

Some of these apocalyptic horrors seem to be pure speculation or even fantasy, while others are wild exaggerations of the well-known hazards of radiation. The predictions are backed by the authority of prominent physicians, who openly advocate using their position of public trust to get their viewpoint accepted without question. They claim to present the data. But they are very selective. For example, they speak of the people killed in basement shelters during the Hamburg firestorm, and neglect to mention that 85% of the people in the area survived.

Clearly, members of IPPNW believe that the end justifies the means, and that to save the world, the sacrifice of scientific integrity is an affordable price. They would also jeopardize the existence of the United States as a free nation. Still, there is something worse that a physician could do.

If these physicians are absolutely certain that they can forever prevent the use of nuclear weapons, they are having omnipotence fantasies. If they are *not* 100 percent certain, then they are proponents of human sacrifice: of the thousands or millions of victims who would suffer agonizing, *preventable* injuries and death in the event that a nuclear weapon ever detonates on an American city. As they "pound nails into the lid of the coffin of civil defense" (their expression), they should think about the human souls inside.

SCHOOL BOARD REJECTS CIVIL DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN

While the children of the Soviet Union attend their regular classes in civil defense and the 100,000-man separate civil defense branch of the Soviet armed forces works to keep the Soviet shelter system in readiness for the children, the School Board of Grants Pass, Oregon has refused to allow the installation of civil defense shelters for the children at the public schools under their jurisdiction.

Local citizens offered to build a shelter system entirely at private expense and without the use of public funds. The shelters would protect all of the children and would also double as low maintenance classroom space. Why did this School Board reject \$850,000 worth of completely free, nuclear weapon-resistant classroom space?