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Wage Peace

HOWARD Kurtz stands gazing out the window of his 9th story, N Street apartment. But the clear view of spring leaves and dilapidated high-rises is far from his mind's eye. No, Howard Kurtz, in his cramped but tidy apartment, is geared for far weightier material. He is out to change the world.

At 73 years of age, with wispy white hair and silver-rimmed spectacles, Howard Kurtz could be anyone's grandfather. Instead, he heads a think-tank called War Control Planners, Inc., and he publishes a newsletter on its activities for about 3,000 supporters.

"Liberals, conservatives, pacifists and militarists, all are equally off-base," he says with the weary air of a man who knows he's been right for years. "We'll make a complete midget of Karl Marx and Adam Smith," he adds.

Kurtz's concepts, which he's been working on for 30 years, make far better sense, he says. Kurtz has been plotting for peace with the same zeal with which many have plotted for war, and his ideas

basically take the form of four steps.

First, he says, we should form "all-nation space stations," which would, realistically speaking, take the form of information-sharing satellites. Every country would have access to the satellites, which would scan the globe, gathering information about every country.

Next, says Kurtz, we must begin an around-the-world alarm system in case of war. This concept is a bit more complicated, perhaps because of its ambiguous nature. Kurtz proposes a base for the alarm system, near the United Nations, a console with illuminated display centers keeping tabs on military centers in all consenting countries.

War prevention conferences and war prevention simulation games are Kurtz's third and fourth strides toward peace. He suggests that representatives from all countries gather occasionally in different places for the purpose of hashing out problems, and experimenting with ideas on staving off the threat of battle. Representatives would also slowly, painstakingly hammer out the structure for an international service organization, which Kurtz has coined the Global Safety Authority.

In 1966 Kurtz and his wife Harriet (who died in 1977)

composed their proposals into an inaugural speech for Lyndon Johnson, but as far as they know, the document never infiltrated the dense forest of advisors surrounding the president. It was never acknowledged.

Undaunted, the couple continued to fire missives and recommendations to the White House, which has continued to turn a deaf ear to their ideas. "No president since Roosevelt has had any idea of what's going on in the world," says Kurtz. The problems arise, he says, when they act as though they do.

In the meantime, Kurtz continues to study world policy and work new developments into his plans. And his efforts have not gone totally unnoticed. When announcing the 1977 winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to two Irish women for their efforts at curbing the violence in that country, Walter Cronkite of CBS News described the Kurtzes' efforts as perhaps more deserving.

"Howard and Harriet Kurtz are in their 60s. For 20 years they devoted their lives and what little they had in the way of fortune to selling an idea for international peace. They are now deeply in debt."

In May 1978 French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing spoke

before the United Nations on the subject of an "international satellite monitoring agency" to keep a military eye on all nations for the purpose of keeping the peace. Howard Kurtz proudly hailed this as his first stride toward world peace, and urged his friends to obtain a copy of the speech and "study the document."

A frequently asked question is simply, is this a realistic plan? Is it practical to expect everyone in the world to blindly accept his ideas?

His answer is bluntly, no, not right off. But Kurtz sees his Global Security Authority as sort of an Air Traffic Control in function, independent of all commercial forces, yet regulating all of them. The airplane authority was formed out of desperation, Kurtz says, when 400 many collisions occurred in the air. In the same way, he says, collisions between countries and the threat of nuclear war will force countries to form an independent security organization.

"I've worked all my life with human nature, and anxiety and dread," he explains "and the result is not what you'd think. Human nature chooses safety.

"It's going to take 10 or 20 years of actually exploring these things," he adds, "not rhetoric."

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No one has told
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A Call for Order In Chaotic Times

The enemy today is world chaos. The self-generating Kremlin/White House arms race is out of control. So is the unpublicized war for control of global resources and the proliferation of nuclear and all other weapons among more and more national military forces. World population, poverty, hunger and disease are expanding out of control. So is the pollution, worldwide inflation, drug abuse, terrorism, gangsterism, hopelessness, anxiety and dread. Like a deadly fog forming in the night, world chaos has been growing for a generation.

Those in control of Soviet military power have their strategic goal: a future world order in which all nations gradually will become political satellites, as with Czechoslovakia. Those in control of American military power have as their strategic goal a future world order in which all nations gradually will become economic subsidiaries, as with Canada. The only alternative to the hell of runaway world chaos is a world order of some kind, but the people of the 157 or more nations on this planet will not tolerate either of the two above-mentioned systems, and they will revolt against any attempts to impose them.

The nation which will emerge to provide inspiration and leadership for all other nations in the coming generation will be the major power

with sufficient leadership, vision and moral courage to meet all the requirements for its own national defense while leading the world in a new kind of "race" — pioneering the research, development, public demonstration and experimental operation of global systems, management structures and legal institutions to become foundations for a world order in which all nations will find national security, political independence and economic development, a world order in which there will be no more war among nations and in which the scarce resources of the Earth can be utilized for production of food, clothing, housing, energy, clean air and water, health, education and national security for all.

This will be the most complex and difficult challenge civilization has ever faced. For a generation, America has had the capability to provide such world leadership initiative in addition to meeting its defense requirements.

President-elect Ronald Reagan and both Houses of Congress should create an unprecedented Council on Global Safety, reporting personally to the president and to the American people through their elected Congress, a council separate from and in addition to the National Security Council, one which would free the rising generation of Americans for new careers in the experimental development and operation of world systems and institutions.

Once again it could be a matter of great pride to be an American. Once again the patriotic peoples of other nations around the world would look to America for inspiration and guidance as they struggle for their own national security, political independence and economic development — the three gut issues for which the American people fought and won their own revolution.

An American president could become a great world statesman. Time may be running out for America. If the financial/industrial power interests now maneuvering to take over President Reagan's White House are successful, world chaos may soon be beyond hope of cure.

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