

nuclear powers were to engage in total war, they would probably destroy civilization and this destruction could result from a mistake or miscalculation.

I suggest that the responsibility of all other nations, including Canada, is to make clear to the nuclear powers that the people of the world demand an end to this terrible threat which hangs over them and demand that disarmament negotiations be resumed forthwith.

These nuclear powers are all members of the 10-Nation Committee. It has not been disbanded and could resume meetings next week. Furthermore, it could work out a disarmament agreement if all the nuclear powers have the will to reach that objective.

There is no excuse for delay. The situation will not be improved by waiting for a debate in the General Assembly or for the American election or for a new administration in Washington. To wait for any of these means a delay of months--with the task of reaching agreement growing steadily more difficult, as more harsh words are uttered by each side. After the delay, there would still have to be negotiations.

In these days we are witnessing great accomplishments by the United Nations. I refer to what has been done and is still being done in the Congo. This world organization has taken a great step forward there.

If the members of this Disarmament Commission decide that the 10-Nation Committee should resume its work at once, their decision will, I believe, be respected and the United Nations will have taken another step forward, this time in the field of disarmament for which it has a fundamental responsibility.

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