Exactly forty-one days after the birth of the United Nations, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The "Nuclear Age" had dawned. "NUCLEAR COUNTDOWN" reviews the history of the nuclear arms race from its very early stages to the present time - the deepening of rivalries with the Cold War, the expansion of the "Nuclear Club", the Caribbean crisis and popular protests all over the world against the atomic tests, the escalation of weapons in the skies, on land and under water. The film documents the various efforts at international control and the limited progress achieved so far in the field of nuclear disarmament. But there is a long road ahead. While there is a growing realization of the futility of the arms race, the proliferation of weapons continues unabated, posing the greatest peril the world faces today. Apart from the enormous drain of human and material resources involved, the very existence of these weapons of mass destruction may make humans an endangered species. Time is running out. "Nuclear Countdown" is an attempt to make people aware of the threat to human survival by nuclear weapons and to channel that awareness into massive public support - for "General and complete disarmament" - one of the original objectives of the United Nations.