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An invitation to join the

# THE UNITED STATES PACIFIST PARTY

The United States Pacifist Party (USPP) is designed to give expression within a democratic, electoral context to the belief that military power profoundly contradicts many religious and philosophic principles, and is a practical mistake in our time. It sees military traditions and institutions as the key obstacle to the solution of society's major social evils, which include war, the arms race, poverty, political oppression, and racial, sexual, and religious discrimination. Support for the Party can spring from these, among other, perspectives: religious pacifism, which views military force as a violation of Divine revelation and the supreme values of love and truth; political pacifism, which maintains that the economic, political and social evils that flow from the threat and use of military force outweigh the beneficial results that organized, mass violence may achieve; and the "Apocalypse Equation", a scientific analysis of the nuclear arms race, which shows that the failure probability of "deterrence" approaches certainty. Major elements of the Party's draft platform are:

- Zero military budget;
- Complete disarmament through negotiations and unilateral actions. Support for the freeze as a first step;
- An end to all military aid to foreign governments, including the government of El Salvador;
- Massive aid to abolish poverty at home and worldwide. The foreign aid would be administered by the United Nations;
- Preparation for nonviolent resistance against possible invasion and occupation attempts;
- Shut-down and deactivation of all nuclear power plants and facilities for manufacturing and isolating fissionable materials. Promotion of solar, wind, oceanic temperature gradient, and other sources of low pollution energy;
- Full employment through revitalized private enterprises, including cooperatives, and worker-controlled and managed industries, and federally administered public projects;
- Reduction of inflation toward zero;
- Extensive federal tax reductions, and a negative income tax;
- Abolition of registration for the military draft; support for conscientious draft resisters;
- Support for the World Peace Tax Fund, and conscientious war tax resisters;
- Support for those who conscientiously decline to work in war industries, or do military research;
- Support for ERA. Opposition to all forms of racial discrimination;
- Support for one-person-one-vote democratic world government.

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\_\_\_\_ Please send me these buttons (Buttons are 50¢ ea plus postage): \_\_\_\_\_ USPP; \_\_\_\_\_ Apocalypse Equation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to help support the USPP's program.

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