

HIROSHIMA DAY - AUGUST 6



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-- Dr. Helen Caldicott

On August 6, 1945 the US dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, and three days later another one on Nagasaki. More than 100,000 people, mostly civilians, were killed. Fortunately, nuclear weapons have not been used again, but they remain a constant threat. Thousands of nuclear weapons remain on alert, ready to be fired at a moment's notice. These bombs could go off at any time by accident or at the hands of terrorists.

Recognizing the danger, most nations signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), agreeing to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and to work towards eliminating them. The NPT went into effect in 1970, but the number of nations with nukes has nearly doubled and there is still no timetable to eliminate nuclear weapons. A people's movement has grown to convince governments to rid the world of the nuclear threat. More than 250 municipalities around the world have declared themselves as Nuclear Free Zones.

Many also worry about nuclear energy which produces wastes that can't be safely disposed, threatening our environment and our future.

August 6, Hiroshima Day (No Nukes Day), is an opportunity to raise awareness about the threat of nuclear weapons and the dangers of nuclear energy. It's the perfect time to urge your Mayor to declare your city a Nuclear Free Zone.

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- Help educate your community about the ongoing threat of nuclear weapons and the dangers of nuclear energy.
- Ask your Mayor to declare your city a Nuclear Free Zone.
- Participate in an awareness-raising event.
- Support organizations working for a nuclear free world.
- Hand out DO ONE THING Cards.

Organizations For a Nuclear Free World

- Abolition 2000 (abolition2000.org)
- Atomic Mirror (atomicmirror.org)
- International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (ippnw.org)
- Middle Powers Initiative (middlepowers.org)
- NoNukes.org
- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (napf.org)
- TriValley CAREs (trivalleycares.org)

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"...as long as we have nuclear weapons on this earth, one could claim that no real life is actually thriving on the earth. We do not have life actualizing its fullest potential as long as there are nuclear weapons."

Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima

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"We must not only control the weapons that can kill us, we must bridge the great disparities of wealth and opportunity among the peoples of the world, the vast majority of whom live in poverty without hope, opportunity or choices in life. These conditions are a breeding ground for division that can cause a desperate people to resort to nuclear weapons as a last resort. Our only hope lies in the power of our love, generosity, tolerance and understanding and our commitment to making the world a better place for all..."

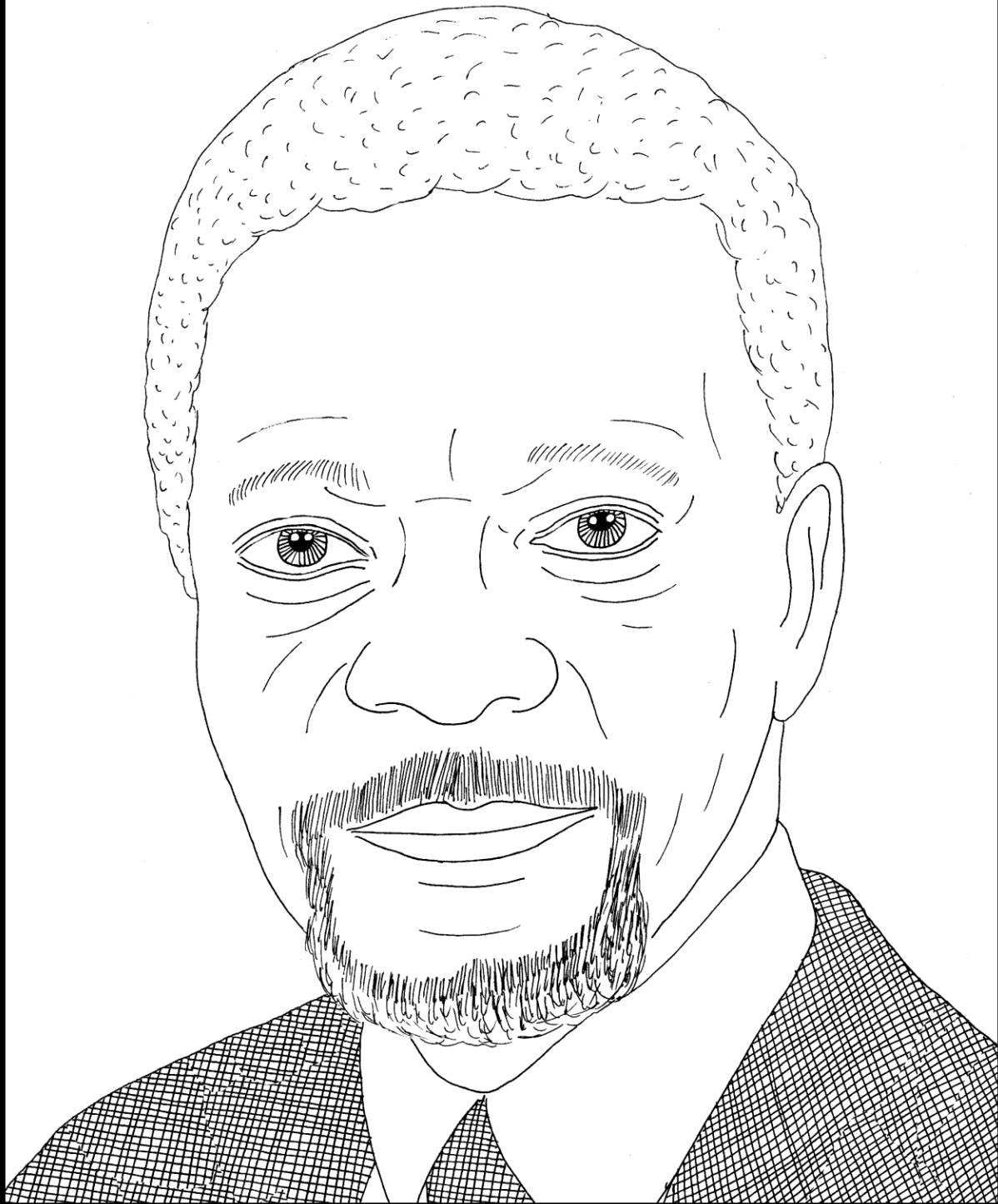
-- Muhammad Ali

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“Above all else, we need a reaffirmation of political commitment at the highest levels to reducing the dangers that arise both from existing nuclear weapons and from further proliferation.”

-- Kofi Annan

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**"Nuclear arms cannot bolster the security of any nation
because they represent a threat to the security of the human race."
-- Oscar Arias**

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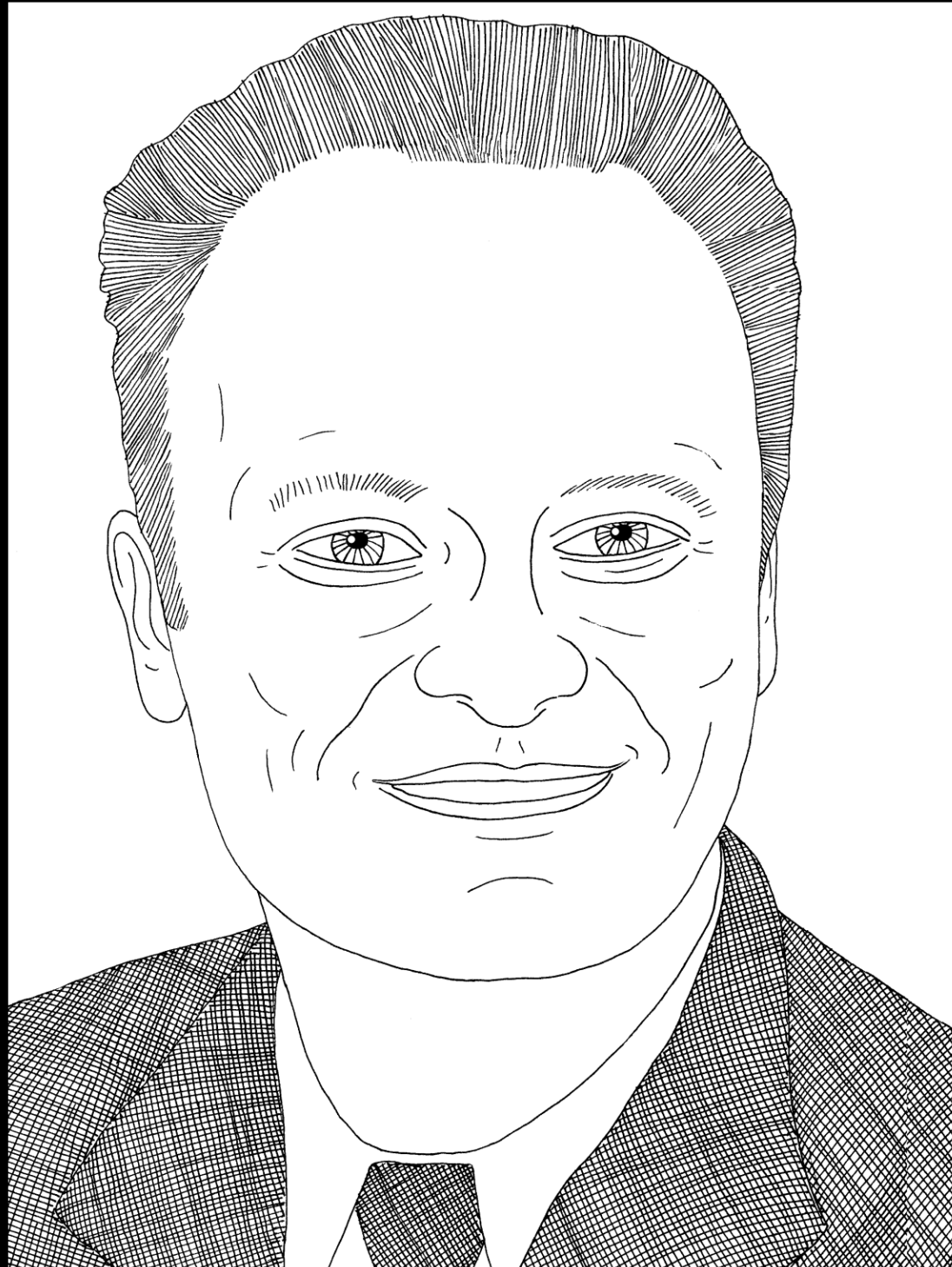
**"Nuclear weapons are the scourge of the earth;
to mine for them, manufacture them, deploy them, use them,
is a curse against God, the human family, and the earth itself."
-- Philip Berrigan**

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"I call on all scientists in all countries to cease and desist from work creating, developing, improving and manufacturing further nuclear weapons - and, for that matter, other weapons of potential mass destruction such as chemical and biological weapons."

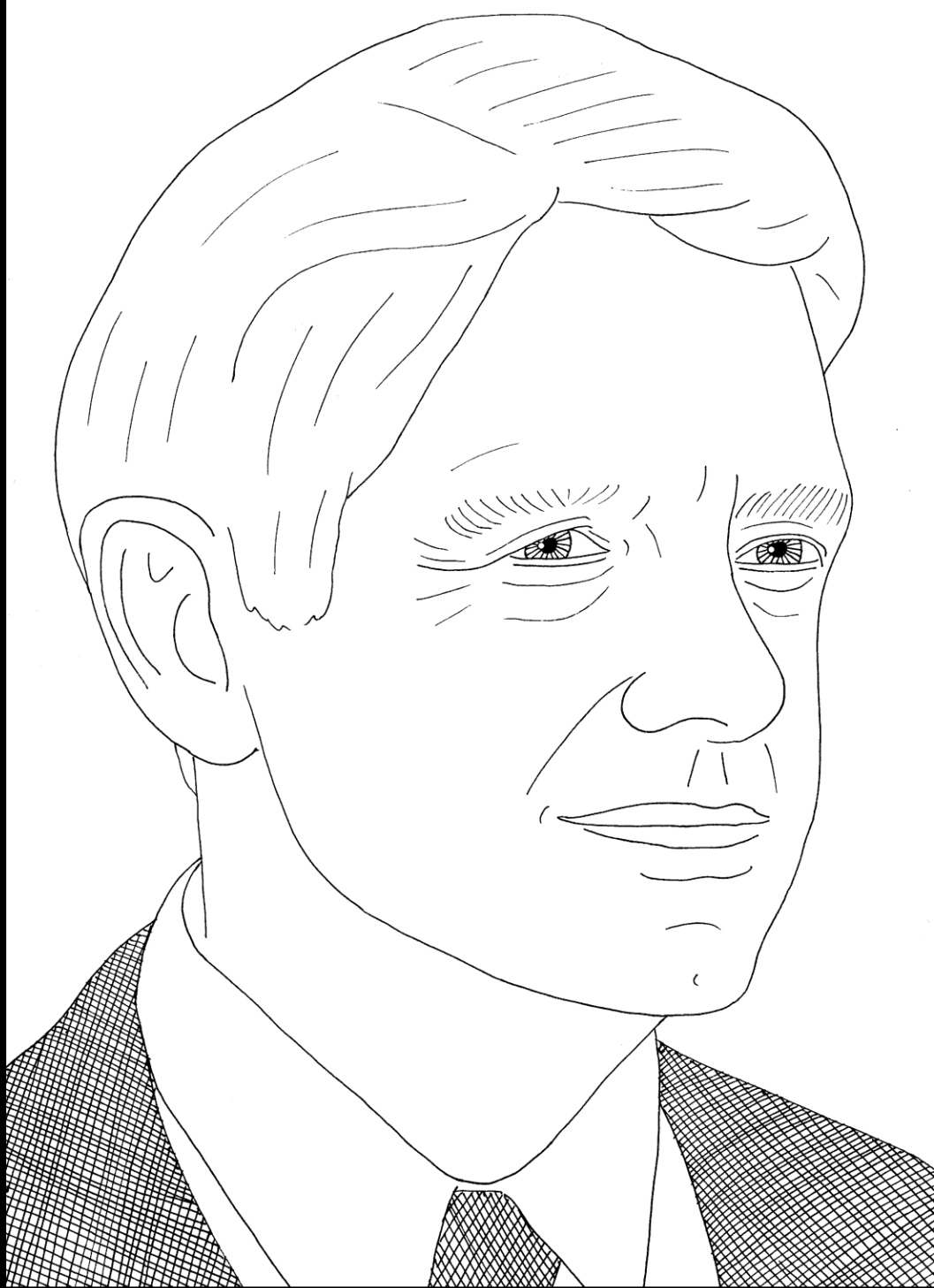
-- Hans Bethe

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"Is the minor convenience of allowing the present generation the luxury of doubling its energy consumption every 10 years worth the major hazard of exposing the next 20,000 generations to this lethal waste?"

-- David Brower

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"We're worrying for the country and we're worrying for our kids.
We say NO radioactive waste dump...in our country.
Don't waste our country. Don't waste our future."
-- Eileen Kampakuta Brown & The Kungka Tju

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"A world free of the threat of nuclear weapons is necessarily a world devoid of nuclear weapons.... Nuclear weapons pose an intolerable threat to humanity and our habitat...."

-- General Lee Butler

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"The risk of an all-out nuclear holocaust destroying all life on the planet has diminished, but the danger of actual nuclear weapons use has increased."

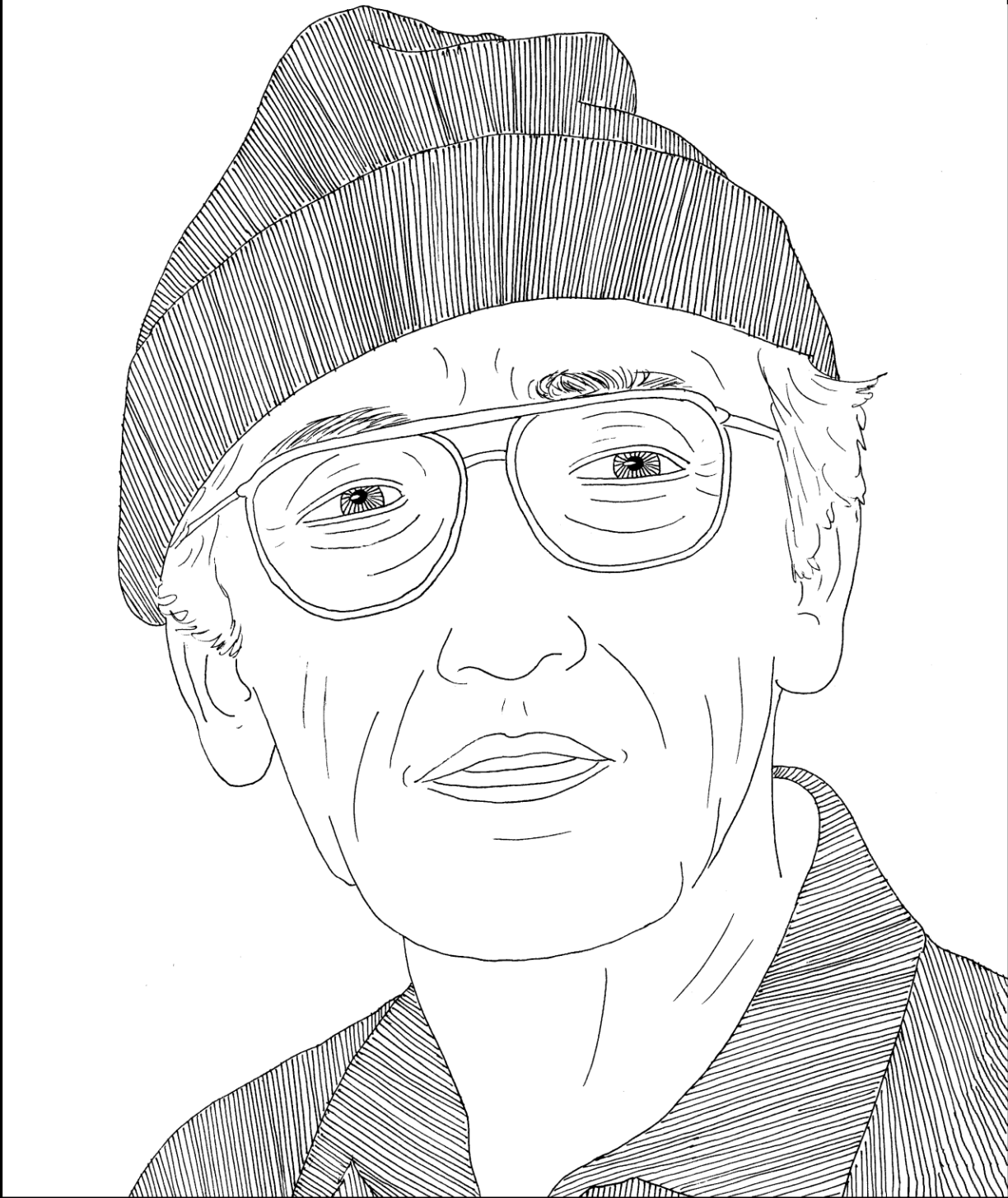
-- David Cortright

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"A common denominator in every single nuclear accident -- a nuclear plant or on a nuclear submarine -- is that before the specialists even know what has happened, they rush to the media saying, 'There's no danger to the public.' They do this before they themselves know what has happened because they are terrified that the public might react violently, either by panic or by revolt."

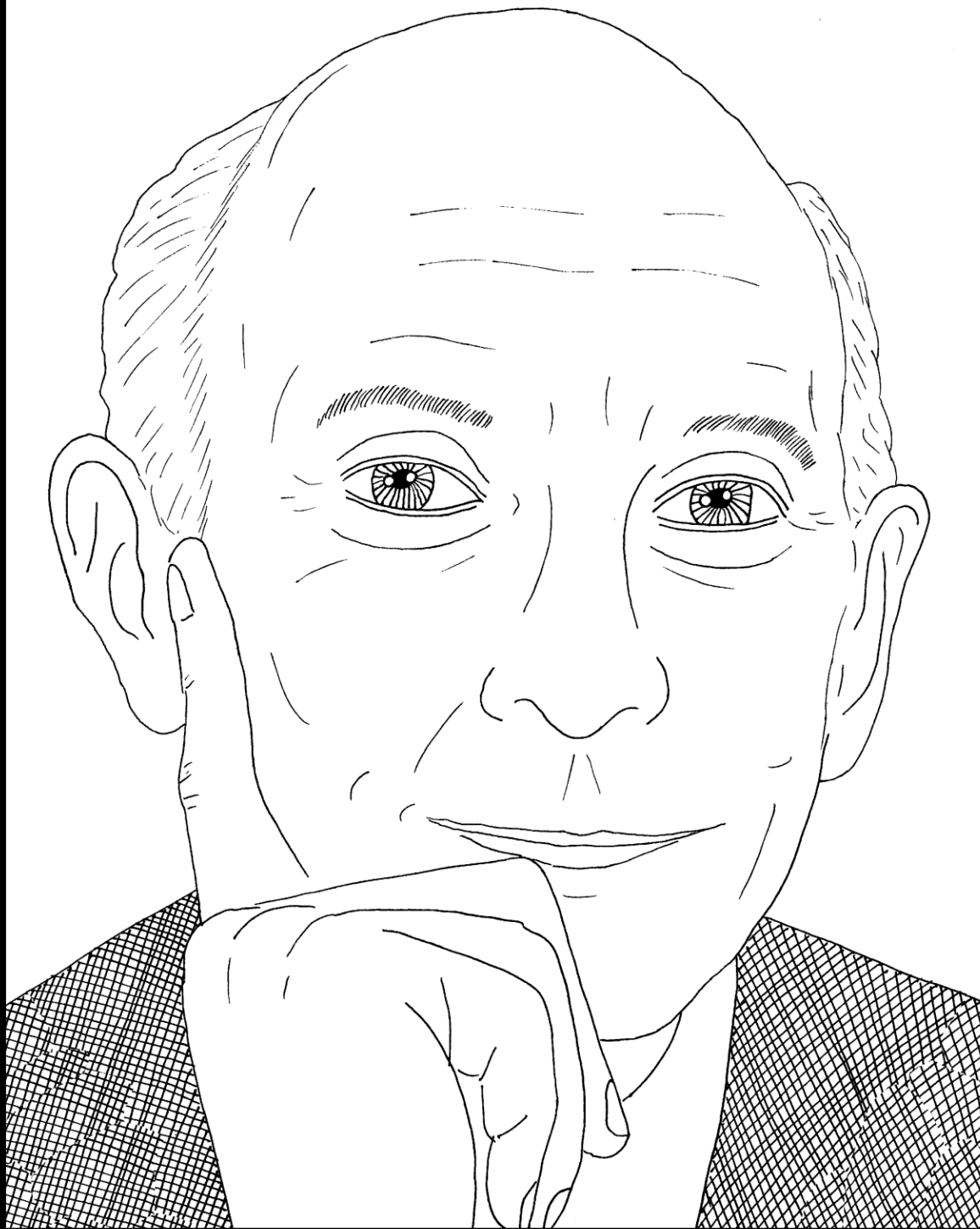
-- Jacques Cousteau

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"There's a very simple reason for focusing on the nuclear issue. Many, many issues are of supreme importance in one way or another, but if we blow ourselves up with nuclear weapons, no other issue is really going to matter."

-- Alan Cranston

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"The risks of transporting deadly nuclear waste, the environmental justice impacts and the long-term health effects of both these projects are untenable...We cannot afford to be silent on these important issues."

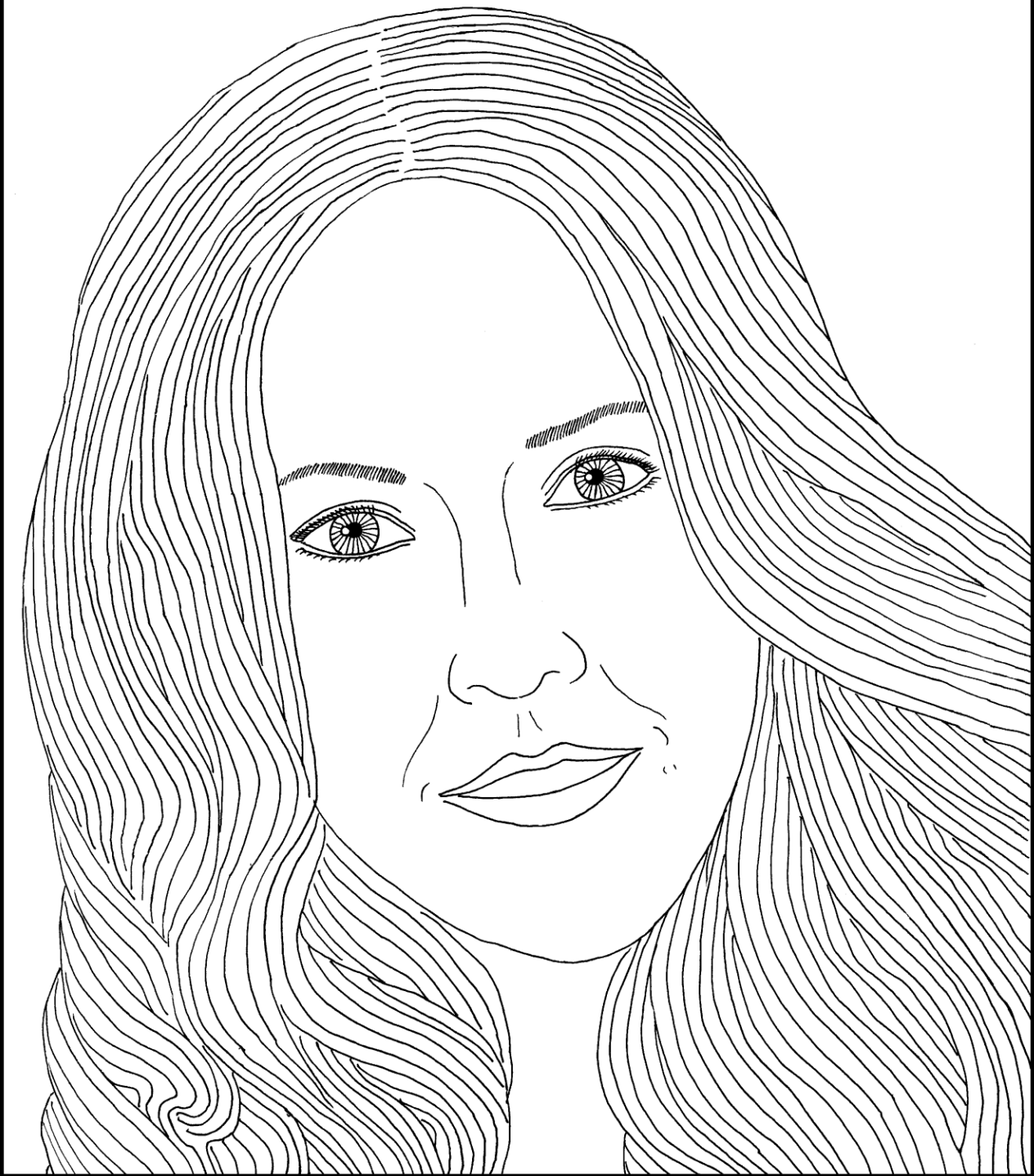
-- James Cromwell

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"...Nuclear energy is by no means clean. We don't know what to do with the waste we already have and it seems like a bad idea to me to make more when we have so many cleaner options such as wind and solar."

-- Sheryl Crow

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**"The nuclear arms race is like two people sitting in a pool of gasoline spending all their time making matches."
-- John Denver**

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**"We must unite to make nuclear weapons a horror of the past."
-- Michael Douglas**

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"Human beings should only use technology which if the worst case happens, it leads to an acceptable damage. Definitely nuclear energy is not in that category."

Hans-Peter Dürr

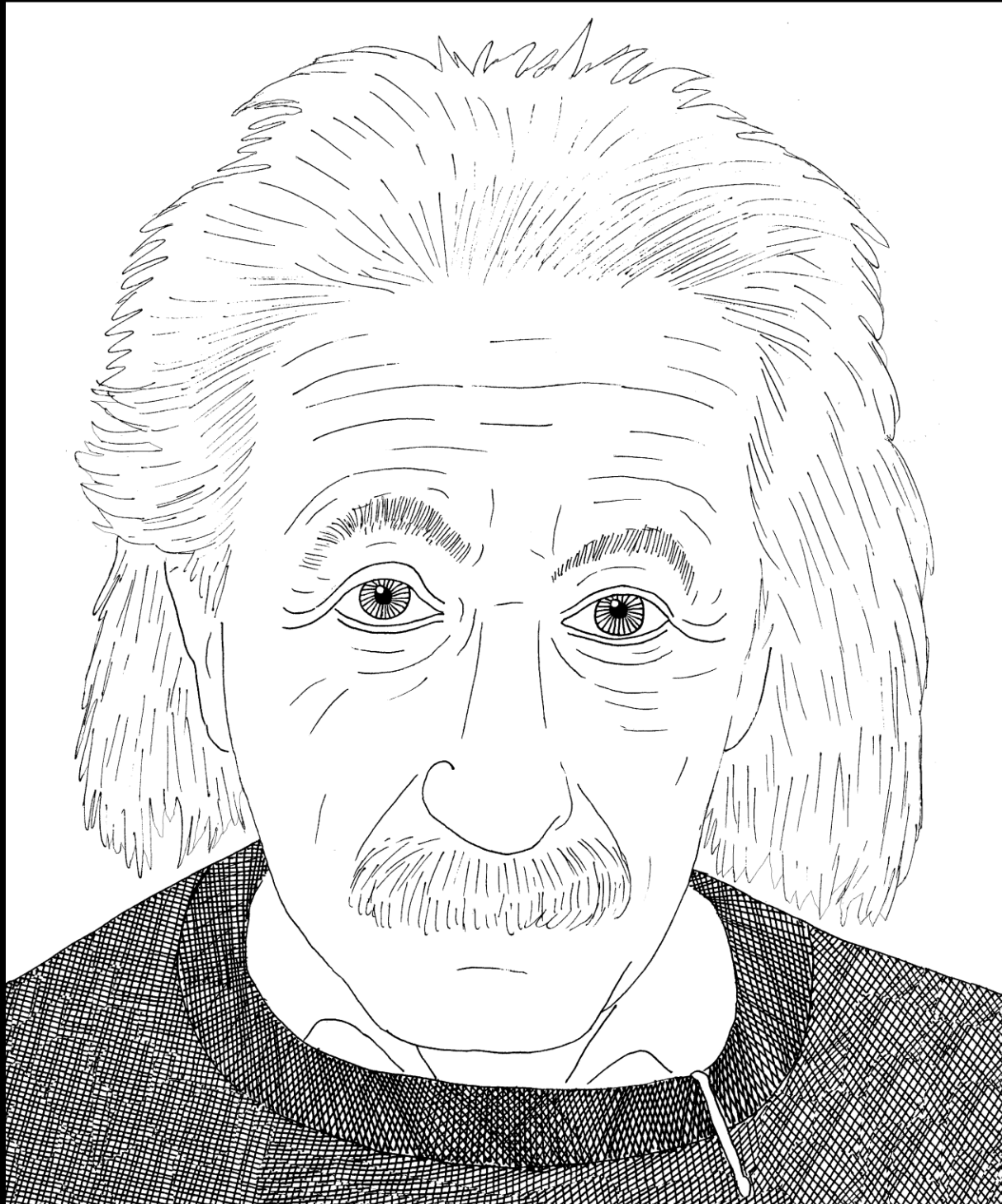
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**"I do not know with what weapons World War 3 will be fought,
but World War 4 will be fought with sticks and stones."**

-- Albert Einstein

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"The United States strongly seeks a lasting agreement for the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests. We believe that this would be an important step toward reduction of international tensions and would open the way to further agreement on substantial measures of disarmament."

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"It is time for the rest of the world to join ... in demanding that ALL the nuclear weapons states -including Israel, India and Pakistan, but above all the US and Russia - negotiate concrete steps on a definite time-table toward the global, inspected abolition of nuclear weapons."

-- Daniel Ellsberg

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"We must urge our leaders to fulfill the obligations of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The United States must assume world leadership to end once and for all the threat of nuclear war.

It is our moral responsibility."

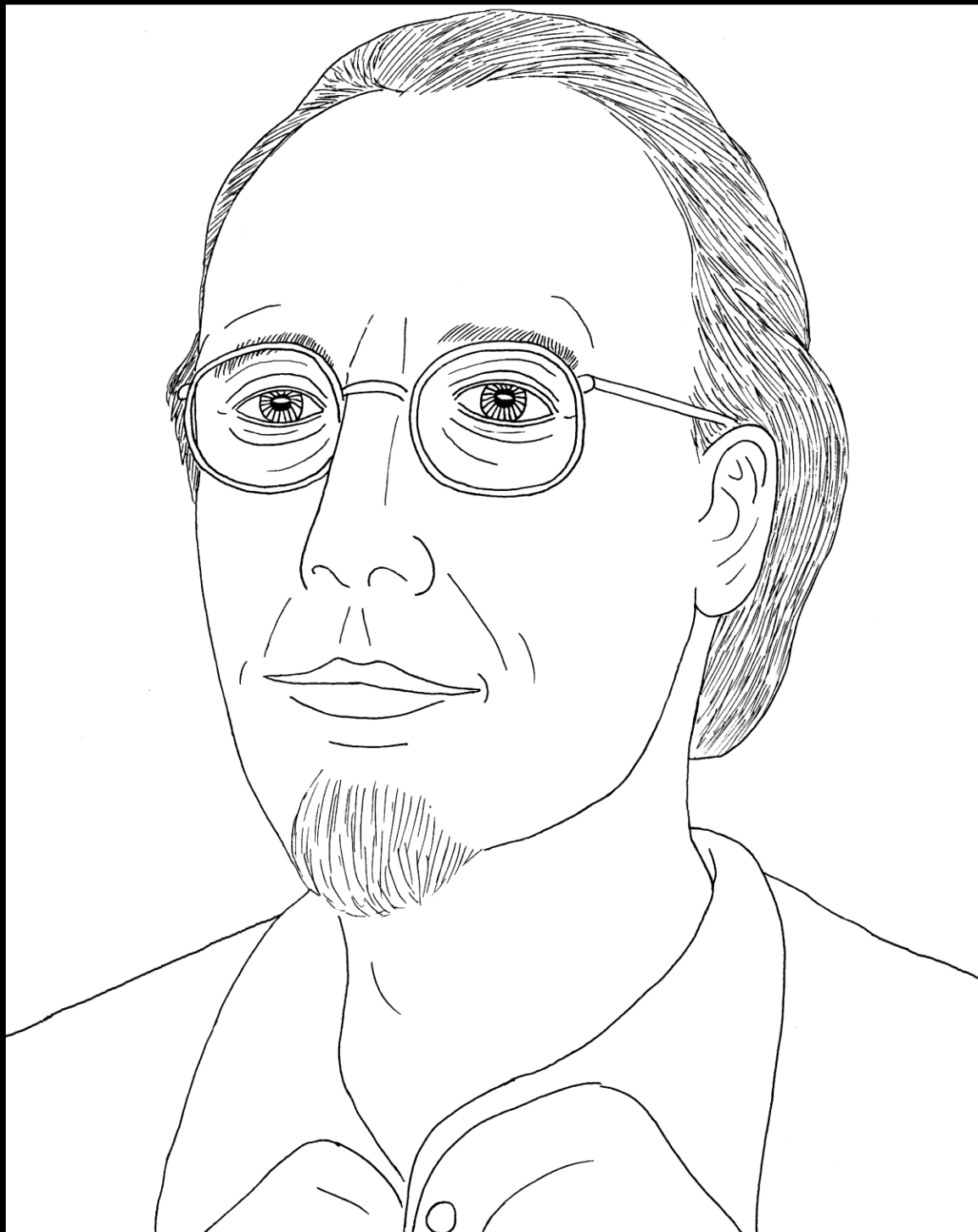
-- Harrison Ford

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"It is really a moral and ethical question. Should we be moving the already insane and expensive global arms race into space or should the U.S. be doing everything it can now, before it is too late, to create international agreements to keep space for peace?"

-- Bruce Gagnon

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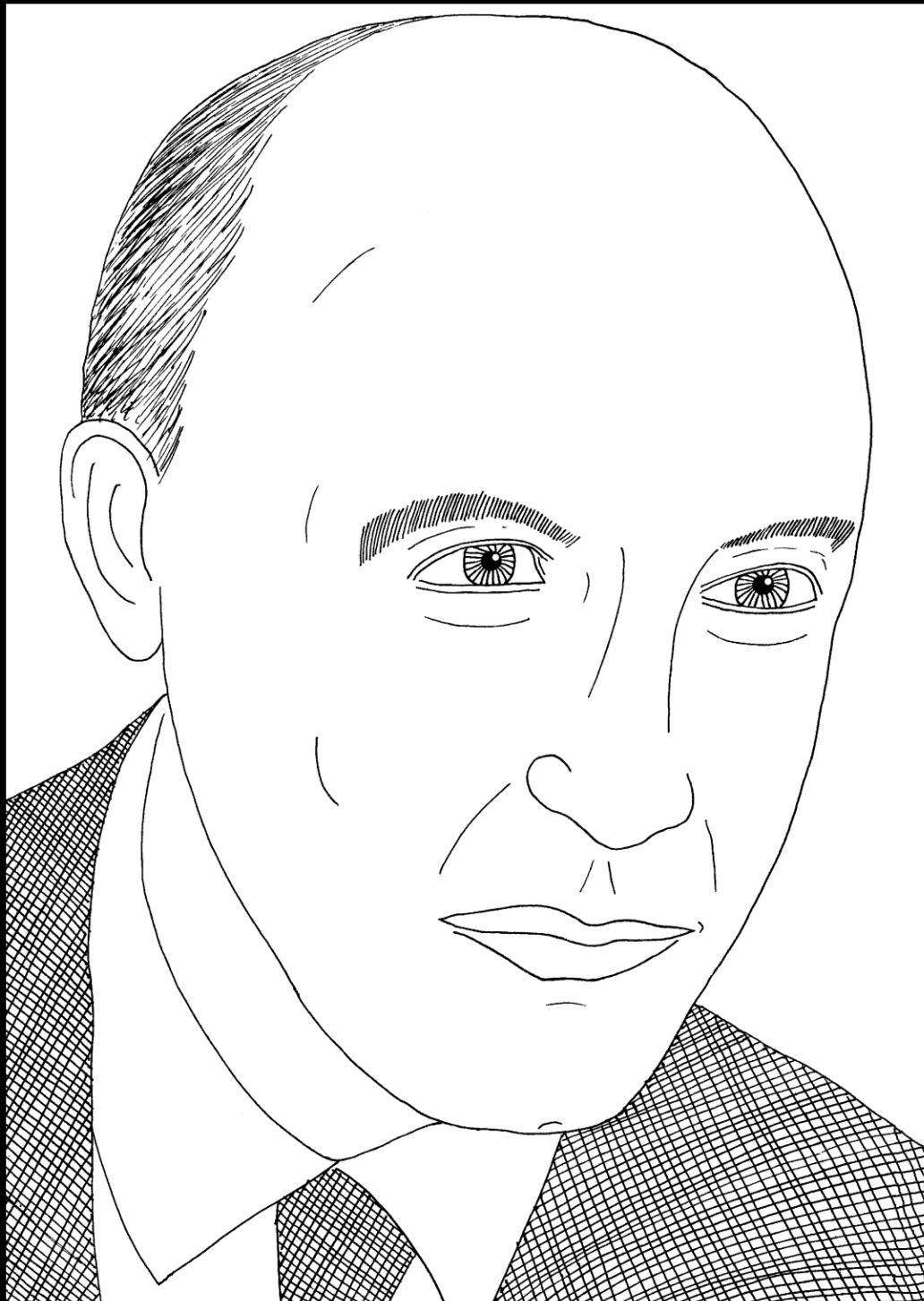
"We should put away the militaristic outlook. The U.S. should start talking about disarmament, nuclear disarmament, of the region."
-- Akbar Ganji, Iranian Journalist

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The fact that lately some circles...have been actively promoting certain theories, as dangerous as they are illusory, of a "limited", "winnable" or "protracted" nuclear war, as well as their obsession of "nuclear superiority", make it advisable to bear always in mind that the immediate goal of all States, as was expressly declared in the Final Document of the Special Assembly of 1978, "is that of the elimination of the danger of a nuclear war".

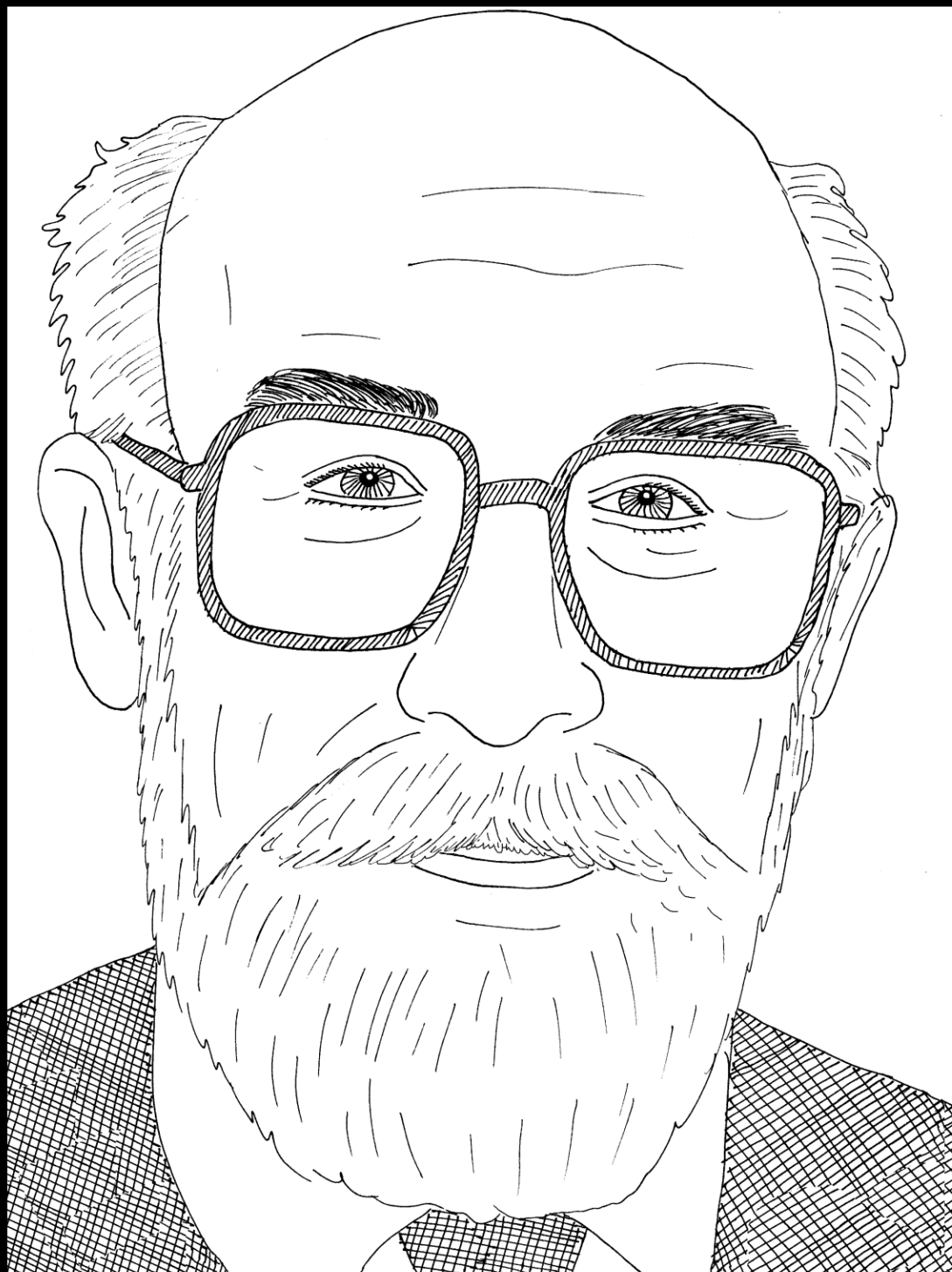
— Alfonso Garcia Robles

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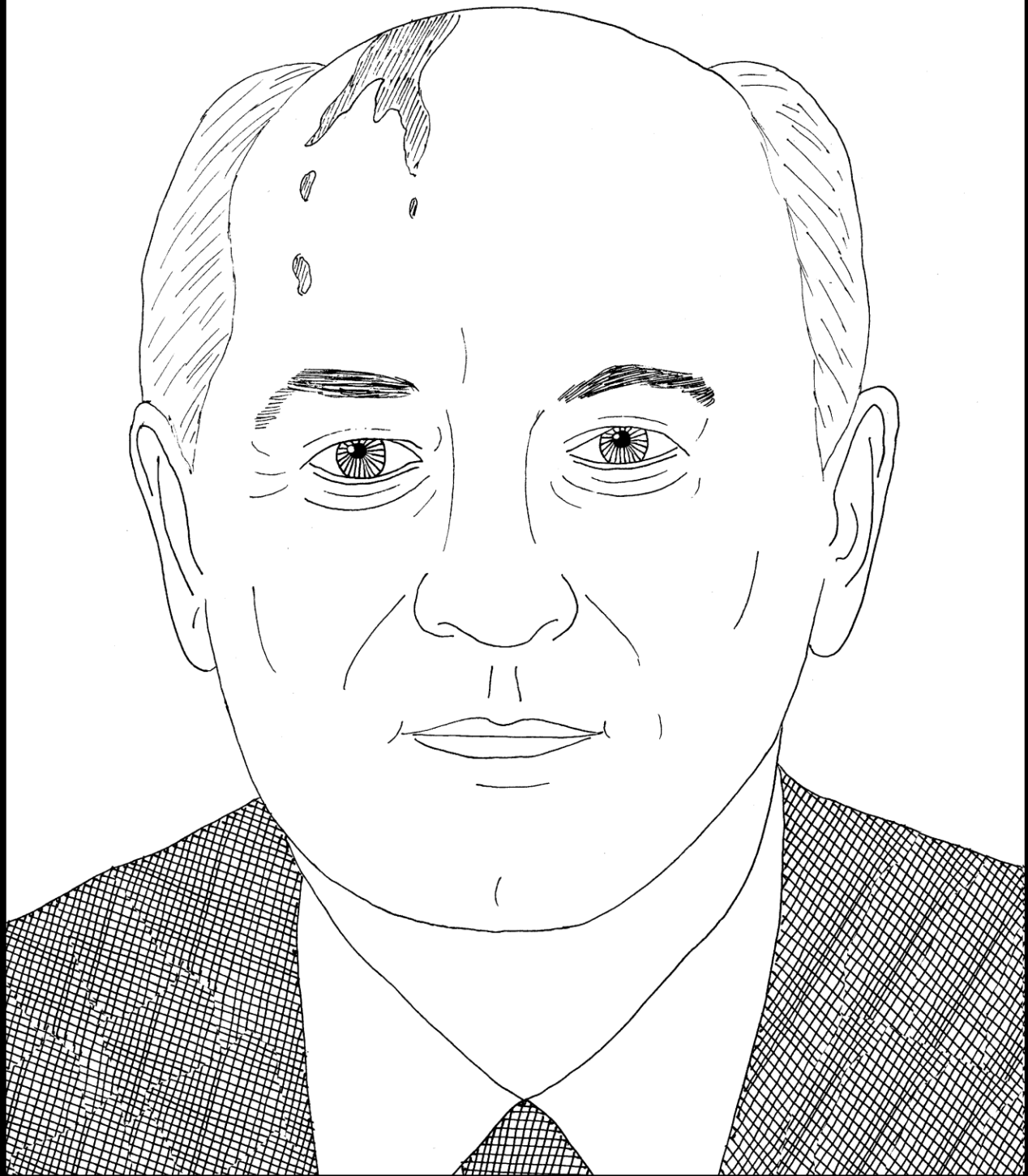
**"Licensing a nuclear power plant is in my view,
licensing random premeditated murder."
-- Dr. John Gofman**

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"It is my firm belief that the infinite and uncontrollable fury of nuclear weapons should never be held in the hands of any mere mortal ever again, for any reason."

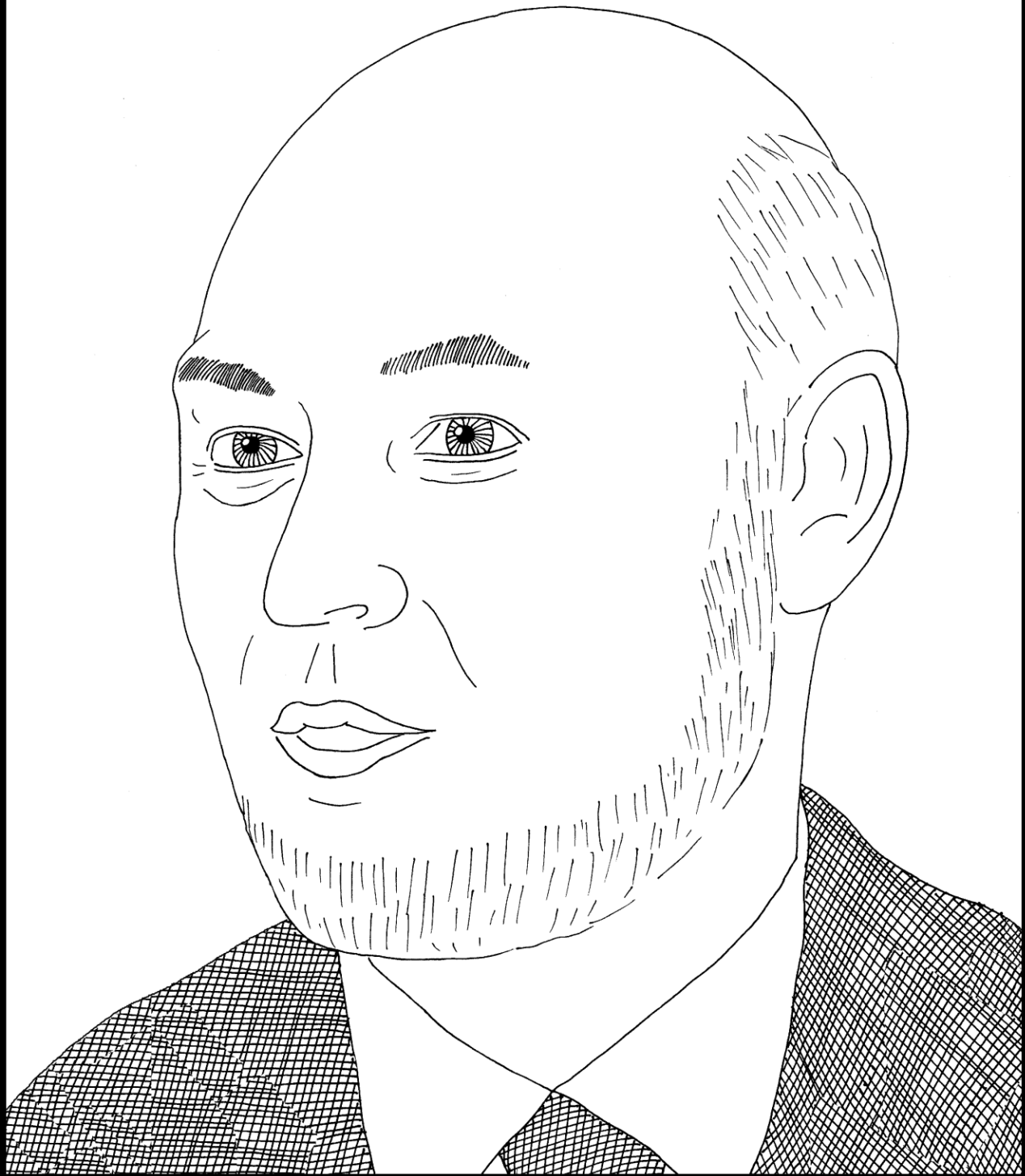
-- Mikhail Gorbachev

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"Nuclear weapons elimination will make all states and their people safer.
It is time to assert our right to live in a nuclear weapons free world."

-- Jonathan Granoff

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"The time has come for those nations that rely on the force of nuclear armaments to respectfully heed the voices of peace-loving people, not least the atomic bomb survivors, to strive in good faith for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and to advance towards the complete abolishment of all such weapons."

-- Iccho Itoh, Mayor of Nagasaki

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**"Uranium is the raw material of a power-elite
who has taken Mother Earth's every living creature hostage."
-- Petra Kelly**

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"Today, every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable. Every man, woman and child lives under a nuclear sword of Damocles hanging by the slenderest of threads, capable of being cut at any moment by accident or miscalculation or by madness. The weapons of war must be abolished before they abolish us..."

-- John F. Kennedy

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"If we are to achieve a world free from nuclear weapons, we need the involvement of young people. Youth have energy, enthusiasm and many good ideas to share. Most importantly, however, it is young people who will be inheriting the problems which have been left to them by the generations past."

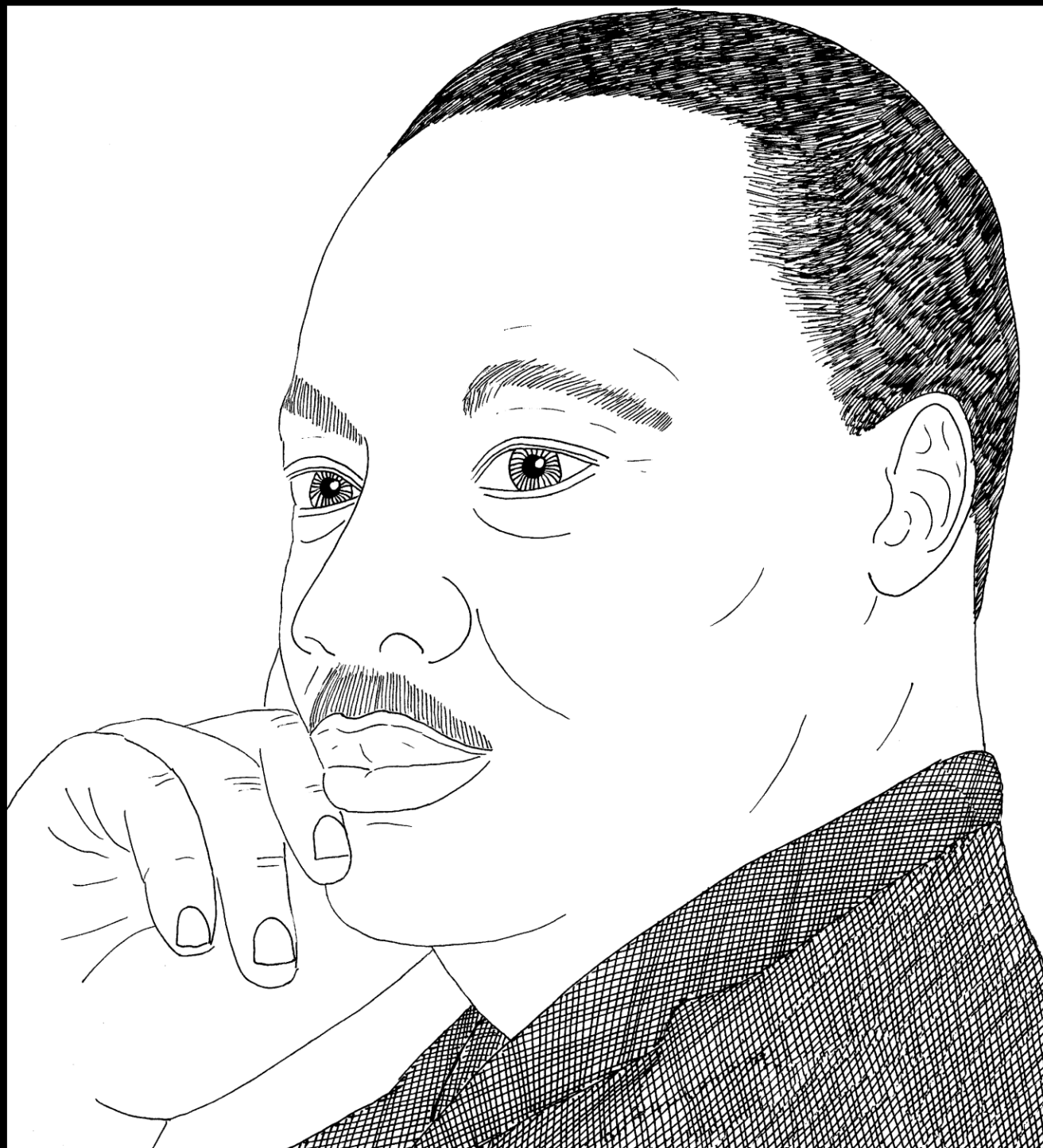
-- Marc Kielburger

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"Somehow we must transform the dynamics of the world power struggle from the negative nuclear arms race which no one can win to a positive contest to harness man's creative genius for the purpose of making peace and prosperity a reality for all of the nations of the world."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"Hope is not enough to change the world, to bring peace, to end starvation and poverty, to provide a decent education for all children, or to prevent nuclear holocaust. Yet it is a critical starting point for building a better and brighter future. All of us are challenged to connect hope to action until we have created a mighty river that will carve a new path to the future."

-- David Krieger

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**"We must work toward the elimination of all nuclear weapons,
and an end to policies which cause this country to move
toward the weaponization of space."**

-- Dennis Kucinich

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"Our nuclear free status is a statement of our belief that we and our fellow human beings can build the institutions which will one day allow us all to renounce the weapons of mass destruction."
-- David Lange (32nd Prime Minister of New Zealand)

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"Drawing from the tragic lessons of nuclear atrocities experienced by the Indigenous Peoples we recognize that the testing, development and use of nuclear weapons is a crime against all humanitarian law..."

-- Hilda Lini

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"We physicians have focused on the nuclear threat as the singular issue of our era. We are not indifferent to other human rights and hard-won civil liberties. But first we must be able to bequeath to our children the most fundamental of all rights, which preconditions all others; the right to survival."

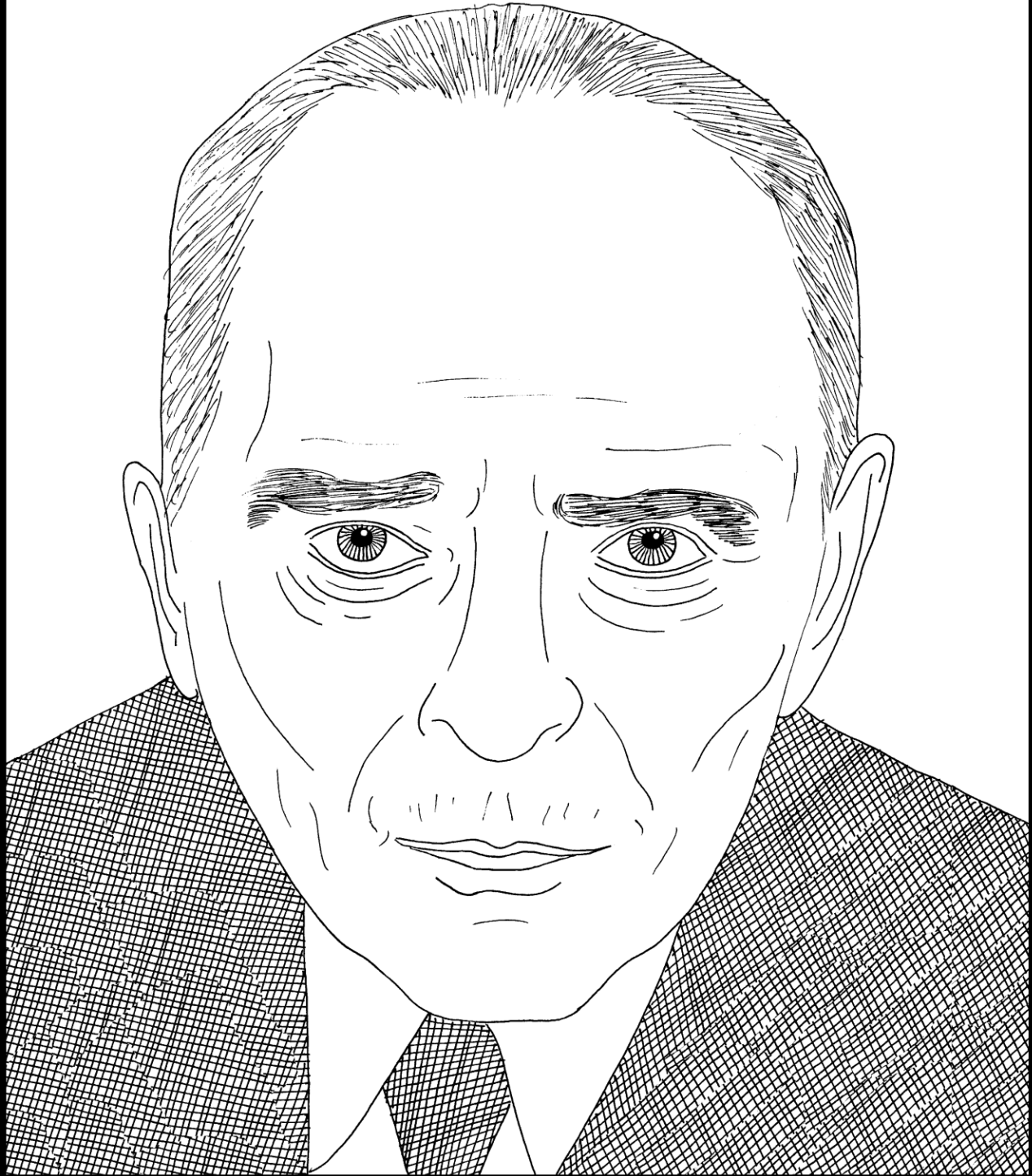
-- Bernard Lown

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"The right of an individual to refuse to kill, to torture, or to participate in the preparation for the nuclear destruction of humanity seems to me to be fundamental."

-- Sean MacBride

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"Environmentalists have long been fond of saying that the sun is the only safe nuclear reactor, situated as it is some ninety-three million miles away."

-- Stephanie Mills

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"Our immediate striving must be aimed at preventing what, in the present situation, is the greatest threat to the very survival of mankind, the nuclear threat."

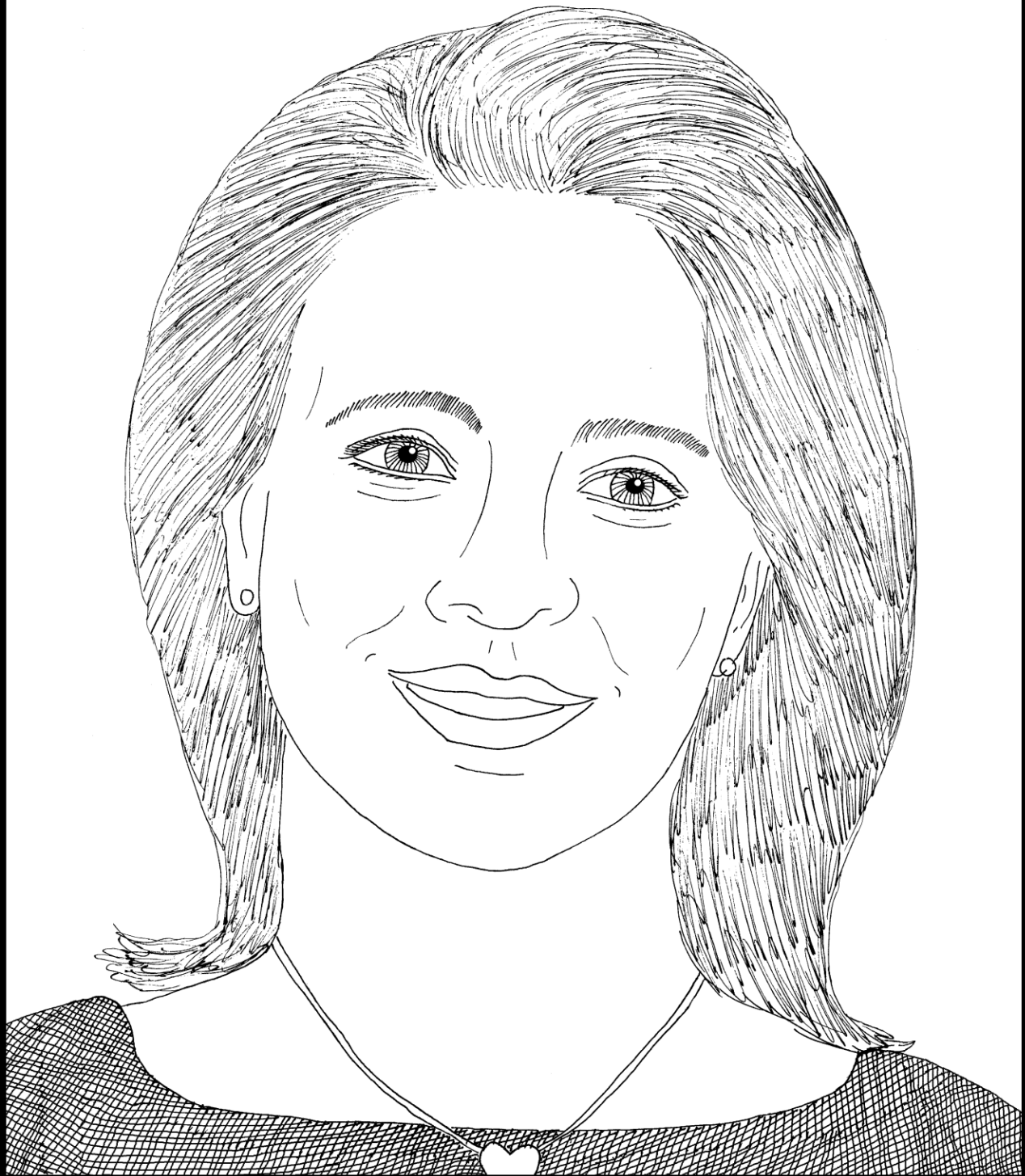
-- Alva Myrdal

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"The sheer folly of trying to defend a nation by destroying all life on the planet must be apparent to anyone capable of rational thought. Nuclear capability must be reduced to zero, globally, permanently.

There is no other option."

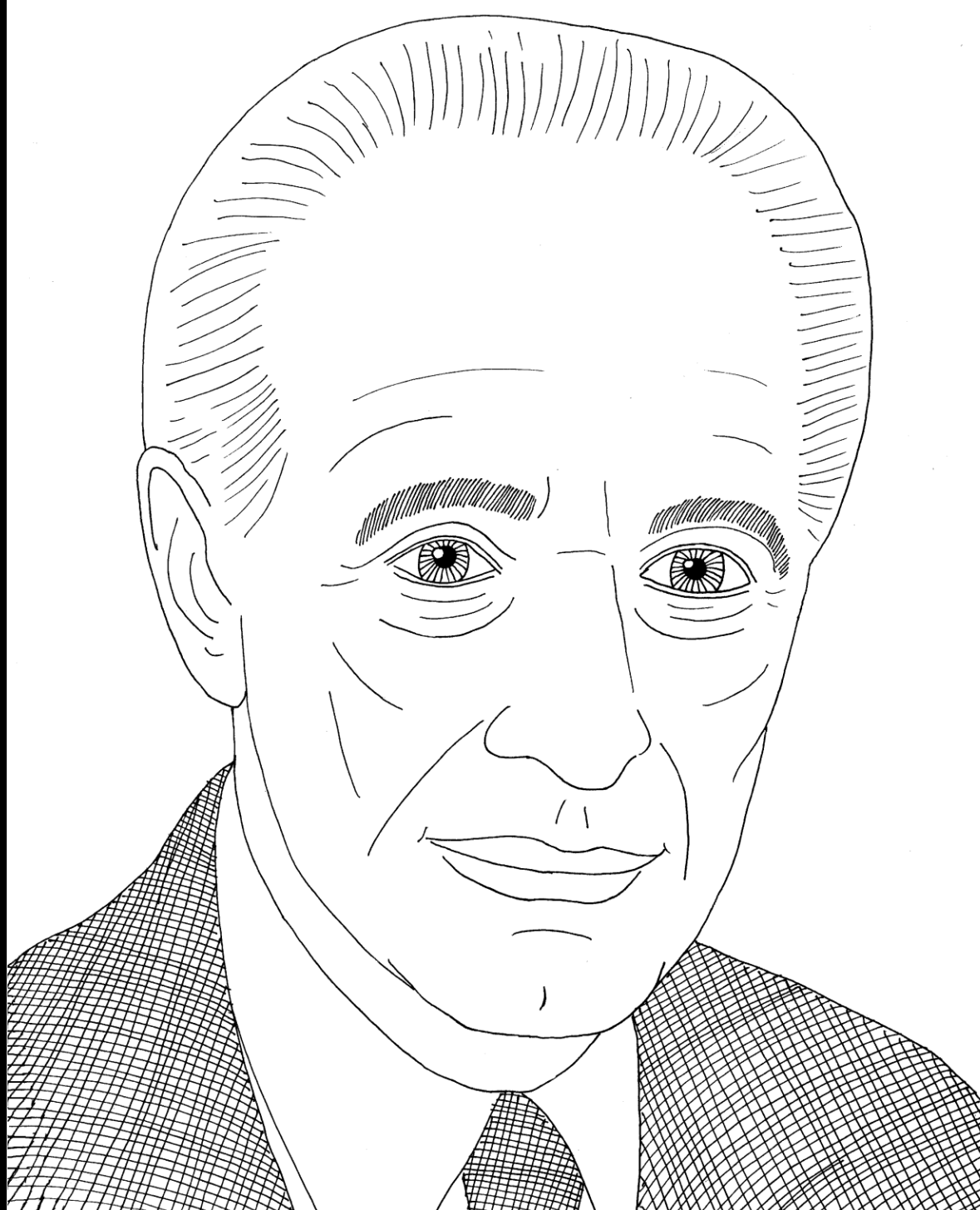
-- Queen Noor of Jordan

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"The foes now are universal - poverty, famine, religious radicalization, desertification, drugs, proliferation of nuclear weapons, ecological devastation. They threaten all nations...Classical diplomacy and strategy were aimed at identifying enemies and confronting them. Now they have to identify dangers, global or local, and tackle them before they become disasters."

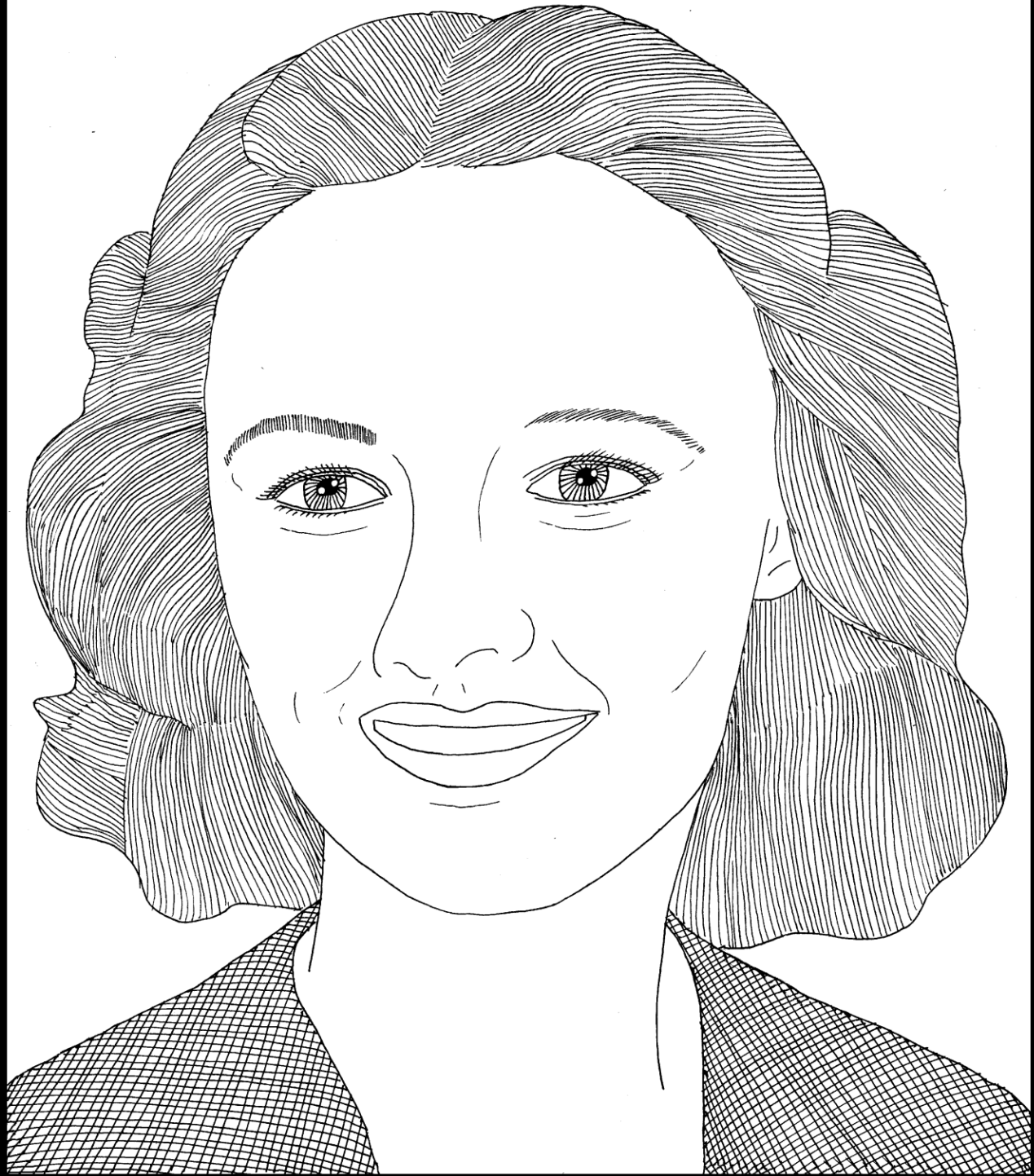
-- Shimon Peres

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"If nuclear power plants are safe, let the commercial insurance industry insure them. Until these most expert judges of risk are willing to gamble with their money, I'm not willing to gamble with the health and safety of my family."

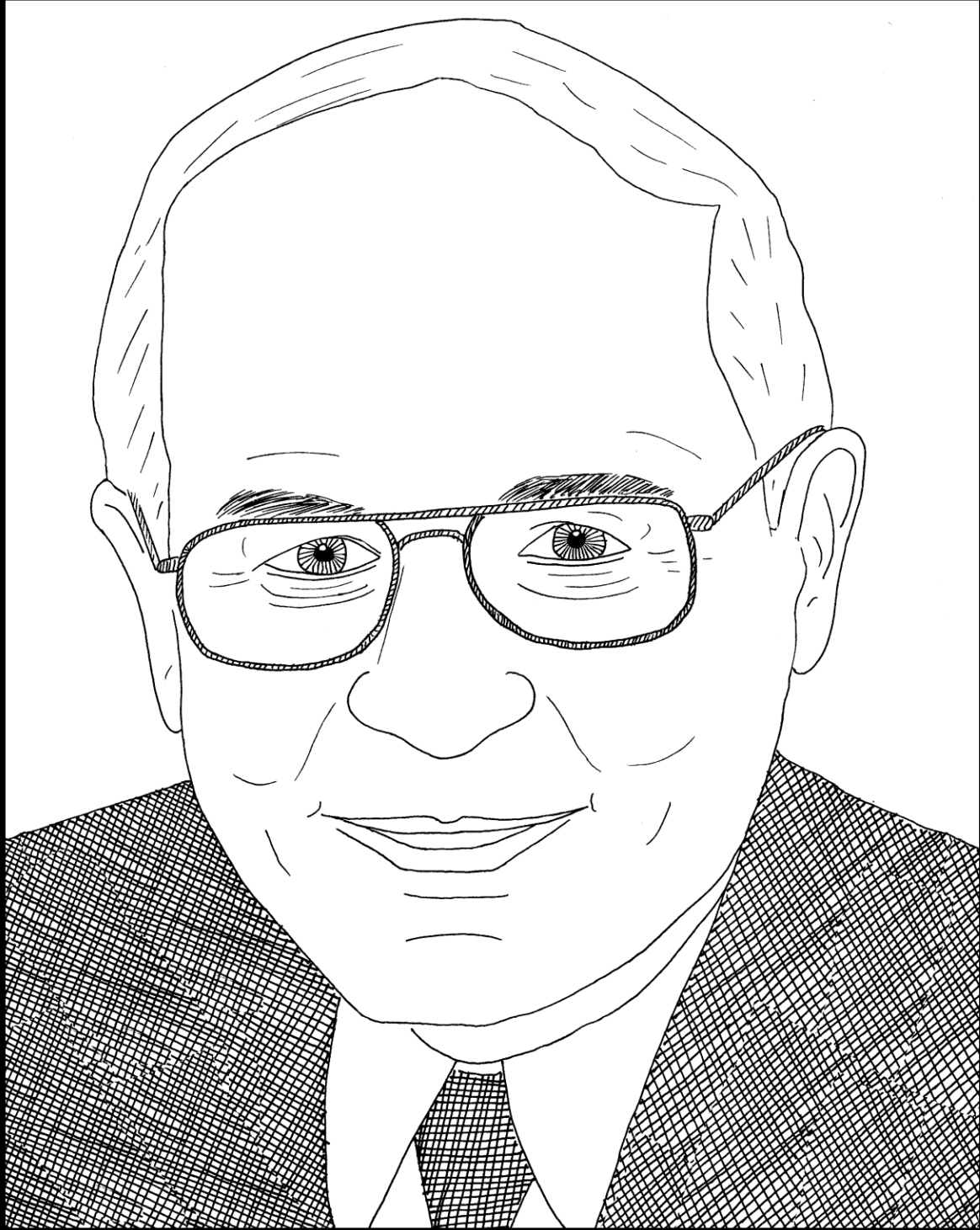
-- Donna Reed

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"Extending social and economic development throughout the world and eliminating nuclear weapons from military arsenals are two fundamental prerequisites to replacing the culture of war with a culture of peace, and building true security for all the world's people."

-- Douglas Roche

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**"Nuclear disarmament is not just an ardent desire of the people,
as expressed in many resolutions of the United Nations.
It is a legal commitment ... for the sake of humanity -
we must get rid of all nuclear weapons."**

-- Joseph Rotblat

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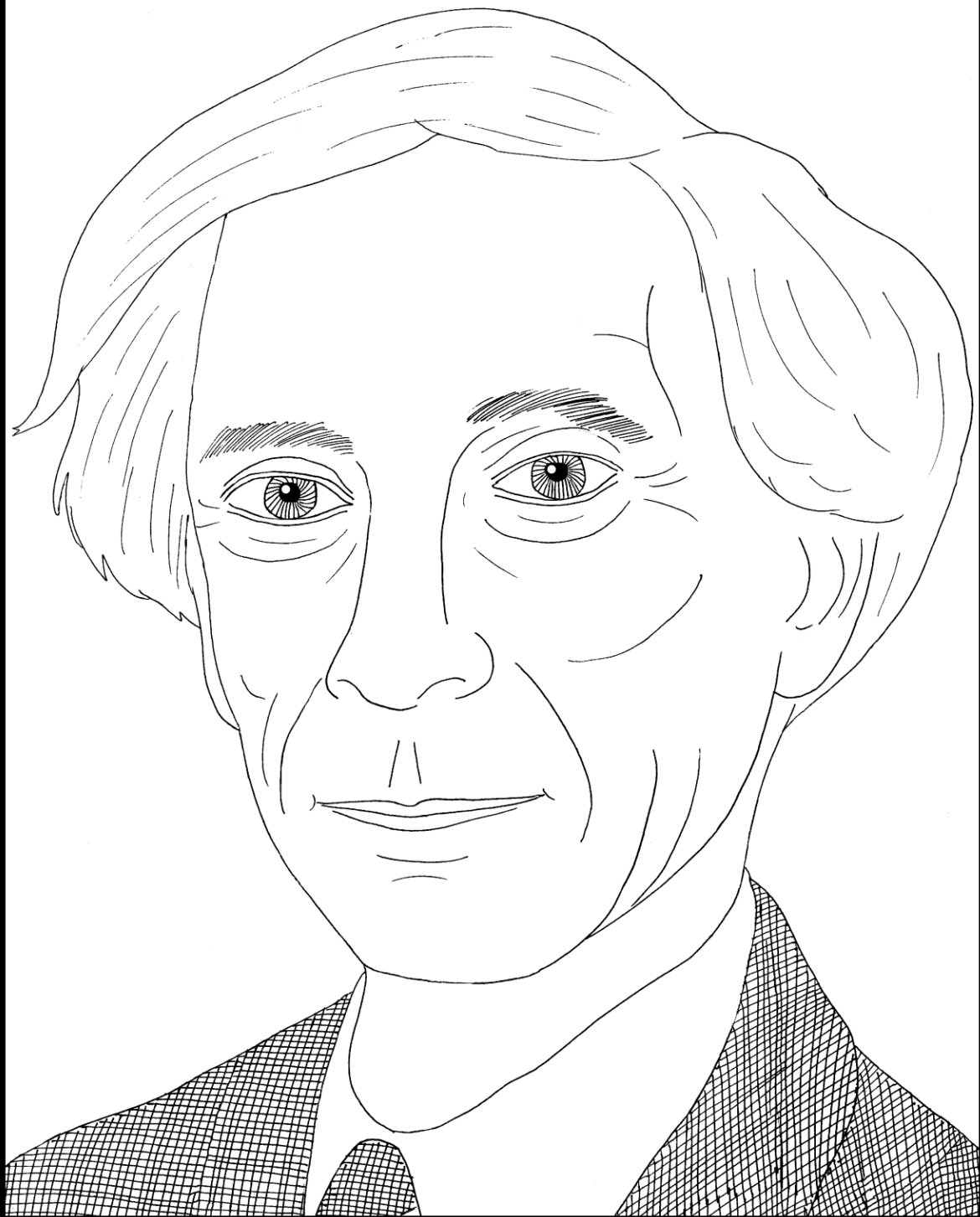
"If you are religious, then remember that this bomb is man's challenge to God. It's worded quite simply: We have the power to destroy everything you have created. If you're not religious, then look at it this way. This world of ours is four thousand, six hundred million years old. It could end in an afternoon."
-- Arundhati Roy

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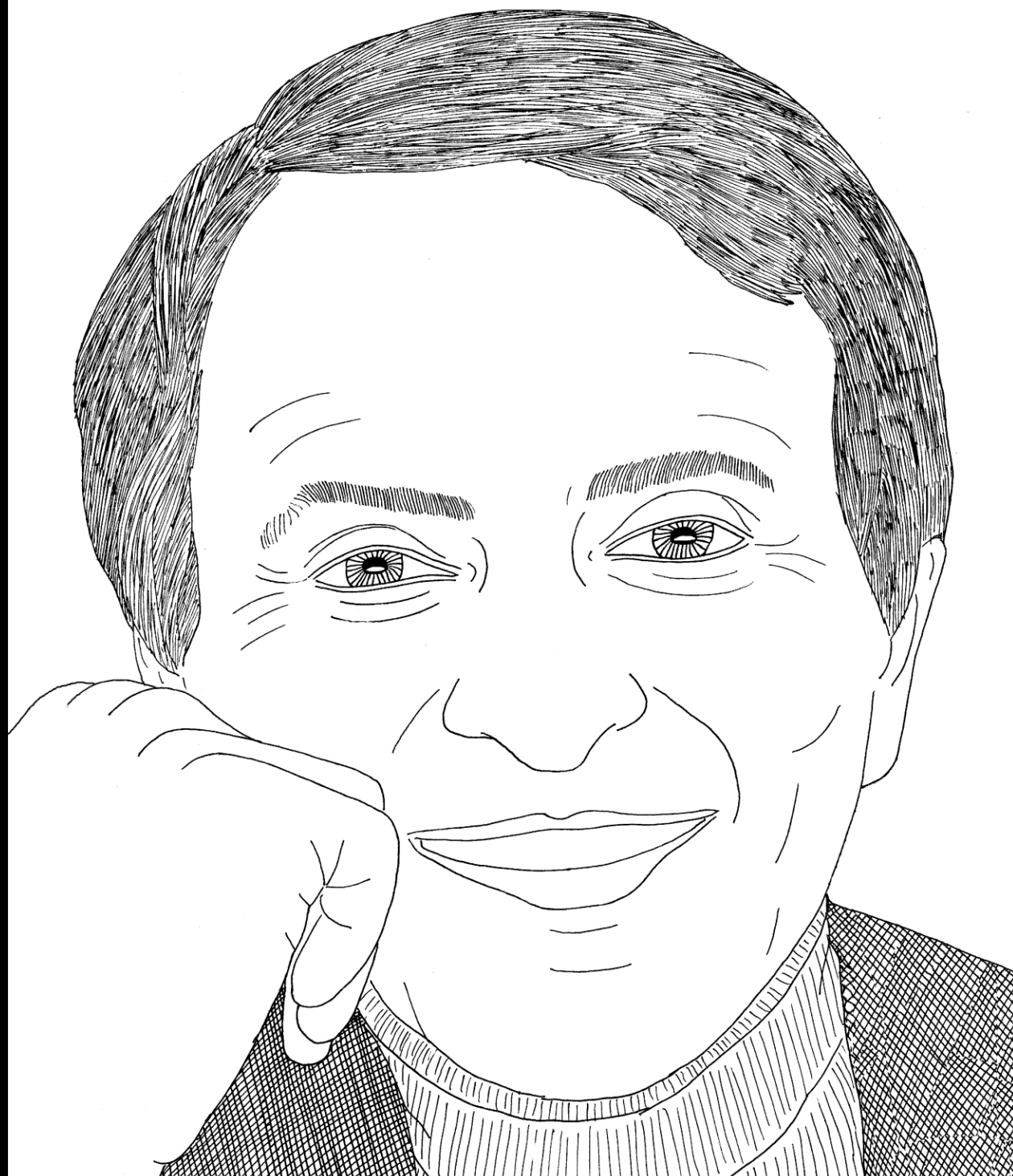
"This idea of weapons of mass extermination is utterly horrible and is something which no one with one spark of humanity can tolerate."
-- Bertrand Russell

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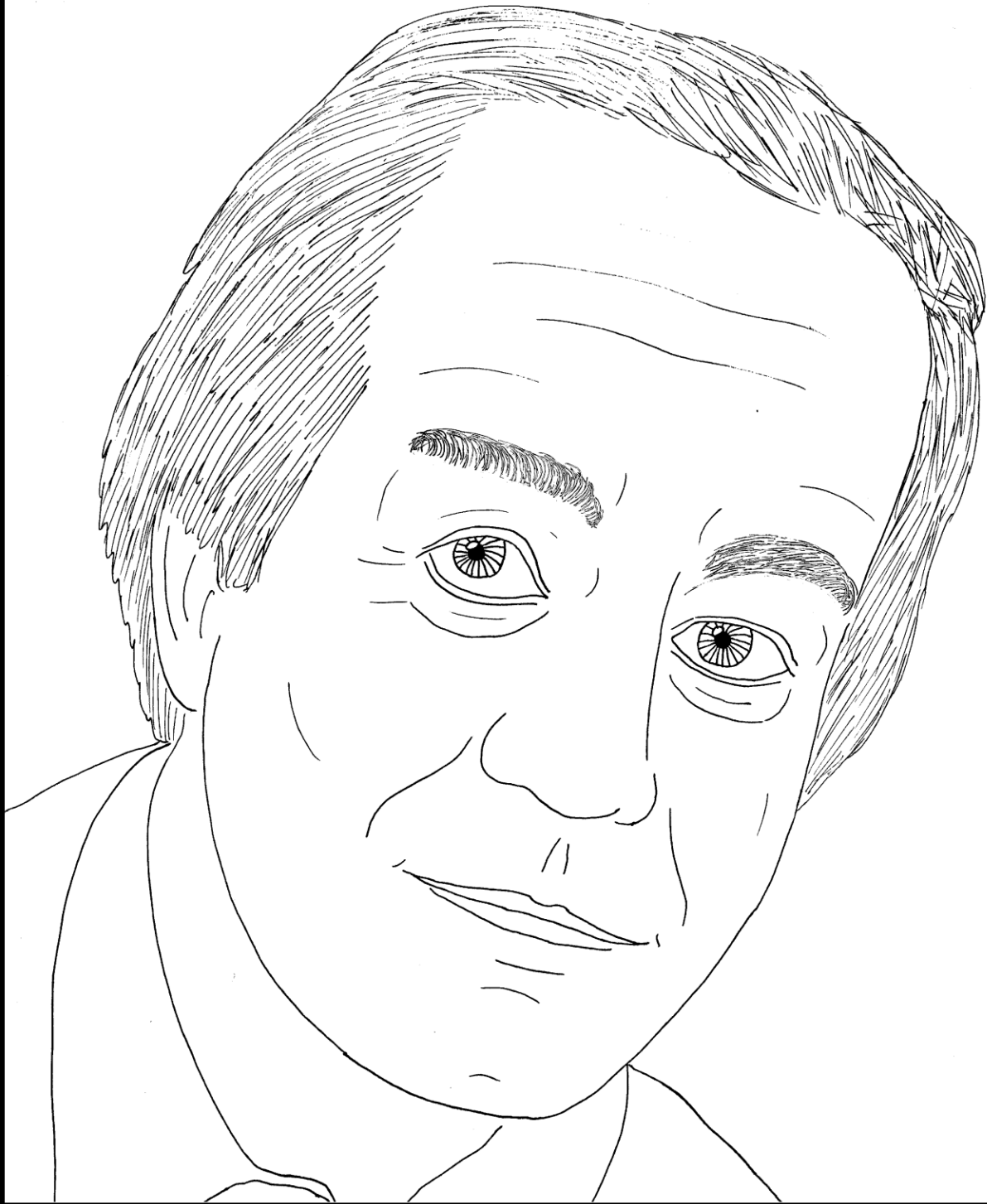
**"Except for fools and madmen, everyone knows that nuclear war would be an unprecedented human catastrophe."
-- Carl Sagan**

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"The use of a mere dozen nuclear weapons ... would be a human catastrophe without parallel... Because so few weapons can kill so many people, even far-reaching disarmament proposals would leave us implicated in plans for unprecedented slaughter of innocent people. The sole measure that can free us from this burden is abolition."

-- Jonathan Schell

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"Peace is the one condition of survival in this nuclear age."
-- Adlai Stevenson

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"There seems now no reasonable justification
for continuing any civil plutonium program."

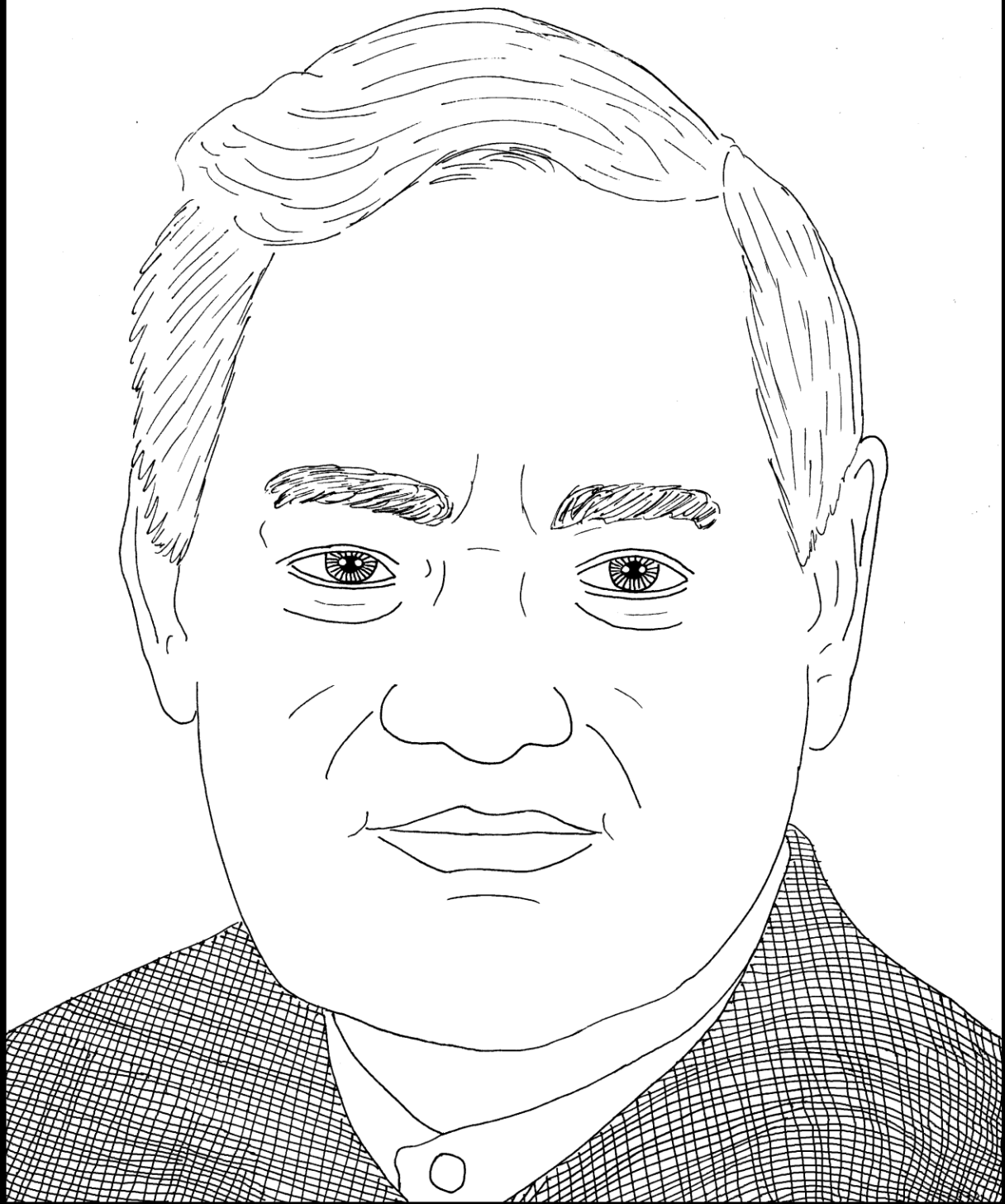
-- Jinzaburo Takagi

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**"We do not believe that a nuclear war should be fought
and we do not believe that a nuclear war can be won."**

-- Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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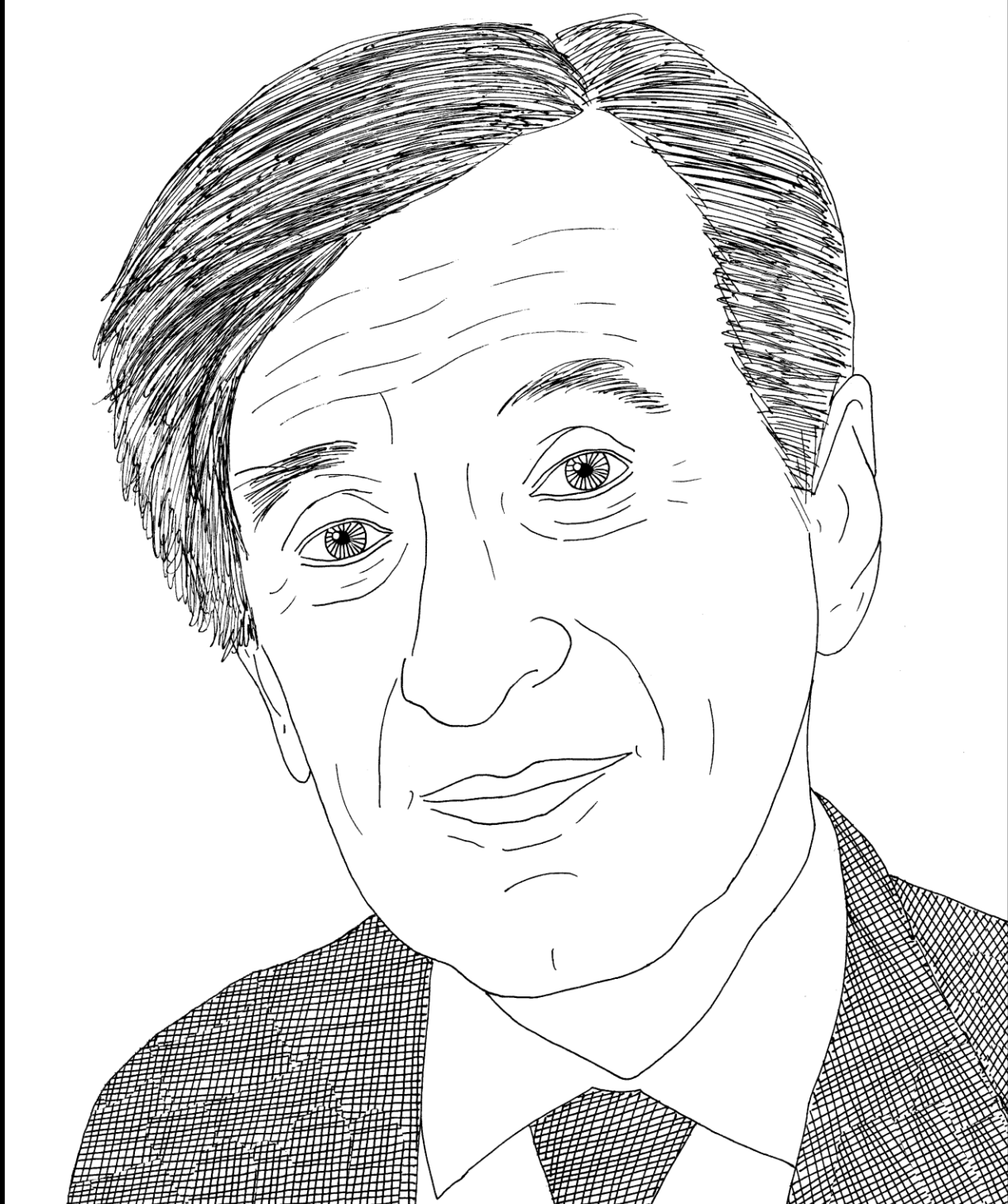
**"The creation of a nuclear weapons convention is not only achievable, it is imperative if civilisation is to survive."
-- Christopher Weeramantry**

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"Mankind needs peace more than ever, for our entire planet, threatened by nuclear war, is in danger of total destruction. A destruction only man can provoke, only man can prevent."

-- Elie Wiesel

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"We believe in taking down the barriers, but we also believe in the most energetic reconciliation among peoples by getting them to know each other... It is much harder to kill your near neighbor than the thousands of unknown and hostile aliens at the other end of a nuclear missile. We have to create a world in which there are no unknown, hostile aliens at the other end of any missiles."

-- Betty Williams

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"...nuclear threats and nuclear weapons are the last argument
of weak, stressed and irresponsible politicians.
People must act very quickly to stop the movement to nuclear war."
-- Alla Yaroshinskaya

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