

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.

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Nuclear War Fear.

The world is apprehensive about the nuclear war among the great powers. War brings nothing but destruction, and indeed everyone in danger no matter who win or loss. Negotiation is the only way to make peace among great powers. Unfortunately, due to balance of power on arms race, distrust, and hatred peace never be achieved. These elements should be eradicated to make world a peaceful place.