

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War 1985

We want to end war and teach people how war keeps
people from being healthy

The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War is a group of Doctors who want to end war. They think war makes people sick.

Dr. Chazov and Dr. Lown were doctors who wanted to start the **IPPNW**. When men and women become doctors they make a promise. This promise says that they will try to never hurt anyone. The Doctors in the IPPNW think that this is why the IPPNW is so important. They want to keep people from all over the world healthy and safe.



The IPPNW has 145,000 Doctors who agree with this idea. They joined the IPPNW. This happened during the **Cold War**. In the cold war countries divided into two groups. Each one had many bombs. The groups did not like each other.

- Two heart Doctors started the IPPNW
- The IPPNW wants to prevent wars
- The IPPNW wants people to have healthy lives all over the world
- 145,000 Doctors joined the IPPNW

The IPPNW agreed to four important ideas.

1. IPPNW would think about war
2. IPPNW physicians would try to stop wars so people could be healthy,
3. IPPNW wanted Doctors from all countries in the world to talk about how to stop war.
4. Though IPPNW would not talk about any countries in a bad way.

Each year, the IPPNW has a meeting to about how countries are doing and if they are trying to stop war.

The “*Peace Through Health*” is one of the ideas of the IPPNW. This program finds ways for people to have health care in war zones or countries that may become war zones.

The IPPNW believes that people can have peace. When people understand each other world will be free of wars.

Suggested Classroom Activities

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Discussion Questions:

1. What is the “Cold War”?
2. Why was the IPPNW formed?
3. The IPPNW Doctors agreed not to talk about other countries in a bad way. Why did they do this?

Vocabulary:

1. **Cold War**
2. **Nuclear**
3. **Peace through health**
4. **Hippocratic Oath**

Activities

1. Read and discuss the IPPNW information and vocabulary.
2. Browse the web site of IPPNW at www.ippnw.org , gathering information.

Technology Option:

Go to the site

http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/peace/nuclear_weapons/index.html
and play the “*Peace Doves Game*”.

Note: Teacher will have to read and help students understand the text included.

Resources:

www.betterworldheroes.com
www.brook.edu/fp/projects/nucwcost/schwartz.htm
www.ippnw.org
www.ippnw-students.org
www.nobelprize.org
www.slmk.org