

treasures, the furniture of our houses and our garments and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in these our possessions."

Probably influenced by socialist thought, Lucretia Mott, a 19th century Quaker feminist social activist, had this to say in opposition to the policy of the Commissioners of the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition to close the grounds of the Exhibition on Sunday, and thus eliminate working class people:

"The attempt of the Commission to keep the gates closed...seems to me a lamentable sign of the times; a warlike sign...for there is no true Peace that is not founded in justice and right."

The following passage, which combines many of the insights in the preceding passages, and suggests also the need for some form of world government, was written by Horace Alexander, a 20th century Quaker activist and friend of Gandhi:

"It is right for the pacifist today to insist on the need for a change of heart that will mean a change of the foundations of society, but he must not shirk the parallel task of turning the present world disorder into a world order...Pacifists are concerned that the community should check and prevent many of the evils that characterize the present acquisitive society. It is not state control, but world control that they envisage."

An historical review of a number of the most important aspects of the Quaker peace testimony can be found in the pamphlet, The Peace Testimony of the Society of Friends, by Howard H. Brinton. This work, and a biography of Lucretia Mott (VALIANT FRIEND: The Life of Lucretia Mott, Walker; by Margaret H. Bacon), can be obtained from the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102. A xeroxed version of The Peace Testimony... is available postpaid, for \$1.00, from the USPP office.

in, and your compass and other navigational equipment failed. What would be the wisest action? Some crew members might counsel continuing straight ahead. Others might recommend turning to port or starboard. Actually, a more reasonable action would be to heave to and drop anchor until the fog lifted. To continue sailing for even a minute or more would court disaster. In the same way, since deterrence is inherently unstable, continuing to practice it even for one day is to court the destruction of the human species.

This is one reason why the USPP currently recommends the abolition of military establishments, even though world government hasn't been achieved. Military establishments threaten the imminent destruction of the human species. They produce the greatest possible insecurity. Democratic world government is a goal which should be worked for, but making disarmament contingent upon it denies the full extent of the dangers created by nuclear missile systems. -BL

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#### DETERRENCE: A NEW STUDY

"Deterrence (Peace through Strength) -- True and False", by Phillips P. Moulton, is an exceptionally comprehensive review of the causes that could lead to the failure of nuclear deterrence and to nuclear war. One of the most important causes mentioned is the tendency of all people to be somewhat "irrational", which means that deterrence, which assumes that people will always be perfectly rational, is an unrealistic system. Without employing mathematical probability analysis, the document points in the same direction as The Flaw in Deterrence. Currently a foot-noted, double spaced, 38 page manuscript weighing seven ounces, "Deterrence (Peace through Strength)..." may be obtained from Phillips P. Moulton, 225 Brookside Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

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