

VICTORIAN PEACE COUNCIL

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GENEVA CONFERENCE

OF THE THREE GREAT POWERS

TO DISCUSS ENDING OF NUCLEAR TESTS.

The current talks in Geneva between U.K., U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. are fraught with tremendous possibilities for the ending of all nuclear tests.

We believe that the people's determination that tests should be stopped immediately and forever must be heard at this Conference, particularly as the latest U.N. debates show that there are manoeuvres to prevent any agreement on this problem.

A delegation from the World Council of Peace is going to Geneva to speak for the World Peace Movement.

More than ten delegations from Western Germany, and delegations from Great Britain, France, Belgium and other countries are either already in Geneva or will shortly be there. Messages, telegrams and petitions are being sent to the Conference.

A strong women's delegation has left Great Britain for Geneva.

Dr. Schweitzer, Lord Boyd Orr, Mrs. Roosevelt, Lord Bertrand Russell, Mr. Wanabe, Mayor of Hiroshima, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Mr. Trygvio Lie, Pastors Niemoller, Trocme and Roser, and many other world figures have issued an appeal to the Three Great Powers, solemnly reminding their representatives of their great responsibility.

The Swiss Peace Committee has set up a reception office in a Geneva Library to help delegates who wish to hand in resolutions or petitions to the Conference.

A Conference of Argentine Writers and Peace Committees in Argentina, Canada, Ceylon, Great Britain, Indonesia, the Swiss movement against atomic armament of the country, workers' movements in Japan, Mongolia and USSR - all call for immediate ending to nuclear tests and banning of atomic weapons of all kinds.

Public opinion in every country is determined to take vigorous action with regard to the Geneva Conference, to make sure that it results in putting a final end to nuclear tests.

Australians, too, will want to add their voices to this world demand!

We have been advised that this Conference is likely to last for some weeks, so this gives us time to organise messages to the Conference.

What can be done in your area?

By means of contributions to the cost of a cable among wide sections of the community, tremendous interest could be aroused in this important world demand.

Address cable messages to: GENEVA CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR TESTS, SWITZERLAND.

Australia is unique in that she is the only country in the world which allows nuclear tests by another nation to be held on her soil. We have therefore a great responsibility to see that those tests are stopped - in Australia and elsewhere.

Will you keep us informed about any action you decide to undertake?  
But it must be done quickly - before the Conference ends - MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

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