

INTERNATIONAL CONTINUING COMMITTEE

International Conference on Chemical and Biological Warfare

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c/O WILPF  
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London W.C.1.

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Dear

*Prof Meselson*

At the above Conference it was resolved that an International Continuing Committee should be set up.

The aims of this Committee should be;

- 1) To publicise the facts about CBW.
- 2) To discuss and suggest methods of arms control and disarmament, in relation to CBW and other weapons.
- 3) To use every means available to achieve an internationally binding ban on the use, manufacture or stockpiling of CBW and other methods of mass destruction and of any research or development of these weapons.

The initial organising of this Committee has already begun and the Rt Hon Philip Noel-Baker M.P. has agreed to be Chairman and I have agreed to serve as Secretary to the new Committee. It is anticipated that members of the Committee will serve as individuals and not as representatives of organisations. The membership will be drawn from those who have already shown concern for the subject; some will have been present at the Conference; some will be individuals well known to the public, or in their own fields; some may be valuable through their connections with national or international organisations; or they may be drawn from among those willing to give time and energy to promoting the work of the Committee.

It has been decided initially to invite the following people to take part in the preliminary exchanges.

Academecian Oganess Baroyan.	Director of the Gamaleya Institute of Epidemiology and Micorbiology.	( U.S.S.R )
Dr Frank Barnaby	University College London	( U.K. )
Doris Bolef	Active in campaigning against CBW	( U.S.A. )
Olga Chechotkina	Journalist	( U.S.S.R )
Prof Matthew Meselson	Professor of Biology. Harvard University	( U.S.A. )
Jan Prawitz	Research Institute of Nat Defence	( Sweden )
Dr Cornelia Weiss	Member of International E.C. of WILPF.	

It is intended that the Committee will eventually be expanded to include members from all continents and comprise people of many different interests and professions.

We very much hope that you will agree to join the Preliminary Committee and look forward to an early reply to our invitation. When we have had all the replies to this letter of invitation we will be able to proceed with the next steps in the formation of the Continuing Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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