

VOICES OF SURVIVAL IN THE NUCLEAR AGE

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REGARDING WHAT CAN be done, it could be useful to first think: where would we be today without Hiroshima? The deterrent effect of the atomic armament is obvious, so far. The growing danger of world destruction does not come from merely technological development of this kind of weapon, but from the tremendous fear it produces while laying silent in waiting position.

Worldwide terror organizations are the first symptoms, demonstrating the attempt to transform the atom-bomb fear to the invisible-terror fear. This new, more and more growing fear is not less destructive than the atom bomb itself; only the time factor is different. This might not be in the interest of the rules of bomb manufacture, as atomic warfare, to a large degree, will not take place between human enemies, but between industrialized enemies. The encircling of the official-government atom bomb by unofficial terror organizations, possessing atomic weapons themselves, is already clearly written on the wall.

The fear produced by this combination is unbearable, no matter if the explosion occurs or not. The body of the UN is already fear-reacting narcotized, as can be seen by UNESCO's convulsions. For all these reasons, optimistic or pessimistic outlook into the future

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is irrelevant. But to raise the question of mental illness is predominant.

The cure can only be a thorough renewal of educational activities at all levels, and for all ages. What we commonly call 'abstract thinking' must be trained right from the educational beginning. The prevailing subjects must be the arts, according to the spontaneous inclination of the pupils.

The arts will be the bridge between science and the humanities, as far as those terms are still used as counteractors. Politicians, arising from this educational background, for which great educators like L. Nelson have already construed the fundamentals, are the only hope for a turn towards a healthy and positive life for humankind.