

### The Weight of Moral Approval

Individual violators of the world disarmament agreement — any head of an armament firm, ambitious rulers, etc. — would be tried for their offense before the recognized World Court. Supported by the weight of moral approval, only the World Patrol Force would be permitted the minimum use of arms (if necessary) to bring violators to Court.

### SUMMARY

The Borsodi Peace Plan rests on humane values and moral aims — it awaits the raising of consciousness to understand and approve the ethics of unearned values from mineral resources benefitting all humankind, instead of, as today, those who rule or reside over such resources. Such economic rent would sustain a voluntary World Patrol Force limited to patrolling armament and bringing to the World Court for trial and restitution any person who violates the disarmament pledges of national governments.

All people everywhere would benefit from such integration of ethical values and institutions. Absence of armed conflict would be insured, and persons — in communities, regions, and nations — could safely put energy and funds into useful, productive, and educational activity at their own discretion.

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## Ralph Borsodi's Unique GLOBAL PEACE PLAN

Why in a modern day when technology has made this one world, should peoples be organized in rival nations?

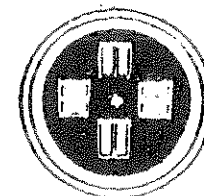
Why should citizens support huge armies, navies, and air forces, at attention for possible immediate use?

What are absolute requirements for a world without organized war?

How can individuals of good will influence world peace?

To these and other questions, Dr. Ralph Borsodi, author, educator, and active decentralist, gave attention in his ninety-plus years, ending in October, 1977. His suggestions for global peace are in a unique plan issued in 1943. His basic essentials include:

1. A humane technology to be accepted by both developed and undeveloped peoples.
2. An ethical treatment of land, including the oil, coal, and mineral deposits of the Earth.
3. A voluntary surrender of armaments by nations in return for a guarantee of World Peace.
4. A voluntary Patrol Force for patrolling (not policing) the land and seas, to report and immobilize troops or armament installations in violation of the Agreement.
5. Collection of the economic rent of mineral, coal, and oil deposits all over the globe, by a Global Authority (not a World Government) whose only function would be to collect and administer the economic rent of mineral and oil deposits.
6. Bringing to the World Court for trial and justice any person, corporate or government officials, violating the Arms Agreement.



# RALPH BORSODI'S UNIQUE GLOBAL PEACE PLAN

## A Surrender of Sovereignty Over Resources

A World Authority (different from a World Government in having but one, sole function — in this case, to collect economic rent of mineral deposits) would not be like the United Nations. An authority does not increase, but reddecs, the duties of nations. (For instance, the Port Authority in New York City exists concurrently with the municipality, but its only function is regulating entrance and departure of ships in the New York Harbor. To the World Peace Authority, nations would surrender their sovereignty over oil, minerals, and metal deposits in their domain. They would surrender existing armaments to the voluntary World Peace Patrol Force, and pledge to discontinue production of armaments. The single active function of the World Peace Authority would be to collect or receive the economic rent (i.e., the socially-created values) from the mineral and oil deposits scattered over the Earth, and to turn the necessary portion needed over to the World Patrol.



Peace-Loving Volunteers

The World Patrol Force would be made up of intelligent, trained personnel from all sections of the globe. They would be chosen from among peace-loving volunteers by civil-service test. They would wear a uniform symbol of world service and peace, under a world banner. World Patrol members would be giving world service for peace — an alternative service to "armed forces," similar to the U.S. Peace Corps or VISTA.

Units of the World Patrol would patrol the land and seas of the world, noting any movement of troops or any activity in armaments. Finding such, they would encircle such troops or armaments. Installations, preventing movement in or out of such location. They would report such violator to the World Court, and hold them immobilized until trial and judgment had been secured.

## Appropriate Technology

Through his own productive-homestead living and small intentional-community building (1920-1945), Ralph Borsodi proved the health, freedom, psychological, and economic values of domestic and small-scale technology over super-and-centralized technology. His preface to A Global Peace Plan (1943) called on peoples of the world to sustain and improve family, village, and local cultures, rather than to turn to centralized, urban and industrial patterns.

## An Ethical Treatment of Land & Resources

Prior to and behind most conflict between nations is a rivalry for territory. Behind much religious and racial conflict is struggle for space, and agricultural and mineral/oil resources. An alternative rests on a higher consciousness — a different concept — of land as the gift of the Creator, the Source of everyone's life, the Great Mother. Since land is not man-made, and is essential to everyone's survival, an ethical land use will contribute to everyone's benefit, not primarily those who speculate in it or who use it for monetary gain.

## Trusteeship of the Land

An ethical land use is trusteeship of the land. The socially-created value of land and the unearned value or "economic rent" of the coal, oil, mineral and metal deposits in the earth, should be shared by all persons as a common heritage. The economic rent of mineral deposits, collected not by a government but by a World authority, would maintain a patrolling (not policing) agency. Its volunteer-members would encircle, restrain and boycott (not kill or harm) offenders. Thus all people would benefit, instead of as now, only those who "own" such deposits. With no "profit" coming from natural resources, national rivalry for them would subside.

