



PEACE IS TRADE UNION BUSINESS

"Peace will come from the People"

Today the very weapons of war impel each and every civilised person to get behind the headlines and sort out the problem of peace for themselves.

Today the Trade Union Movement can least of all stand aside from the great task of building a movement powerful enough to stop war from breaking out. Trade union officials attending National Defence Schools at Mount Macedon all report that there is only one defence against the horrors of a nuclear war, and that is lasting world peace.

We are now living through one of the great liberating moments of history.

Indeed, the first great liberating moment in which popular pressure is active simultaneously all over the world.

The people in many countries have already achieved notable victories against militarism and for freedom, ranging from Japan and Korea in the east to Cuba in the west.

No continent, or hardly any country, is unstirred, and in Africa new independent States are being born one after another, liberating themselves from imperialism and colonialism.

At the same time there are other and alarming signs.

More countries are discovering the secrets of nuclear weapons, testing and making them for themselves.

Federal Germany is being equipped with nuclear weapons and missiles.

Japan has had forced upon it a treaty which demands her rearmament if she is to meet the obligations of the treaty.

Events have caused the Summit Conference in May and then the UNO Disarmament Commission to collapse.

It can be said that for the first time in history literally millions of people are entering into the task of putting shackles upon those politicians, militarists and armaments manufacturers who plan and profit from war and preparation for war.

The peoples of the world are becoming more and more aware of who are the enemies of peace.

It is not so much as to what a head of State says in relation to the problems of world peace, but as to what interests are served by the actions flowing from the policies followed.

To support their aggressive intentions they find it necessary to attack the democratic rights of the people.

In Australia, the 1960 amendments to the Crimes Act not only makes any opposition to the war policies of the Federal Government a serious crime, but also the policies of any other "proclaimed" country.

As a result of liberation movements spreading throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, and as a result of the workers of Britain and Europe increasing their pressure for disarmament, the enemies of peace act like people driven mad.

Thus it is vitally important that the World Peace Movement must increase its unity, strength and vigor so that these madmen do not find themselves able to do great harm to humanity.

The Trade Union Conference at the 1959 ANZ Congress for Disarmament declared: "Experience shows that wars arise from conditions created by the profit-making system. Armament manufacturers internationally linked and otherwise make huge profits from war and preparations for war.

Wars do not and cannot arise from conditions where there is no production of armaments for private personal profit.

For a trade unionist this is the key to being aware of who are the enemies of Peace.

The World Peace Movement must intensify its struggle with more strength and vigor than ever.

The insidious enemies of Peace who seek to profit from war and preparation for war are becoming more provocative.

However, many ask, "What can I do about it; I can't influence affairs?"

All through this material, stress is laid upon the fact that for the first time in the history of mankind people are combining together in their own interests to protect peace.

This great movement gains its strength from the participation of literally millions of people, each individual making only small contributions which in their addition create tremendous power.

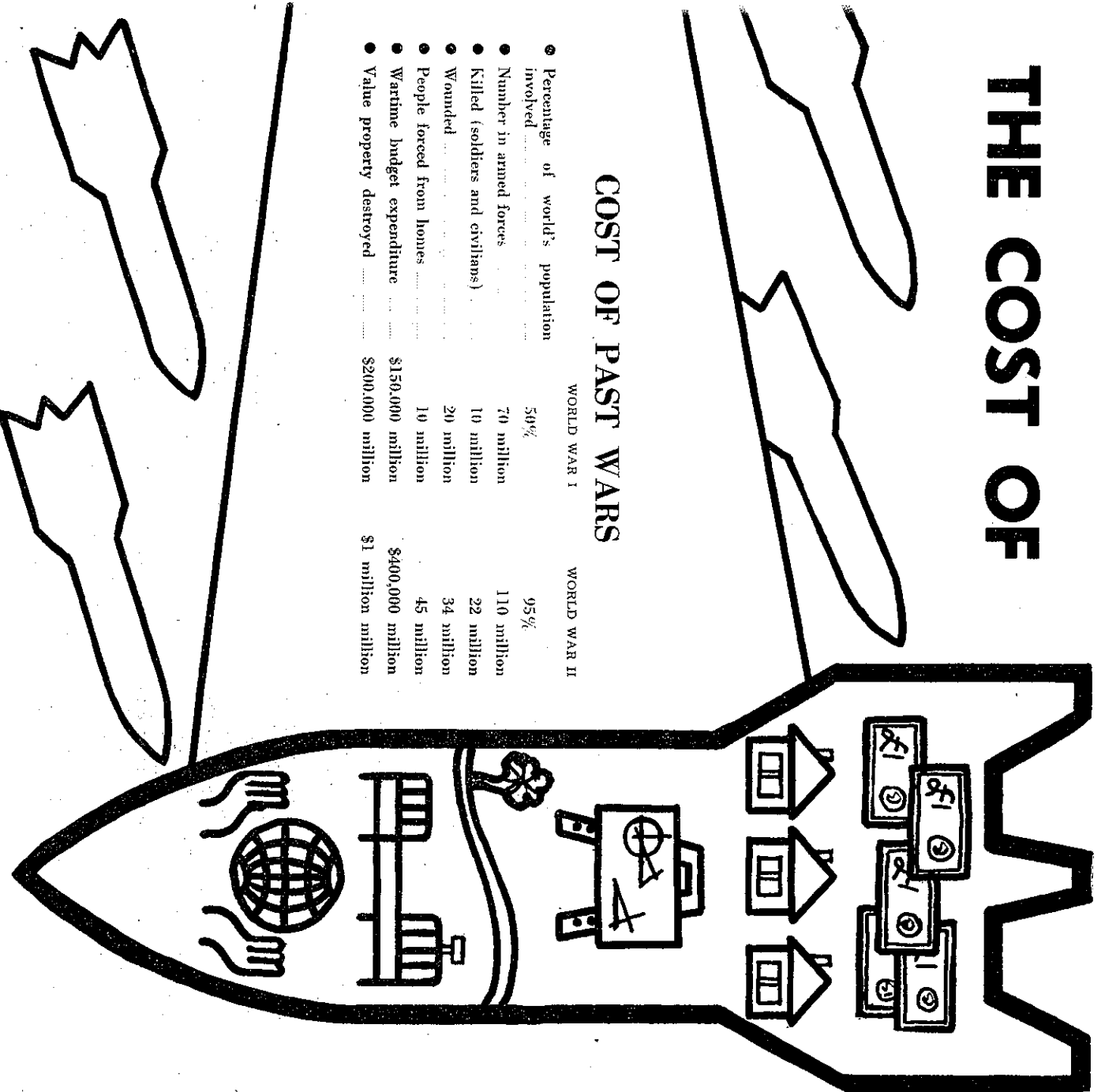
This power can only grow with more and more such individual contributions. It is the mass of small positive actions which build a powerful peace movement.

Distribution of leaflets, attending central meetings and bringing one friend, collecting to assist the Peace Council or ANZ Disarmament Congress Committee, arranging job meetings, cottage meetings, discussion groups, and by means of a dozen and one other ways is this Peace Movement built.

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	WORLD WAR I	WORLD WAR II
● Percentage of world's population involved	50%	95%
● Number in armed forces	70 million	110 million
● Killed (soldiers and civilians)	10 million	22 million
● Wounded	20 million	34 million
● People forced from homes	10 million	45 million
● Wartime budget expenditure	\$150,000 million	\$400,000 million
● Value property destroyed	\$200,000 million	\$1 million million



ARMAMENT

The Present Arms Race Costs the World

\$37,000	Per Second
\$24 million	Per Minute
\$13 million	Per Hour
\$320 million	Per Day
\$116 million million	Per Year

5,000 deaths a year from leukemia and cancer because of nuclear tests.

5,000 new-born babies a year mentally retarded because of nuclear tests.

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The Present Arms Race Costs Australia

ARMAMENTS	WHAT COULD BE BOUGHT	
1 Anti-tank missile	£2,700	1 House for Aboriginal Family.
1 Tank	\$58,000	2 Suburban Libraries.
1 Radar Unit	£75,000	10 Kindergartens of 45 children
1 Helicopter	£120,000	60 Children's Playgrounds.
1 Transport Plane	£300,000	12 Elderly Citizens' Centres.
1 Plane Catalpult	£400,000	2 Sports Stadiums.
1 Jet Fighter	£1,000,000	35 Youth Centres.
1 Submarine	£4,000,000	Double Medical Research.
1 Destroyer	£8,000,000	50 Schools of 500 children.
1 Airplane Carrier	£10,000,000	200 Acres Slums Cleared.
1 Filling Factory	£26,000,000	7 Hospitals of 400 beds.
1 Rocket Range	£100,000,000	6 Universities.
1 National Service Training Scheme	£150,000,000	37,500 Houses for 115,000 people.

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Total Defence Expenditure, 1950 to 1960 = £1,965,000,000.

Expenditure for every wage and salary earner = £655.

For every £1 spent on education £2 was spent on "defence."

For every £1 spent on health £3 was spent on "defence."

DISARMAMENT IS PEACE

Disarmament is many things. It is friendship between nations; it is a peaceful life for ordinary people; it is the opportunity to at last rid the world of want.

The belief that peace can be maintained by positions of strength, by huge armament production or by skating along the brink of war is sheer madness.

Arming for positions of strength has never stopped war from occurring. Only by planned and determined joint disarmament can war be stopped.

The arms race is not only suicidal madness, it is costing the working class very dearly to maintain by heavy taxation and inflation which cuts their standard of living.

Control of the armaments industry is in the hands of a few giant monopolies in the capitalist world, which

influence their governments to spend more and more on the means of destroying human life.

They recognise no national frontiers, for they are interconnected by a complex system of cartels, patent exchanges, licences, agreements and subsidiaries.

These monopolies have a powerful influence in perpetuating international tension and the cold war because armaments provide for them the greatest and most reliable source of profits.

For no matter how great the hardship imposed by the armament burden on the people or to what parlous state the finances of a nation are reduced, the armament kings can rely on the governments under their domination to pay handsome prices for their weapons and force the people to foot the bill.



THE ARMAMENT KINGS

The following brief notes on a few typical armament monopolies show the scale of their operation and the huge profits they make. They all make civilian products, but their life-blood is the continual flow of large orders for armaments.

GENERAL DYNAMICS (U.S.A.) Original company founded 1899. Net profit of \$21,200,000 in 1955 and \$31,100,000 in 1959. Total war orders in 1959 = \$1,616,400,000.

BOEING AIRPLANE (U.S.A.) Founded 1916. Employed 2200 in 1937, 10,500 in 1940, and 100,000 in 1958. Net profit of \$1,700,000 in 1948 and \$29,400,000 in 1958. Total war orders in 1959 = \$1,166,500,000.

LOCKHEED (U.S.A.) Founded 1916. Employed 6400 in 1940 and 53,600 in 1958. Loss of \$2,500,000 in 1947 and net profit of \$18,600,000 in 1958. Total war orders in 1959 = \$898,500,000.

DU PONT (U.S.A.) Founded 1802. Employed 80,000 in 1950 and 85,900 in 1959. Net profit of \$307,600,000 in 1950 and \$418,700,000 in 1959.

GENERAL ELECTRIC (U.S.A.) Founded 1892. Employed 170,500 in 1949 and 249,700 in 1958. Net profit of \$129,900,000 in 1949, and \$242,900,000 in 1958. Total war orders in 1959 = \$914,000,000.

VICKERS (U.K.) Founded 1882. Employed 17,000 in 1934, 60,000 in 1952 and 79,000 in 1958. Net profit of £3,010,000 in 1952 and £6,596,000 in 1958.

ROLLS-ROYCE (U.K.) Founded 1906. Employed 8000 in 1936 and 41,700 in 1958. Gross profit of £2,300,000 in 1952 and £14,800,000 in 1958.

I.C.I. (U.K.) Founded 1926. Employed 85,000 in 1947 and 112,000 in 1958. Net profit of £8,300,000 in 1947 and £23,900,000 in 1958.

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