

PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

"I think about the bomb just about every day now. It makes me sad and depressed when I think about it ever being dropped. I hope I'm with my family. I don't want to die alone."

"I dream of a huge cannonball the size of the earth. And I just see black and it would smush everything and there would be no salvation. I had the nightmare many, many times."

"I dream about the bomb falling and my parents dying... and being alone forever."

Dear Friend:

These are the voices of 11 and 12 year old children. One-third of whom believe they will die in a nuclear war.

Throughout their short lifetimes, they have lived with the pervasive fear of nuclear war. Horrific images of suffering and destruction fill their thoughts and their dreams, turning them into nightmares of nuclear holocaust.

They wonder about the future. Not the usual ordinary childhood thought -- what will I be when I grow up -- but will I be allowed to grow up? Will I have the opportunity to be a doctor, lawyer, athlete, plumber? Right now our children are reluctant to plan for careers and families.

Like you, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) is concerned about our children -- the future -- the world. We are in a unique position to communicate the medical and psychiatric consequences of the nuclear threat. We are dedicated to professional and public education on the medical hazards of nuclear weapons and nuclear war. We've become the model for professional groups and other concerned citizens wishing to join together to end the arms race.

PSR was formed in 1961. It played a major role in educating the public to the hazards of a nuclear war, and contributed to the realization of the Limited Test Ban Treaty in 1963. Now, we hope to create a citizenry so well informed on the medical dangers of nuclear war that in time the threat of nuclear war itself may be eradicated.

We were able to change the climate in 1963 with the help of concerned citizens like yourself. And, in 1985, we will not be able to accomplish our goals without your help.

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