

LETTER OF H.E. MR. TRUONG CHINH
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, S.R.V.N.
ANSWERING LORD FENNER BROCKWAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE W.D.C.
Hanoi, 2nd June, 1983

To : Lord Fenner Brockway,
Chairman,
World Disarmament Campaign
London.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am greatly honoured by your letter dated 14 March 1983 asking my views on the aims and activities of the World Disarmament Campaign.

It is wellknown that thanks to joint action of the whole international community, first of all, the peace-loving forces throughout the world, encouraging achievements in the field of disarmament had been recorded in the course of the 60s and 70s. However, at present, the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, far from being checked, has been accelerated with greater tempo due to the collusion between the imperialist and reactionary forces. They persist in pursuing the policy of creating international tension in an attempt to lead the world on to the brink of a nuclear disaster, thus endangering peace and life on our planet.

While sharing our concern with the people the world over, we are confident that the great endeavour of all the peace-loving forces, including world disarmament campaign and the British peace

movement, is bound to make a worthy contribution to curbing the current arms race and transferring world natural resources to the improvement of people's living standards.

The Vietnamese people spare no efforts to intensify their activities in preserving peace, halting the arms race, and promoting cooperation and friendship among nations. We strongly condemn those designs of stepping up the arms race, planning a nuclear war and producing various types of mass destruction weapons such as neutron bombs, binary chemical weapons, increasing military build-up, including rapid deployment forces and the placement of new medium-range missiles in Europe..

We fully support the Soviet Union's peace initiatives, aimed at removing a danger of war, especially nuclear war and hope that the Soviet-U.S. talks held in Geneva will be fruitful, so as to respond to the aspirations of people of goodwill all over the world.

In this spirit, we welcome the aims and support the action for peace and disarmament of the World Disarmament Campaign with you as its chairman.

I wish the World Disarmament Campaign every success in its noble activities.

With warm greetings.

TRUONG-CHINH,
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE,
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM