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## The other part of the promise

Remembrance Day holds little pain for a lot of people these days. It used to be that people in North America could remember losing a close family member to the first, and then the second of the great wars - an uncle who died on Normandy's beaches or a grandfather who stood with fewer of his regiment with each successive remembrance in front of the town monument.

Our remembrance is faulty - it hasn't even been half kept. There have been more than 200 wars since the 'war to end all wars' and 'the war to end all conventional wars'. The promise made to the dead and the veterans of World War I was not just to reflect on the tragedy of global conflict when we pause on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; it was to reflect on the inhumanity of all wars and make sure they didn't happen again.

Nuclear confrontation is the most inhumane war of all, apart from the plight of survivors (if any) or their children (if any). Nuclear arms stockpiles attest to the fact that the machine has won out over humanity. Machines exist to be useful to people, not so people have to adjust their lives to be useful to the machines.

Time is a great equalizer as events of the past become more distant. The horror of flooded trenches and rat-mutilated corpses is numbed and the snapshots fade to nostalgic sepia tones. Propelled ever forward, through time, we leave the dead and the witnesses behind.

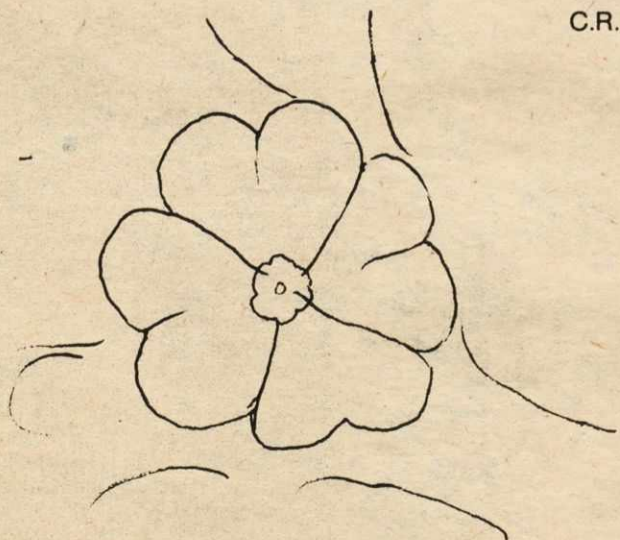
The key to revitalizing the promise to end war is to project its horror into the future. Then we are compelled to act to prevent it as we draw closer to it. If nuclear arms buildup has done anything, it has made a lot of people realize they are not quite ready to die. Deadlines are an incredible spur to inertia.

The peace movement is people for people. People who remember, lest we forget, we set aside a moment of reflection to affirm humanity and life.

Join the peace vigil in front of the SUB on Friday at 11 am. And think of Christmas.

Peace on earth, good will to all.

C.R.



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