



## TOWARDS ARMAGEDDON

Generals for Peace and Disarmament, **The Arms Race Towards Armageddon**, Siglo XXI

This book is a unique document of our times. Thirteen NATO generals and admirals from eight European countries came together to voice their concern about the ominous escalation in the nuclear arms race.\* These high ranking officers have all held high military command positions and acquired an exceptional insight into the nature of the East-West conflict and the dynamics of the Western alliance's military policies. This led them to the conclusion that there is little time if we hope to avoid Armageddon.

The book's importance lies mainly in the fact that it is written by a group of very well informed people who actually had a part in world nuclear planning. After a cold-headed analysis of the facts they concluded that more weapons do not offer more security. They believe dissuasion is possible without nuclear weapons, and that it is much more important to work toward building confidence than to continue with the arms race, which they regard as highly dangerous and profoundly immoral.

The activities of these men point to ways of achieving these goals. The most important up to date was a meeting they organized between former NATO and Warsaw Pact generals. Siglo XXI also published the final statement issued at this meeting.

This book will surely be important to those concerned with the arms race and who are looking for authorized sources on the subject.★

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