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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
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Dear Alex,

My face is red. Contrition is of little moment. I should have been more attentive to the Jewish calendar so I would not have to indulge prematurely "al chet".

After lengthy discussion with the Japanese organizers of the IXth Congress, it is clear that logistical arrangements are too far advanced to change the date, even at one year's notice. We shall fall back on your suggestion to hold a Yom Kippur service.

Our lack of foresight is particularly regrettable in that the Hiroshima gathering promises to be one of the most important ever, for it will make a powerful statement on the immorality of the mere possession of genocidal weapons.

You have indeed received our raincheck. Willy Brandt and other statesmen have expressed interest in participating in this Congress. We are currently sending out invitations to religious leaders of many faiths.

I look forward to the opportunity to see you soon. My warm regards to Rhea.

With warm regards to Rhea,

Sincerely,

Bernard Lown, M.D.

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September 22, 1988
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Dr. Bernard Lown
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Dear Bernie:

I have your kind letter inviting me to participate in The Ninth World Congress of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. I enjoyed my participation in past Congresses and the fact that this next session will take place in that city which is in a sense symbolic of your efforts, makes it particularly attractive. Nonetheless, I must decline, for you see the dates of your convention come not only on the eve of my own UAHC convention, but overlap the Jewish High Holy Days that year, Yom Kippur, to be more precise, which will be marked on October 9th and 10th of 1989, the concluding days of your convention.

I wonder whether this does not present a problem for you, not just because of participation of a single rabbinic leader but whether many of your potential attendees might not be affected by this fact. As I recall it, a disproportionate number attending, especially from America, were Jewish. And while not all of them surely are observant in their religious practices, Yom Kippur tends to be a Holy day which most of them do observe.

Dr. Bernard Lown
IPPNW
September 22, 1988

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It's probably too late to make any changes but I thought that I ought to forewarn you. For that matter it might be possible for you to arrange Yom Kippur services in Hiroshima for those who may want to observe that day. That might be some way out although not too satisfactorily so. To the best of my knowledge there is no synagogue there.

Be that as it may, I am deeply grateful for your kind invitation and I do hope that you will give me a rain check, nothing would delight me more than to have a share in your important work.

Warm good wishes to you and Louise, may the coming year be sweet to both of you and to all you love.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler
President

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Dear Rabbi Schindler:

The Ninth World Congress of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War will be held in Hiroshima, Japan from October 7 through 10, 1989. More than 2,000 delegates from 70 nations will gather in this historic city to explore the medical, scientific and ethical dimensions of the nuclear arms race.

Each year, IPPNW congresses have attracted distinguished leaders from many disciplines who have helped to guide our deliberations, provide inspiration, and provoke new thinking and new perspectives on complex issues.

Although the precise content and format of our Ninth Congress program is still being formulated in consultation with our Japanese Host Organizing Committee, we take great pleasure in inviting you to address the IPPNW Ninth World Congress in Hiroshima. If you are able to accept our invitation, and we are hopeful that you will, we can discuss the timing and content of your presentation in greater detail. IPPNW will, of course, cover the costs of your transportation to and from Hiroshima and the costs of your accommodations during the Congress.

An IPPNW Congress is an exceptional event. Next year's Congress will occur during the 100th anniversary of Hiroshima City and as such IPPNW has been invited by the Honorable Mayor Araki to have our Congress in their historic site. The Congress will have a special meaning taking place, as it does, in the first city to suffer the consequences of atomic warfare. Please join us next October.

Sincerely,

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International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War is a federation of national physicians' groups dedicated to mobilizing the influence of the medical profession against the threat of nuclear war. IPPNW favors the complete abolition of nuclear weapons and prudent interim measures designed to slow the arms race or engender the trust needed for its cessation. There are IPPNW affiliated groups in 55 nations, representing more than 170,000 physicians worldwide.

Early History

A longstanding professional association between two of the world's leading cardiologists – Dr. Bernard Lown of the Harvard School of Public Health and Dr. Evgueni Chazov of the USSR Cardiological Institute – and the collective efforts of Drs. Eric Chivian, James Muller, Herbert Abrams, Leonid Ilyin and Mikhail Kuzin – were the impetus for the formation of IPPNW. An exchange of letters between Lown and Chazov led to a meeting of the Soviet and American physicians in Geneva in December 1980. From that meeting, four points of consensus emerged that have been the basis of IPPNW activity:

- That IPPNW would restrict its focus to nuclear war;
- That IPPNW physicians would work to prevent nuclear war as a consequence of their professional commitments to protect life and preserve health;
- That IPPNW would involve physicians from both East and West and would disseminate information about the medical consequences of nuclear war throughout the world;
- That in advocating certain steps to prevent nuclear war, IPPNW would maintain a neutral, non-partisan character.

Organization

IPPNW is a federation of national affiliates, each of which differs in composition, structure and program.* The ultimate authority of the federation resides in an International Council consisting of one delegate from every nation. The Council elects an Executive Committee headed by Co-Presidents from the US and the USSR. Other seats are currently held by representatives from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Hungary, Sweden, and the United States.

Staff in Boston and London work with IPPNW physicians from around the world on a wide variety of educational programs designed to meet IPPNW's primary objective: to alert the people and governments of the world to the medical dimensions of the nuclear arms race.

IPPNW World Congresses

IPPNW has held seven world congresses: in the United States (1981), England (1982), the Netherlands (1983), Finland (1984), Hungary (1985), the Federal Republic of Germany (1986), and the Soviet Union (1987). The Seventh Congress in Moscow was attended by more than 2,500 physicians from 60 countries. IPPNW's congresses have attracted worldwide press coverage, generated original scientific research and promoted coordination among IPPNW's national affiliates. Congress documents have been widely distributed to world leaders in government and medicine. IPPNW's Eighth World Congress will take place in Montreal in June 1988 and the ninth will take place in Hiroshima in October 1989.

*The largest affiliates are Physicians for Social Responsibility (USA) and the Soviet Committee of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, with 28,000 and 60,000 physicians respectively.

Informing the Public

Educating the public on the medical aspects of the nuclear arms race is IPPNW's highest priority. IPPNW conducts a worldwide information campaign that includes speaking tours, publication of books, journals and articles, and television and radio appearances by IPPNW physicians.

For the past three years, IPPNW and its affiliates have been engaged in a worldwide campaign to educate the public on the merits of a ban on all nuclear explosions. Such a ban has been IPPNW's "Medical Prescription" for reversing the arms race. IPPNW has played a pivotal role in rousing world opinion on this issue.

IPPNW sponsors educational campaigns by multi-national medical teams. Physicians from the Soviet Union, the United States and a score of other nations have been touring each other's countries in public education programs designed to impart information and to demonstrate the non-partisan character of the movement. The IPPNW Global Campaign, a program designed to increase awareness worldwide about the physicians' movement, dispatches East-West, North-South delegations to nations on every continent. The first leg of the Campaign – to the Soviet Union, China and Japan – was completed in June 1986. The second – to Latin America – was completed in November 1986. A visit to the Indian sub-continent is scheduled for January 1988.

In recognition of its efforts to inform the public, IPPNW was awarded the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. The official statement of the Norwegian Nobel Committee cited IPPNW's "considerable service to mankind by spreading authoritative information and by creating an awareness of the catastrophic consequences of atomic warfare."

Informing World Leaders

IPPNW and its national affiliates communicate regularly with high government officials and religious leaders throughout the world about the medical consequences of the nuclear arms race. Dozens of world leaders have sent greetings and messages of support to IPPNW world congresses including Ronald Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev, Raúl Alfonsín, Andreas Papandreou, Rajiv Gandhi, Oscar Arias Sánchez, Javier Pérez de Cuellar and Pope John Paul II. IPPNW physicians have had face-to-face meetings with some of the world's most influential leaders including Mikhail Gorbachev, Raúl Alfonsín and Miguel de la Madrid.

IPPNW also works cooperatively with the World Health Organization on many projects related to world health and the arms race.

Informing the Medical Profession

In addition to informing physicians through its general public information campaigns, IPPNW retains its distinctive medical emphasis through programs designed specifically for physicians and other health care professionals. International teams of IPPNW physicians tour major hospitals and medical schools throughout the world. IPPNW's activities have received widespread coverage in numerous medical journals, including *The Lancet* and *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. IPPNW-sponsored regional symposia on medicine and nuclear war have been held in Brussels, Madrid, Havana, Auckland, Buenos Aires and Prague. Upcoming symposia are scheduled for Costa Rica and the Middle East/Mediterranean region.

IPPNW Affiliates Worldwide

ARGENTINA Movimiento Médico Argentino por la Prevención de la Guerra Nuclear (Argentine Medical Movement for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

AUSTRALIA Medical Association for Prevention of War, Australia

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BANGLADESH Bangladesh Medical Association

BELGIUM Association Médicale pour la Prévention de la Guerre Nucléaire (Medical Association for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

Medische Werkgroep Tegen Atoomwapens (Medical Workshop Against Nuclear Weapons)

BRAZIL Sociedade Brasileira de Médicos Pela Prevenção da Guerra Nuclear (Brazilian Society of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

BULGARIA National Committee of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

CANADA Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

CHILE Sociedad Chilena de Médicos para la Prevención de la Guerra Nuclear (Chilean Society of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

COLOMBIA Médicos Colombianos para la Prevención de la Guerra Nuclear (Colombian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

COSTA RICA Fundación Médica Costarricense para la Prevención de la Guerra Nuclear (Costa Rican Medical Foundation for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

CUBA Comité Cubano de Médicos Contra la Guerra Nuclear (Cuban Committee of Physicians Against Nuclear War)

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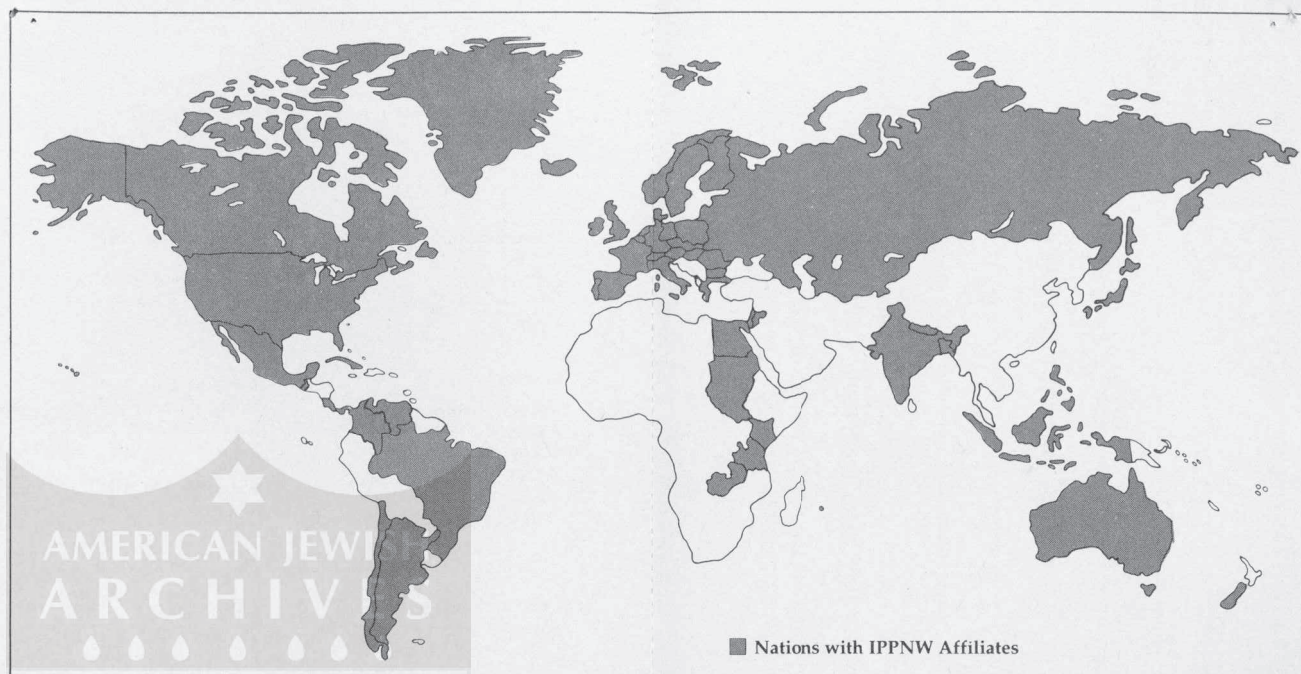
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