Have we made our point? Do you see that you do have a responsibility as a global person? It just happens to be so, as simple as breathing, as easy to understand as the fact that you need food. It doesn't matter that only the political unity called the United States, United Kingdom and the Soviet Union possess the H-Bomb. All the same, it's Ours. We are intimately involved.

Before we say what is to be done, why did the H-Bomb come into being at all? We know already the socio-political-economic answers. But let's dig deeper. Let's look at its existence dialectically. Since it does exist, it apparently conforms to a necessity of our times. This necessity arises from a lack of a unitive philosophy or science in our political institutions. But these institutions are only a reflection of our will. Thus the H-Bomb exists because we have not yet given up we-and-they thinking, because we still limit ourselves by our national units, because, though we inherently belong to the whole, we only consider ourselves as belonging to a part of the whole. Proudly we call ourselves Russians, Americans, Englishmen, Swedes, Indians, or Chinese. With real pride we should call ourselves Human, Homo Sapiens. So the H-Bomb is a mere reflection of our ignorance of our worldly status.

WHO MAKES PEACE? In these letters, we address you as a World Citizen. Now you have read of the establishment of a new and unique government to which world citizens can give their sovereign allegiance. Have you smirked? Have you smiled inwardly or laughed out-right at the presumption? We admit the Joke. But it is a Joke with a capital letter. It is a joy also. Imagine two people shaking hands and calling it a world government! But in the light of YOUR situation *vis-a-vis* the mighty Bomb, can you afford not to examine more closely this glorious Joke? Where do you turn to make The Protest against which no nation can talk in H-Bomb terms? Who, tell us, represents you as a human being? Do you not realize that you are not even legal as such? You will say smugly, "Well, the United Nations is trying to represent me, isn't it?" The plain answer is No! It doesn't presume to. It represents nations and national interests, not you. It admits it can't "make" peace, but can only "maintain" it once made, whatever this gobbledegook means. So then who is going to "make" peace? The same ones who "make" war, all war, YOU AND US.

The plain fact is that until now you were nowhere represented on the sovereign level where rests the H-Bomb. It stands above your nation and above the effete United Nations. It stands above colonialism and above Communism. It stands high above Capitalism and Free Enterprise. It faces Total Mankind serenely listening to the tick-tock as the precious seconds move the hands to Twelve midnight, the witching hour. It faces each one of us personally and intimately. And it is an insulting challenge to every moral fibre of our being and every modicum of reason we can command. It is an affront to our rights as human beings. Further our very animal instincts for survival cry out in anguish

against this Final Absurdity. What can answer it? What can expose it for the blasphemous atrocity it is? Remember however that it reflects Us.

THE DIALECTICAL KEY: Till now the common social contract which links you dialectically to Mankind has not been precisely formulated. We have seen dozens, nay hundreds of World Citizens proclamations, pledges, oaths, platforms and edicts. We have written many ourself. But until our union with the Guru Natarajan, we were unable to inject that key of absolutism which alone can open the myriad locks to men's mind and hearts. How can you pledge your allegiance to your mankind *so that all men can hear and respond* unless that pledge is universally--which means scientifically--devised? It must be valid for all of us. That means it must define the common values which bind us one to another. Christ taught psychological truths in parable form. Plato referred to Dialectics as a hymn. Only latter-day philosophers such as Rousseau, Narayana Guru and now the Guru Natarajan have used the accepted scientific method to explain these once mystical or even magical laws. Today's scientific age demands such down-to-earth treatment. This is why until now you have remained a voice in the World Wilderness despite your desire for live-and-let-live, social justice, material abundance, and possibility of happiness. And that is why the world could continue its mad armament race, plunging like the Lemmings, to extinction.

As World Citizens *we* alone have realistically come to grips directly with the 20th century dogma of nationalism. This is a direct scientific application of the perennial Law of Dialectics. We will have more to say about this in due course. Then, also dialectically conceived, we have declared existent a government which transcends the nation-state. That it has 2, 2,000 or 2,000,000 members is unimportant at present. Quality must precede quantity in this prime issue. The H-Bomb as stated represents total quantity. Thus its counterpart must represent total quality...but properly revalued to conform to today's exacting conditions. This is wisdom's duty. Thus a United World Government based on an Absolute Quality, that is, full understanding of the science of wisdom itself expressed by precise laws of dialectics, and an Absolute Necessity revealed nakedly by the H-Bomb, is established. This is the key equation which fits both requirements of our world where Politics meets Philosophy head-on, where Bread and Freedom are recognized as your aim and ours, and everyone's, both representing a Value of transcendental nature.

BEARINGS AND ARTICLES : If you agree with this key question, then you are an actual citizen of the world. Why? Can any lesser citizenship now serve you in these values? Can any lesser citizenship, such as national citizenship, meet the global dilemma of total war and total extinction? Can you afford the *laissez-faire* attitude which will permit your national government to commit the final blunder in the name of your defense ordering its robot human soldiers to attack the "enemy" before the "enemy" attacks you? As a national patriot you have no other choice. As a declared citizen of the world with an actual government to which you can give your allegiance based on the General Good and the Good of All, you make an effective protest against such foolhardy possibilities and join the only community where absolute allegiance must be given.

In broad terms what does it mean to become a citizen of the United World government? The UWG has no detailed constitution as yet, no precise Bill of Rights. It possesses no world currency and it cannot know whether the machinery of a permanent government should rest on individuals, regional communities, or extant national groups or

combinations of such. Before we can move ahead to these questions, our present political-social dead-lock must be broken. Before we can select the direction and the exact vehicle of progress for future years, much less set out on them, *we must first free ourselves to look about and choose a direction.* This is the primary service our Government can render for us for the moment.

But based on our already-declared common world principles of One Absolute Value, One Mankind and One World, we can then go on to enumerate four general articles which necessarily flow from such principles; and in accordance with the precise conditions of unbridled nationalism which is preparing to lay waste our world community:

ONE: As citizens of United World Government we threaten no one. We will never contribute voluntarily to the oppression or conquest of any local community by the community in which we happen to live. We will never voluntarily allow ourselves to be used as a threat against men anywhere, and we denounce those who presume to threaten others in our name.

Two: As citizens of United World Government, we fear no one. As our leaders do not speak for us when they brandish national power and our war potential, so we will not accept the threats of other leaders as a cause of fear and retaliation. Potential "enemies," like all accused, shall be given every opportunity we can contrive to speak for themselves.

Three: As citizens of United World Government, we do not contribute voluntarily to the maintenance of national armaments. We do not wish to pay for arms or for the services of the militaries of our nation. They serve only to burden us and to oppress others. We challenge the rights--even in yielding to the power--of national governments to compel military service by their subjects; police functions can be performed like any other public service, by persons retained on a common employment basis.

Four: As citizens of United World Government, we accept responsibilities to the world community, abide by its tenets of order based on morality and common-sense, and modify our national or communal allegiance accordingly. We wish our local national governments to be answerable to us, collectively, not only for domestic services rendered but also for worldly injuries worked. We will see our flags transformed from symbols for which men die to trademarks by which all men can live. We will co-operate with all who choose to live in a framework of a universal system of order and the harmony of a common first allegiance.

THE VOICE OF HUMANITY: The spirit grounds in the first two articles, disavowal of threats to other nationals and rejection of fear. Accepting citizenship in this government is a positive step towards all men, an open offer to join with them. It bespeaks a willingness to abandon the illusions of national hostility, to walk out on the idiotic fictions of we-and-they thinking. It says with a smile, "Hi, brother, shake!" No one has yet dared to proclaim his trust in other men where other men could hear and respond. Through the device of United World Government we, you, every one of us can raise his voice. And if the response is unsatisfactory, we have ventured little and lost nothing.

A possible service to be rendered is contained in the last two articles. When our strength is substantial enough so that human or political opposition is negligible, we can turn our strength to standard *re*-actions such as simultaneous disarmament of all national states

through all extant channels through withdrawal of our support from militarism or by the use of any other non-violent means at hand, and the creation of a minimal code of restraint to preserve order in the world community and finally the selection, ratification and initial support of such permanent machinery as is consistent with human freedom and nature's needs as the first responsibility and primary allegiance, of all world citizens.

The mechanics of United World Government at present are very simple. We have opened roll books. Our names and the names of those who stand with us, are inscribed thereon. We adhere to no schedule, plan no campaign except the constant process of spreading word to others, and contemplate no closer organization. We wait for you to add your name. We want you to stand with us. And we look forward to the day when enough of us stand together, when our numbers have grown to overwhelming effectiveness, when we can act, *if action is still necessary*.

Also we are issuing passports to identify each citizen who stands with us. They may be used for travel purposes when the national visa is properly affixed. Today the serial numbers are small; tomorrow we hope they will be staggering.

In the light of the above, can the H-Bomb survive? The answer is up to you. But by two men already making such a worldly social contract between themselves, the H-Bomb and everything it represents is immediately and effectively challenged for the total absurdity it is. Now that United World Government is announced, the very existence of the H-Bomb becomes an anachronism. **The very Synthesising Factor has now been introduced into the world community by which all men can effectively voice their unity, thus making modern war obsolete.** Do not wait for compromising second-thoughts. Dare to face the total challenge represented by the H-Bomb. Declare your allegiance to the only Government which truly represents your worldly interest. We await your voice.