

## THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY - 1961

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Repeatedly throughout the years, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, through its delegates in Convention assembled, has expressed its dedication to the goal of limitation of armaments, cessation of nuclear tests, and ultimate universal disarmament—all under adequate national and international safeguards and controls. In the face of the lengthening shadows of tension in world affairs and the rapidly increasing arms race now extended even to the threshold of outer space, we are grateful to the vision and the leadership of the President and the Congress of the United States in establishing an Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The three-fold main responsibilities of this agency are: 1) coordination of disarmament research; 2) management of disarmament negotiations; 3) direction of U.S. participation in inspection systems when these are developed. Towards these ends, an appropriation of \$4,000,000 was requested of the Congress to carry forward the program of the agency until July, 1962; however, only one half of the request was granted.

On behalf of the United States members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and indirectly on behalf of all the peoples of the world, since peace today is every man's task and every nation's responsibility, we would strongly urge continued and—when necessary—increased financial support of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Furthermore, we would urge all our members, in study groups and in private discussions, to keep themselves informed, alert and sensitive to the complex but desperately urgent subject of disarmament in the hope that we may yet, with the help of God and through the combined wisdom of an intelligent populace everywhere, save mankind, civilization and our planet from the fires of atomic warfare.