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DAVENPORT--The 1982 Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award will be presented to Professor George F. Kennan, former Ambassador to Russia, by the Quad Cities Peace and Justice Coalition, Tuesday, May 11, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. at the Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose College, Davenport.

Professor Kennan is now Professor Emeritus at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, where he served as Professor from 1956 to 1974. Prior to that he was a career diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service, ending his career with service as Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. (1952) and to Yugoslavia (1961-'63). Kennan was the designer of the U.S. cold war policy aimed at "containing" Soviet expansionism.

The author of numerous books and articles, Professor Kennan is the winner of two National Book Awards and two Pulitzer Prizes.

Announcing this year's Pacem in Terris Award celebration, Fr. William Stratman, Coordinator of the Iowa chapter of Pax Christi, U.S.A., said that, "Professor Kennan was chosen for his lifelong commitment to the cause of peace and especially for his unceasing efforts to increase understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union as a prerequisite for averting a nuclear holocaust".

The Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) Award was created in 1964 to commemorate Pope John XXIII's encyclical letter of the same name. Published the previous year, the encyclical called for an end to the arms race and a commitment to securing peace among nations:

"...Justice, right reason and humanity urgently demand that the arms race should cease; that the stockpiles which exist in various countries should be reduced equally and simultaneously by the parties concerned; that nuclear weapons should be banned and that a general agreement should eventually be reached about progressive disarmament and an effective method of control."

The Pacem in Terris Award has been given thirteen times since 1964. Former recipients include: Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, President of Bread for the World and of Pax Christi U.S.A.; Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Archbishop Helder Camara of Brazil; Senator Harold Hughes; Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker; and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Most recently the award was given to Crystal Lee Sutton, textile worker and labor organizer in the Southeast.

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The award was originally given by the Davenport Interracial Council, which was disbanded in 1976. The tradition has been continued in subsequent years by the Quad Cities Peace and Justice Coalition which is composed of the local affiliates of Pax Christi, U.S.A., Bread for the World, Clergy and Laity Concerned and other groups.

The award celebration this year will include an address by Dr. Roger E. Kanet, Professor of Political Science and a member of the Russian and Eastern European Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His topic will be: "Soviet and American Nuclear Policy: Arms Control or Armageddon".

Professor Kennan will respond to the presentation.

Tickets for the event are available through the Social Action Department, Catholic Diocese of Davenport, 2706 Gaines, Davenport, Iowa 52804, phone (319) 324-1911. Tickets are $4.00 in advance - at the door $5.00.

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