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SUBJECT: PARTISANS OF PEACE OBJECT TO ATOMIC DISPLAY

Enclosed herewith is memorandum from the Acting Public Affairs Officer attaching a notice of protest pasted to the window of the USIS library which contained a display of the uses of atomic energy. Also enclosed is a translation of an editorial by Al Alam Al Arabi of October 14 protesting against the atomic display.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 15, 1952

SUBJECT: USIS Window Display

The current USIS library window installed on Wednesday, October 8, features the uses of atom energy. There is, for example, an electric light burning with the notation that so much atomic stuff will cause it to burn for an astronomical number of years, and also the size of a pound of uranium illustrated by a block of wood. Pictures of the use of radio-active material in the treatment of disease are on the rear wall. On the left, as one faces the window, is a poster showing a generalized atomic bomb burst.

The window was composed by Mr. DaCruz and had received the approval of Mr. Newsom. This is the last exhibit not under the supervision of the new librarian, Miss Brown.

On October 14, Al Alam Al Arabi, a leftist paper, published the article appended to this memo.

In the morning, after the offices opened at 8:00 A.M., the attached paper notice stating, "We want the destruction of atomic and germ warfare - Partisans of Peace," was found on the window. It was removed while the paste was still fresh.

No other newspaper carried any mention of the window on the morning of the 15th.

The window will be replaced in the normal course of events next week for a UN window (October 24 is UN day).

The reaction of the leftist paper is interesting only in that the pasting up of the sign by the "Partisans of Peace" would appear to confirm the community of interest between the paper and the Communists.

I believe that the window is actually very instructive.

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Al-Alam Al-ArabiReaders' ForumSay What You WantThe Atom in the Service of Humanity! !

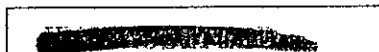
While passing by the U.S. Cultural Exchange Service (thus called!) on Thursday morning, I saw many pictures exhibited in the display window, one of which was captioned as follows:-

"The Atom in the Service of Humanity ..... the United States is eager to share with the rest of the world the benefits derived from atomic research, and towards this end the AEC plant at Oakridge, Tennessee is shipping radioactive isotopes to Collaborating institutions throughout the world..... etc ....."

But what kind of service is the atom rendering to humanity!!

In its 1951-52 budget the U.S. has appropriated a total of 58200 million dollars for its rearmament program against one tenth or perhaps one hundredth of this amount for its educational program. And what kind of benefits derived from atomic research in the U.S. eager to share with the rest of the world? Does the U.S. want to make other countries battlegrounds for dropping its atomic bombs so that it will derive the benefits desired by capitalists? Was the U.S. not satisfied with the benefits she derived from Hiroshina and Nagasaki where tens of thousands of people were bombed out of existence only with many houses, health institutions and religious and cultural centers? Was the U.S. not satisfied with the benefits she derived from her Occupation of Japan?

The exhibit also features other pictures depicting the atom in the service of humanity! One of these pictures shows an atomic flash and cloud shooting up into the sky after the explosion of an atomic bomb. Another picture depicts a formation of bombers with a caption which reads: the Energy contained in an atomic bomb is equal to the bomb load of 100 heavy bombers. A third picture shows field guns in action with a caption reading: the energy contained in an atomic bomb equals that of 1300 batteries of artillery firing simultaneously. There are many other pictures showing the



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atom in the service of humanity (!!)

In conclusion, we would say that citizens should not pay any attention to such harmful propaganda.

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