

NUCLEAR WINTER : GUARDIAN READERS APPEAL TO THE GUARDIAN

With the findings about the Nuclear Winter, the results of a nuclear holocaust are utterly and totally appalling, yet they are the sober scientific truth.

The findings have been almost totally disregarded by the Media, except the Guardian (Nov. 83).

The bulletin of the Atomic Scientist (April 84) states: "These newly discovered consequences of nuclear war are so all-encompassing and devastating that most people need some time to absorb the implications". This sober scientific report unprecedentedly concludes by asking: "can the world risk EVERYTHING on the shaky hopes based on deterrence?" They really do mean EVERYTHING - all life on earth, as a result of months of temperature below -20 C.

The report's final sentence is... "CITIZENS OF EVERY NATION UPON EARTH... HAVE REASON AND RIGHT TO DEMAND A COMPLETE CHANGE IN POLICY".

It is now six months since the devastating and all encompassing implications were published. We must seek to act.

May we appeal to the Editor and staff of the Guardian to seriously consider a regular feature similar to Futures and Education Extras, concerning "Nuclear War and Peace". We appeal to you that such a Features page is needed to further the urgent matter of a "complete change of policy" in the Media. The policies of governments come later.

We hope you will publish this letter, especially to find out the response amongst our readers. In such an unprecedented situation we all need guidance and we all now become guardians of all life on planet earth. May the "Guardian" in Britain lead the way.

Yours in Peace,

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Please note: - "The Scorpion and the Skull" identifies a "Nuclear Winter Initiative". Please use the back. Freely copy and circulate the appeal. Return to V. Barnes or M. Day (or straight to the "Guardian"). Could you arrange to circulate and sign at the Reagan Rally June 9th? Use the Peace Movement's loose but powerful structure to activate as many people as you can. A small donation towards expenses would be appreciated.