

# WILL OUR CHILDREN HAVE A CHANCE TO GROW UP?



According to Canada's Department of National Defence, it would take only 200 or so of today's nuclear weapons to utterly destroy both the United States and the Soviet Union. These 2 countries already have more than 50,000 nuclear weapons.

These existing nuclear weapons have a combined destructive power equal to 1 1/4 million times the power of the Hiroshima bomb. . .enough to destroy the whole planet 20 to 40 times over.

The U.S. and the Soviet Union are building 7 or 8 new nuclear bombs every single day, at a cost of about \$600 billion per year.

Six nations are known to be producing nuclear weapons. More will be able to soon.

Canadian industry produces components for nuclear missiles, and the federal government has agreed to co-operate in their testing, on Canadian soil.

If Toronto were bombed, everyone in the city core would be vaporized. People in Halton Hills would be blinded, burned, and left to die slow deaths from radiation sickness. So would all wildlife.

Figures are now regularly cited that a nuclear war would cost 100 million European casualties, 100 million Soviet casualties and 100 million North American casualties in the first half hour.

If the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. were each to dismantle 10 bombs per year, it would take 2,850 years before stockpiles fell so low that the superpowers could destroy the whole world once (each!).

Governments tell us that nuclear weapons are built to ensure our security from attack, but they provide no real security. There is no defence and no chance of escape from a nuclear attack. There can be no winners. The only real route to security is to get national governments, especially the 2 superpowers, to reach an agreement on multilateral (balanced) and verifiable disarmament. This cross-Canada referendum is one step in that process.

**On November 8**

"Are you in favour of supporting the goal of "GLOBAL Nuclear Disarmament" and directing your government to support this goal to the extent of their powers?"

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