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PEACE APPEAL

OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK MATHEMATICIANS AND PHYSICISTS

The teachers, scientists and technical workers who are members of the Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists turn to all people of good will and in particular to teachers, scientists and technical workers of other countries with an appeal to take an active part in the struggle for the maintenance of world peace. Scientific and technical advances made in the past few decades have put at man's disposition enormous forces, hitherto unforeseen. Were a new world war to break out, the destruction which would result from these forces is unimaginable. We ally ourselves with all organisations and individuals the world over who are calling attention to the fatal cross-roads at which mankind is standing and are working to preserve peace. If the threat to the future of humanity is to be removed and if the great cultural values created by mankind over the centuries are to be preserved, these forces which science and technique have placed at man's disposal must be directed to beneficial ends.

The Soviet Union by her action of putting a stop to tests with atomic weapons has created a situation which is favourable for the cessation of these tests in all countries. We, therefore, request that these tests be immediately stopped and that an agreement on the unconditional prohibition of the production and use of atomic weapons be concluded.

The Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians
and Physicists

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