

# Nine Noted Scientists Urge War Ban

## Warning on Nuclear Peril Was Signed by Einstein

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LONDON, July 9.—Nine eminent scientists, including the late Albert Einstein, have appealed to the nations to forswear war because the hydrogen bomb threatens "the continued existence of mankind."

Bertrand Russell, British mathematician and philosopher,

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revealed today that Einstein subscribed to the appeal in a letter that reached London the day the physicist died in Princeton, N. J., April 18.

The appeal called on other scientists, both in the Communist and non-Communist worlds, to join in a conference. Its object would be to drive home to the average man the "very real danger of the extermination of the human race by dust and rain from radioactive clouds."

Among the signers were seven Nobel Prize winners. One of them, Prof. Leopold Infeld of Warsaw University, is behind the Iron Curtain. Another, Prof. Frédéric Joliot-Curie of France, is well known as a Communist sympathizer.

The American signers, besides Einstein, were Prof. Percy W. Bridgman, physicist of Harvard, and Prof. Hermann J. Muller, geneticist of Indiana University, both Nobel Prize winners.

Lord Russell today sent copies of the statement to President Eisenhower, Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin of the Soviet Union,

Prime Minister Eden of Britain, President René Coty of France, Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist leader, and Prime Minister Louis S. St. Laurent of Canada—the heads of countries that have acquired or will eventually acquire nuclear armaments.

Lord Russell said the campaign by the scientists grew out of a broadcast he gave here last Dec. 23 on the nuclear peril. He received many letters of congratulation, among them one from Professor Joliot-Curie.

"I was pleased, because he is not only an eminent scientist but a noted Communist," Lord Russell said at a press conference today. The letter encouraged him to try to bridge differences between the Communist and anti-Communist worlds by an appeal to the scientists, "who understand the great danger."

Lord Russell was a pacifist in World War I, but in 1948 he said he would prefer a third war with



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Bertrand Russell reads a statement subscribed to by Albert Einstein just before his death and signed by eight other scientists calling for the renunciation of war.

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