

"It is my considered view that a 'mutual and verifiable freeze' on the development of additional nuclear weaponry by the Soviet Union or the United States would be feasible to negotiate. We do not have to, nor should we, 'trust' the Russians."

William Colby, former Director, CIA, 1982



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| The President, Bristol Free Church Council* | International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War |
| The Chairman, Bristol Methodist District* | Journalists Against Nuclear Elimination |
| The Chairman, Bristol URC District Council* | Medical Association for Prevention of War |
| The Dean of Bristol | Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons |
| Monsignor Crispian Hollis | Methodist Church Division of Social Responsibility |
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| The Moderator, URC, SW Province* | OXFAM |
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| Campaign Against The Arms Trade | Scientists Against Nuclear Arms |
| Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) | Third World First |
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| Church of England Board of Social Responsibility | War on Want |
| Civil Engineers for Nuclear Disarmament | Women for World Disarmament |
| Fellowship of Reconciliation | Women Opposed to the Nuclear Threat |
| | World Development Movement |
| | World Disarmament Campaign |

"As a military man who has given half a century of active service I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has no military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions which they have generated."

Lord Louis Mountbatten, 1979

"People in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than are governments. I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it."

President Dwight Eisenhower, 1959

That's what the FREEZE CAMPAIGN is all about. Please support it.

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- I'd like to help – please tell me how
- Please send me more information (25p per brochure plus p&p)
- Here is my contribution of £ to support local voluntary work on the Freeze Campaign

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FREEZE the Nuclear Arms Race



"The world now stands on the brink of the final abyss. Let us resolve to take all possible practical steps to ensure that we do not, through our own folly, go over the edge."

Lord Louis Mountbatten, 1979

WHAT IS THE FREEZE?

The FREEZE is an agreement to stop. Both sides (and that includes Britain) would agree to call an immediate halt to the testing, production and deployment of further nuclear weapons.

The FREEZE is a mutual and verifiable first step towards reversing the nuclear arms race.

WHO SUPPORTS THE FREEZE?

In the United States, the FREEZE has already won overwhelming support: a recent poll put the figure at 60% of the population.

- Both Republicans and Democrats in the House of Representatives support the FREEZE by a majority of 278 to 149.
- Church leaders of all major denominations support the FREEZE.
- Many defence/security experts and former high-ranking officials of the US Government – including ex-Directors of the CIA and former Ambassadors to the USSR – support the FREEZE.

In Britain support for the FREEZE has come from:

- Third World charities – eg. OXFAM
- International organisations – eg. United Nations Association
- Disarmament groups – eg. Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons
- Church leaders & religious groups – eg. Quaker Peace & Service

WHY FREEZE NOW?

“If we are to survive on this planet we must slow, stop and reverse the arms race. And the first step in this is a mutual, verifiable nuclear weapons Freeze.”

*Rear Admiral Gene La Rocque,
US Navy (Rtd.), 1981*

- The world already has over 50,000 nuclear weapons – more than a million times the explosive power of the Hiroshima bomb.
- The time is right. Many experts agree that the nuclear arsenals of both sides are roughly equal.

“If you consider the total of the nuclear forces on both sides, I think we are pretty evenly matched.”

*Admiral Noel Gayler (Rtd.)
Former Director, US National Security Agency,
1982*

- Future arms control will depend on verifiable counting of nuclear weapons. The deployment of Cruise missiles could well prevent this because of their small size and mobility.
- **Deterrence is under threat.** Many of the new weapons, being much more accurate, are designed to fight and “win” a nuclear war. If governments believe that nuclear wars can be won, they are more likely to try to fight them.

- Missiles could arrive so quickly – in as little as six minutes – that no human operator could respond fast enough. Thus, the responsibility for detecting and reacting to an alarm would rest with computers. Yet computers can make mistakes. In the 18-month period prior to October 1980, the US missile warning system incorrectly reported 151 indications of a Soviet attack. There are no Soviet data available.

WHAT WOULD THE FREEZE ACHIEVE?

By calling a halt to the nuclear arms race, the FREEZE would:

1. Stop the further development and deployment of a new generation of first-strike weapons and weapons which are difficult to verify.
2. Lessen East-West tension, so increasing national and international security and creating an atmosphere in which real disarmament talks can take place.
3. Help stop the spread of nuclear weapons to other countries.

CAN WE TRUST THE RUSSIANS?

The FREEZE can be monitored by satellites, seismic stations, radar posts and the other means which both sides already possess and are using to police the arms agreements currently in force.

Some have charged the Russians with widespread cheating on past arms control agreements. Such charges have been described as “nonsense” in a report issued by the US Defence Department, US State Department and the CIA. The report states that “Soviet compliance performance under 14 arms control agreements signed since 1959 has been good.”