Question of Hydrogen Bomb.

We have passed through two devastating wars. The nations which were involved on both sides except for the U.S. were devastated and millions of men, women and children brutally killed in the worst war in history from which they have not yet recovered.

Yet now, we in cold-blooded decision are accepting this newest evil of all death-giving instruments, which were it dropped anywhere would burn, maim and destroy a large part of the human race. We are doing this when all the world is crying out for peace, when all the peoples of the world want peace, when even governments are wanting peace for the sake of developing a social order in which their citizens can live their lives without the shadow of a monstrous and agonizing death hanging over them. How can the arts of life be developed when death sits enthroned and famine and pestilence stalk the lands?

What is it that is driving the usually sane American people in the direction of an even worse war than they have yet experienced? Is it fear, the sort of fear Franklin Delano Roosevelt told us was the only thing to fear and from which he saved us?

But why fear? What is this terror that has taken possession of our judgment that we are without judgment, and our hearts hard and our souls possessed as if with an evil spirit?

Dare we face facts? The oppressed of all nations are rising in revolution. Do we remember that once we had a revolution against oppression which was small compared to what these suffering millions have endured for countless generations? They are now demanding their right to another sort of life.

What would the Hydrogen Bomb do? Destroy these people who at long last have dared to lift their bowed heads and turn their faces to a new way of
life? To remember that they are the children of God even if some don't realize that yet? Has there ever been such thought of mass murder of millions of non-combatants, innocent and simple people and by those who claim to belong to a civilized nation and believe in the brotherhood of man? Is this the way to show it? In ruthless, cold-blooded discussion of killing our fellow man? Would not our souls rise in revolt were we really civilized?

It is claimed by some people that the Russians will kill us if they had the bomb or will be afraid of us because we had this terrible instrument of death; is that really a sane argument? How will it be possible to have a feeling of fellowship or kindliness toward a nation which hangs over one's head death and destruction at perhaps a moment's notice? It is nonsense to say it won't be used? Our President used the first bombs twice; over Hiroshima and Nagasaki without notice and he has said he will use it again if in his judgment it were wise. Is any one wise or noble enough to have such power? And who may be the next President and what may he not think and dare to do?

We have lived 30 years with the Russians on this our common earth, we have been allies in the most evil war in history; we have witnessed heroism and sacrifices in such full measure as no other nation has been forced to show or endure in intensity and wide-spread desolation and death. We have even supported each other's opinions on occasion in the United Nations. Why then should we now, when all the peoples cry for peace make these monstrous machines of death and destruction? Is that the solution? More and more evil instruments to kill?

The American people know little about this monstrous undertaking. They are debonair and casual and believe this is the business of their representatives. They seem to sweep aside the scientists' general report of the immensity of power the H-B will have and that there is no defense. But this generation cannot escape their responsibility in such an easy way.
The President and Mr Acheson have said there was no use in dealing with Stalin. Mr Acheson declares that during four years of discussions Stalin has shown only faithlessness and that he has only respect for power. Therefore power we must use. It wd seems that with the Atom bombs, more and more powerful and other war-like powers we have had plenty of it; yet even the Chinese people have held to what they believed and have won China for their way of life. We can point to other illustrations of power which have proven ineffectual. Power was also certainly in the hands of Hitler and Mussilini!

"Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts". Four years Mr Acheson thinks sufficient to decide that this ruthless, cold-blooded plan of possible death to the world is the answer! Is there a beam in our own eye?

Now that the American people are recovering from the shock which was so great that it silenced them they are speaking up. Distinguished men and women in all walks of life, simple people who can perhaps see the more clearly than sophisticated the question of right and wrong; scientists who see more clearly than before they wrought the A Bomb what may happen. If given a chance surely the American people will speak out boldly; for in the heart of each human being there is the possibility of seeing with spiritual insight and vision and by the Grace of God, not with fear and hate but with faith and love.

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