

Cries for Peace

Experiences of Japanese Victims of World War II



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This book is not pleasant reading.

With its subject—the horror wreaked on innocent people by war,
man's maximum folly—it could not be. But it is highly important reading
because what has happened in the past must be remembered
so that it will never be repeated.

And generations ignorant of war must know something of its suffering
so that they can eliminate it from the earth.

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Dear Sir:

Please accept, with our best wishes, this complimentary copy of Cries for Peace, compiled by the Youth Division Antiwar Publications Committee of Soka Gakkai and published by The Japan Times.

As you may know, Soka Gakkai is a lay Buddhist organization with ten-million members in Japan and about half-a-million associated members in 90 countries of the world, and is dedicated to promoting the dignity of human life, human culture and world peace through a popular movement.

In his novel The Human Revolution, the President of Soka Gakkai, Daisaku Ikeda, says, "War is barbarous and inhuman. Nothing is more cruel, nothing more tragic." Believing that this is true and that global warfare must never be allowed to happen again, the Youth Division of Soka Gakkai is collecting and publishing recollections of Japanese victims of World War II so that the horrors these people suffered can serve as a warning to all others who either have never known war or have forgotten what it is really like.

These recollections are being issued in a Japanese-language series that, when completed, will run to fifty volumes. At present, forty volumes have appeared.

Cries for Peace, an English-language translation of selected passages from the first twenty-five volumes, relates the sufferings and triumphs of Japanese people who survived the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the battle of Okinawa, intensive bomb raids on Tokyo, and other nightmares of war.

We are confident that these experiences will deeply move all leaders and strengthen a general human resolution to eliminate war from the earth.

We hope that you will find Cries for Peace valuable and meaningful and we shall be happy to receive your comments about it.

Sincerely yours,


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Re: Cries for Peace (Published by The Japan Times, Ltd.)

Acknowledgement is made of the receipt of a
complimentary copy of the above book.

Signed by:

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