

Resurgence

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Dear Friends,

How nice to get your Christmas messages. I have ^{been} meaning to reply for some time, but always I am so busy with plans and projects which absorb time.

I remember still the meeting we had in your flat, and how impressed I was with the happiness of your tumultuous children.

Since I left you I met a French journalist in Cuba and we have now been married for about eighteen months. At present I have just written a pamphlet which is due to be published next week, to be called 'Prerequisites for Peace', and I will send you a copy. We are also planning to bring out a new magazine on May Day, and I will send you also a copy of that.

There is an election here at the moment, but the parties are so alike, they are all in favour of war, none of them are worried about the population explosion, that it is difficult to take any of them seriously.

Did you see that Menon had a letter in the Peace Maker in February? He had apparently been to Cuba, and I just wonder how on earth he managed to get there without calling to see me in London. They are both working at the Sarvodaya Centre, and I have just written to Satish urging that he starts another peace walk against the Vietnam war. We are very heartened to hear voices being raised in America against the present Johnson policy of war in Vietnam, obviously there is much opposition in the United States, and clearly Senator Kennedy is trying to get backing of this sympathy by urging the Vietcong be brought to the conference table. The more your top men speak out like this, the more difficult becomes our own prime minister's policy of support for Johnson. But we still have a long way to go before peace is in sight.

But this is just to say hello and to thank you for sending my your communications, which always I read with great interest, and enjoyment.

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I am going to Rome at Easter with my wife for the War Resisters' International Conference. I expect I shall meet several of our friends there.

Trusting you are all keeping very well and with best wishes to Billy, Edie, Tommy, Lorrie, Jimmy and Audee.

John & Marcella.
(Papworth)