

Appeal to Scientists in the USA

on

Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb Tests

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The Science Council of Japan has on many occasions been appealing to the scientists in the world on the subject of prohibition of the use and tests of atomic and hydrogen bombs. It happened that the Government of the United Kingdom was going to carry out a series of hydrogen bomb tests in and after April, 1957 in a Southern Pacific area, and we, deeply concerned about the possible effects of these tests, asked for the cooperation of British scientists in realizing suspension of such tests. We have also sent to scientists in the USSR an appeal to a similar effect in connection with the continued tests being conducted within that country.

The Government of Your country, on the other hand, has announced that a series of atomic and hydrogen bomb tests will be carried out within Your country in the near future. We scientists know, however, that the effects of radio-active fall-out produced by explosions of nuclear materials will possibly result in disasters to all the people in the earth and the future generations, at whatever place on the earth such explosions may occur.

We hereby appeal to the scientists in your country that they, based on their scientific standpoint, will enlighten all the people on such possibilities, and that they will cooperate in realizing prohibition of such tests as early as possible.

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