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LIVING WITH THE NUCLEAR AGE

The men and women who have lived close to nuclear weapons most of their lives and upon whom we have depended for our lives and freedom during the past few decades have unique personal ways of thinking about their work. One of these scientists told me recently about his hopes.

He has believed that, if mankind could get through just a few more generations, then we could learn to live with the nuclear threat. He thinks that if his grandchildren grow to adulthood, then the worst danger will have passed.

In this hope, he compares nuclear energy with electricity. Electricity was very dangerous at first, but has become generally safe as people have learned the basic elements of dealing with it.

A civilization equipped with blast and radiation shelters throughout its residential, business and recreational areas and with understanding of nuclear explosion effects widely disseminated throughout its population, is equipped to deal with the nuclear age.

This is the direction that the Swiss are taking. Every Swiss citizen has nuclear protection within a short walking distance no matter where he goes in his country (with the obvious exception of climbing in the Alps or other quite remote locations).

Moreover, since every Swiss man must serve for a decade in the civil defense division of the armed services and for about three decades in the other armed services which are also