

EXERCISE 3

The main danger in the international situation today is the unending, almost ruinous arms race between the great powers which, unless it is controlled and eventually stopped by positive acts of statesmanship, might lead to war and untold destruction. As Bertrand Russel said recently in addressing words to ordinary men and women—'Americans, Western Europeans, Russians, Africans—We are all in peril, in deadly peril, ourselves, our children, our grand-children, unless we are successful; for if we fail, we shall have none. In comparison with this peril, all other questions are insignificant. What will it matter who was right and who was wrong when no human beings survived'. There is hardly any sensible person in any part of the world who does not realize the disastrous consequences of a nuclear war. But it is tragic that when there is such unanimity about the imperative necessity of eliminating war and resolving disputes by peaceful means, a wide gulf divides the powers and prevents a meeting of minds. The result is that neither side is prepared to make any agreement or arrive at any arrangement which would, in its view, substantially alter the balance of power based on nuclear weapons and missiles and military bases. This wide chasm is due to distrust and suspicion and fear. It is this distrust that should be reduced, this acerbity that has to be diminished if the risks of a nuclear holocaust are to be eliminated. For, under the impetus of this mutual distrust and fear which both cause and are caused by the arms race, the objectives of diplomatic negotiations and differences between nations are lost sight of while bombs, warheads, rockets and missiles tend to become ends to themselves. (292 words.)

Perilous Consequences of Arms Race

The looming threat of contemporary era is deteriorating arms race between the world powers. Arms race eventually leads towards unending destruction. Bertrand Russell warned that people and their upcoming generations were in deadly peril; it would become ~~irre~~ irrelevant either who was right or wrong. Everyone the world is aware of perilous consequences of a nuclear war but a deadlock emerges when it comes to negotiate issues. This is all because of threat of losing power over other and mutual distrust. All the diplomatic efforts and negotiations become useless when the arms race and destruction become end to nations.

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