

DO WE DARE REMAIN

Remember?

"THE EITHER . . . OR"

Following are excerpts from an address, "The Moral Un-Neutrality of Science", by Dr. Charles P. Snow, prepared for delivery before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in New York one year ago.

We are faced with an "either-or", and we haven't much time. Either we accept a restriction of nuclear armaments. This is going to begin, just as a token, with an agreement on the stopping of nuclear tests. The United States is not going to get the 99.9 per cent "security" that it has been asking for. It is unobtainable, though there are other bargains that the United States could probably secure. I am not going to conceal from you that this course involves certain risks. They are quite obvious and no man is going to blink them.

That is the "either". The "or" is not a risk but a certainty. It is this. There is no agreement on tests. The nuclear arms race between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. not only continues, but accelerates. Other countries join in. Within, at the most, six years, China and several other states have a stock of nuclear bombs. Within, at the most, ten years, some of these bombs are going off.

I am saying this as responsibly as I can. That is the certainty. On the one side, therefore, we have a finite risk. On the other

side we have a certainty of disaster. Between a risk and a certainty, a sane man does not hesitate.

It is the plain duty of scientists to explain this "either-or". It is a duty which seems to me to come from the moral nature of the scientific activity itself.

There are going to be challenges to our intelligence and to our moral nature as long as man remains man. After all, a challenge is not, as the word is coming to be used, an excuse for slinking off and doing nothing. A challenge is something to be picked up.

And Then There Was . . .



. . . World Destruction

Nuclear Disarmament?

Then Quit Norad

by Cliff Soper (Chem. 4th)

From recent discussions, articles, etc., everyone seems to be in general agreement that Canada should not possess nuclear arms and that we should press for nuclear disarmament on a world-wide basis.

However, no one seems to realize that we do have nuclear arms and that they can be used

in our name without even our consent. These nuclear weapons are found in what is called the North American Air Defence, usually termed NORAD.

We formed NORAD with the United States in 1957. This was achieved more by error than by

true negotiation. Through NORAD we have become a military satellite to the United States. The power to decide on peace or war has been passed from Ottawa to the Commander-in-Chief of NORAD at Colorado Springs. Lieutenant-General Kuter has this power, in effect, plus the authority specially given out by the White House to use nuclear warheads without further consultations.

This is what could be so harmful to Canada. Should NORAD ever use nuclear warheads we would be considered as much at fault as the U.S. NORAD limits the effectiveness with which Canada can work in the U.N., the field in which we have made our biggest contributions towards peace. As a partner in NORAD, Canada cannot put forth its views in the U.N. and make other nations believe they are strictly our views, especially when they happen to coincide with American forwarded interests. This could be compared with some of the proposals already made by Poland. Some were extremely well thought out and could have been most effective, but coming from a Russian satellite, they were suspected of being Russian proposals in disguise.

What must Canada do to restore its independence and its right to speak as a free nation? There are possibly two things. One — to merge NORAD with

THE WORLD EMERGENCY

by Anneke Deichmann (Arts 4th)

The world has always known fear, but never have our fears been so well substantiated by science as in the present cringing before the threat of nuclear war. Yet, with our knowledge of what a nuclear holocaust would mean to the very existence of the human race, we continue to accumulate vast reserves of atomic weapons, and continue to bend our intelligence and wealth to the task of making their effectiveness ever more deadly. It is alarming, at the least, that we do not pour out, in a similar way, of our resources in the search for new understanding and methods of ensuring peace for the further development of mankind's potential, to say nothing of having to cope with the

very real possibility of annihilation.

Even when faced with the ghastly image of the devastation which would cover the earth in the event of nuclear war, we do not seem to have grasped the urgency of the call for a solution to the world's current problems, which a study of history will not allow us to accept as insoluble. History, if nothing else, can show us how once-deadly enemies have learned to live together, how conflicting philosophies are able to accommodate one another. To resist a reasonable compromise in the world's present state of affairs, to give up the right to live on the earth rather than beneath it, would be to invite the destruction of our planet and to give Gabriel leave to blow his trumpet.



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