

Letter to World Citizens

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Dear Freeze Activists:

Welcome to Washington D.c., world city and No. 1 target. You've come to the right place. For reasons you might not yet realize.

As a stateless world citizen, I am not "against" a bilateral nuclear freeze between equally sovereign states. Nor am I "for" it. For one thing, treaties between sovereign states are by definition unenforceable. Why? They presume an anarchic condition between states. And I am an advocate of world law and order.

Secondly, you do not propose the elimination of war itself. You do not mention world peace or world law in your literature. If questioned, you say that's a "next step" or a "long-term goal". In the meantime you say the immediate danger is those big bombs going off and eliminating us all. But ask yourselves, is there a "first step" to world peace? Can you cross a chasm in two leaps?

"Nuclear Freeze" has thus become a catchphrase. Sudden awareness of the horror and totality of nuclear war by large segments of the public have crystallized into a populist movement "against" such a way. You have yet to define what you are for.

There is some logic in it. If destruction for both "sides: of the world fence is inevitable given the push of the button, then neither side has any advantage in continuing the nuclear game.

But wait! If we are all on one side or another, who speaks for sovereign humanity in this situation? Isn't the species in danger too? And that leads to a basic question: How do you personally identify yourselves?

I mean who are you individually vis-a-vis your humanity? Or is this a "mass" movement, a global "herd"? A kind-of reverse lemming syndrome? Remember, Freeze Activists are everywhere. You are as omnipresent as the war could be you are trying to prevent. As editorial writers are wont to say, you "transcend" frontiers. Like human rights, Like the world community. Like the eco-system. Like nature. Like God.

But I get a curious feeling that you yourselves don't understand that yet. You hang back from that reality.. Maybe you can't deal with it . . . or haven't the language for it. "Americans," "British," "German," and "Russians" are about as far as you can think . . . politically. (I hasten to add that in your January 1983 newsletter, Nick Seidita launches a "World Citizens" Call ..but only in order "to secure a U.N. General Assembly decision for a world referendum")

The nuclear freeze movement is planetary but has no planetary buzz-word, no unifying, personal identity code. But if it is planetary and "transcends" frontiers, you good people who don't want to be incinerated in a nuclear war are planetary "actors". You are like de facto world policemen trying to blow the whistle on the criminal national leaders. A global posse riding hard to catch up with that gang which robbed the Plutonium National bank.

But I wish you'd "go global;" like your problem. Nations are puny things compared to one righteously indignant human.

You are the humans concerned. Declare it! Your passion is magnificent; your energy is boundless; your commitment inspiring; but please, do your mental homework! Radio-activity doesn't kill "Americans," "Russians," "Germans," and "Chinese." It's out to get US AS HUMANS.!

And only WE HUMANS can prevent it.

World peace is everyone's business. If nuclear war is already potentially global - and we'd better believe it anyway - then we must match it with a global identity.

You're now in Washington to pressure your national legislators. But they are as helpless as you on the national level. Don't you see, the **exclusive national level** is the problem.

The World Government of World Citizens is also headquartered in Washington D.C. While you are here, visit us too. As a world citizen, I claim your allegiance to our one country, the world.

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