

"The highest form of hope," said Bernanos, "is the overcoming of despair." That is what is demanded of us by the millions of men and women who are alarmed by the arms race and the prospect of a nuclear holocaust.

The most unpardonable failure of this Assembly would be to kill, by inaction, the hope in people's hearts. For, in the face of the demented threat of a resumption of the nuclear arms race, to kill hope in the possibility of disarmament is, in a very real sense, to risk killing life itself.