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I N T E R N A T I O N A L Z O N E .

"WHAT RIGHT HAS A CHILD?"

The film consists of children's art from all over the world, art which broadens and deepens what is heard on the soundtrack. The commentary for the picture is done by children as they talk about what each of the clauses of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of the Child really means to them. Many of the drawings and paintings in the film have been culled from international exhibitions of the best in children's art. There is beauty in these works of small children. Pablo Picasso referred to it when he said that adults should not teach children to draw but should learn from them.

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Voices of Children from :
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Music : "Mikrokosmos", Bela Bartok,
Performed by Gyorgy Sandor, Courtesy, Vox Records.

Executive Producer : George Movshon.

1.

FADE IN CHILD'S PAINTING
OF MEN IN FIELD

MUSIC UP

"INTERNATIONAL ZONE"

"UNITED NATIONS TELEVISION"

"WHAT RIGHT HAS A CHILD?"

PAINTINGS OF PEOPLE WITH
BABIES, PEOPLE EATING,
CHILDREN PLAYING AND
CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S VOICES :

Well, they have the right to mothers and
fathers ...

and they also should have love and parents
and people to look after them.

Everybody should have food and love and
drinks. That's what I think.

They have the right to learn to do things,

and they have the right to go to school
and play ...

and all kinds of things in school. They
would have school bags and lunch boxes and
nice teachers, and they would let them
color and have a lot of fun and read.

Well, they have the right to have a lot of
friends, like ten friends, but not no
friends, because that's not fair.

They have two rights -- they need love and
they need care, and the third right is the
most important one, they need money and
lots and lots and lots and lots of other
things.

FADE OUT

2.

STILL PHOTOGRAPH OF
GIRL'S FACE
"WITH ALISTAIR COOKE"

STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF
CHILDREN IN BAD
CIRCUMSTANCES,
STARVING AND LIVING
IN STREETS

STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF
CHILDREN IN BAD
CIRCUMSTANCES
CONT'D

NARRATOR : Declaration of the Rights of the
Child, adopted unanimously by the United
Nations General Assembly, November 20th, 1959.

Preamble : Whereas the peoples of the
United Nations have, in the Charter, re-
affirmed their faith in fundamental human
rights, and in the dignity and worth of the
human person and have determined to promote
social progress and better standards of life
in larger freedom .

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

And there will be no more jealousy to
start wars

It will be a better world to live in,
much better.

NARR. : Whereas the child, by reason of
his physical and mental immaturity, needs
special safeguards and care, including
appropriate legal protection, before as well
as after birth

I think children should be protected
against cruelty and other such things.

NARR. : Whereas mankind owes to the child
the best it has to give ...

People should be gentle to their children
and people should adopt children and give
them love and things and give them toys
and give them a house and a bed.

.....And make them feel happy

3.

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

STILL PHOTOGRAPHS
OF UNHAPPY AND SICK
CHILDREN

Once they were kids, so they should help
out with the ones they have now.

NARR. : Now therefore, the General Assembly
Proclaims this declaration of the rights of
the child to the end that he may have a happy
childhood ...

I think a child should enjoy himself while
he is young.

NARR. : ...and enjoy for his own good and for
the good of society the rights and freedoms
herein set forth,

Because they will be in charge of the
country one day, when they grow up,
the people who are in charge of the
country will be probably dead and
old already, but they will be old
enough to rule the country.

NARR. : ... and calls upon parents, and Nation-
al Governments to recognize these rights and
strive for their observance by legislative
and other measures progressively taken in
accordance with the following principles :

FADE OUT
STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF
JEWISH CHILDREN IN
GERMANY 1939 AND BLACK
CHILDREN BEING DENIED
ENTRY TO SCHOOLS IN U.S.A.,
SOUTH AFRICA, CHILDREN
IN PRISON
DISSOLVE TO

Principle One - The child shall enjoy all the
rights set forth in this Declaration. All
Children without any exception whatsoever,
shall be entitled to these rights, without
distinction or discrimination on account of

4.

CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS
OF RELIGIOUS CERE-
MONIES AND VARIOUS
CHURCHES

race, color, sex, language, religion, poli-
tical or other opinion, national or social
origin,

People are all people it really
doesn't matter what religion they are,
or what color.

Inside we're all the same kind of
person and it doesn't matter how we
worship God.

There usually are nice people in the
religions.

Yes, many people think they are barbarians
but they're very clever.

'Cos everybody's the same. Everybody has
the same contents of another man or woman
and even although they're maybe another
color they're still human beings.

Yes, everybody should be equal so that
no-one is higher than the other so that he
can just order the other person around.

All children are equal to each other
anyway like people are equal.

CHILD'S PAINTING OF
CHILDREN OF DIFFERENT
RACES

STILL PHOTOS CHILDREN
LIVING IN STREETS
AND SCAVENGING ON
RUBBISH DUMPS
DISSOLVE TO

NARR. : Principle Two : The child shall
enjoy special protection and shall be given
the opportunities and facilities, by law and by
other means, to enable him to develop physic-
ally, mentally, morally, spiritually and
socially in a healthy and normal manner and in
conditions of freedom and dignity.

5.

PAINTINGS OF
CHILDREN PICKING
FLOWERS, CATCHING
BUTTERFLIES AND
FIREFLIES

MUSIC

PAINTINGS OF SEASIDE
BICYCLING CHILDREN
AND VISITS TO THE ZOO

MUSIC

STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF
REFUGEE CHILDREN FROM
WORLD WAR II & MIDDLE
EAST.

PORTRAITS OF CHILDREN

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

Freedom to think what they want, what they believe in, freedom for anything they want, and they ought to be able to go about without fear.

I think the child should be given all the opportunities that the world has to offer to them.

The best two things are happiness and health.

Because we have to work to make mankind a good society, and in order that we have to have good healthy children with healthy minds and healthy bodies.

And when they grow up very big then they could be a teacher, they could be an actor they could be on TV, they could be a psychiatry and they could do a lot of things and they could get married.

And they'll have fun and they won't be bad and miserable and they'll be able to play and go to school and they'll make friends and they'll have so much fun that they'll forget about what happened then before they had all this fun.

NERR. : Principle Three : The child shall be entitled from his birth to a name and a nationality.

Because we don't want a lot of little children running about without names, so you can't name them and know which one is yours.

6.

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

Because it doesn't sound right to go around saying "Hey, boy. Hey girl," and it would be nice if a person would say "What's your name," or something.

If they call you boy or girl, all of them might turn around and say "Who you talking to? Me or him or him or all of the boys and girls?"

If you wanted to travel to a different country you would have to have a name and nationality, or you wouldn't be allowed to go there.

How could somebody have no nationality?

Maybe a child that was left on a doorstep - nobody would know his nationality or his name.

How about if they're on a flight and they're born?

Well, it could be an unknown nationality.

If children don't have a nationality then the grownups would start pushing them around.

Sometimes when your country does something good or helps some other country in time of war or sorrow or something like that then you feel proud of it, but some people without nationality, they can't be proud of much.

PAINTINGS OF
CHILDREN WAVING FLAGS

PAINTING OF IRISH
POLITICAL MEETING WITH
FLAG.

7.

STILL PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SICK CHILDREN

NARR. : Principle Four : The child shall enjoy
the benefits of social security.

It's not fair, the babies are not healthy,
and this is what I do not like.

PAINTINGS OF
DOCTORS

Bring doctors from places where there
are too many doctors to the place where
they need doctors most.

...And give free medical services and I
think if they do this it would be a
much better place to live in.

Yes, people would be much healthier.

PHOTOS OF SICK
CHILDREN

NARR. : He shall be entitled to grow and develop
in health

PAINTINGS OF DOCTORS
AND HOSPITALS

By giving him a lot of medicine.

And shots. If he's old enough, sometimes
he's too small.

And washing him keeping him from having
sicknesses and other things.

PHOTOS OF SICK
CHILDREN

Doctors is when you are sick or something,
they can help you and everything, and
sometimes you may have to go to the hos-
pital and stay if you have to get operation
or something.

PAINTINGS OF
HOSPITALS.

And nurses are taking care of him so he
doesn't get sick.

PHOTOS OF STARVING
CHILDREN

NARR. : To this end, special care and protection
shall be provided both him and to his mother,

PHOTOS OF GRAVE YARDS
& COFFINS AND STARVING
CHILDREN

Even the mothers, if they didn't even have
food, they would die, and they'll get
little.

8.

NARR. : The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition,

If children didn't have any food, they would starve to death.

PHOTOS OF STARVING
AFRICAN
CHILDREN

I was reading in the newspaper this morning where they had to be eating rats - because they had nothing else to eat. You just fancy having rats for breakfast, rats for tea and rats for dinner. It would be awful. Sometimes they don't even have that.

PAINTINGS OF PEOPLE
EATING

PHOTOS OF
STARVING
CHILDREN

Well, if I were starving, and I hadn't any food, I would accept anything. I think I agree as well, I would even eat rats.

PAINTINGS
OF FOOD MARKETS

MUSIC

PHOTOS OF
INDIAN CHILDREN
SLEEPING IN
STREETS

NARR. : The child shall have the right to adequate housing,

You don't sleep in a house or nothing. You have to lay on the ground and go to sleep, and then you got to wake up in the morning and then find someplace else.

PAINTINGS OF
HOUSES

Well, I think that they should have new houses, because I don't think they can survive living in the streets.

PHOTOS OF SLUMS

They shouldn't live in all of them broken down homes, they should live in nice buildings not like the ones that just go in the air. They should live in a house that's property, that stays clean and everything, on the streets and everything, they should have a nice block.

PAINTINGS OF
HOUSES

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

They get very cold when they don't have houses ... they can get diseases.

PHOTOS OF
SLUMS

Sometimes there are epidemics in the city and in the slums, and if you don't have a proper house it will be easier for the disease to catch on to you, and then you'll get sick or else you'll probably die of the cold when winter comes along.

PAINTINGS OF
HOUSES

Uh, rich people can give some money so that they can build some houses.

Yes, but everybody isn't rich and they'll never be able to give that much money to have good housing for everybody in the world.

MUSIC

PHOTOS OF CRIPPLED
CHILDREN

MARR. : Principle Five : The child who is physically, mentally, or socially handicapped shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.

PAINTING
OF BOY WITH
CRUTCHES

They have to be helped so that when they get old they can support themselves and not just stay home.

PHOTO OF
BLIND CHILD IN
CLASSROOM

Like if they're blind they have to learn how to, you know, do work without using their eyes and also if they're crippled, like, they have to be trained to do something that they can do sitting down.

PAINTING OF
WORKER IN
FACTORY

10.

STILL PHOTOS
OF CHILDREN
IN STREETS

NARR:
Princ.6 : The child, for the full and harmonious development of his personality, needs love and understanding. He shall, wherever possible, grow up in the care, and under the responsibility of, his parents, and in any case in an atmosphere of affection,.....

PAINTINGS OF
MOTHERS AND
BABIES

Something that's very important, they have to have love, that's what they should have - love, love, love and love. That's why we all need love.

And when you've been loved and know that someone cares about you, it gives you a sense of security to know that you're really wanted and needed.

PHOTO OF SLUM

NARR. : ... and of moral and material security;

PAINTING OF
FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN AND
HOUSES

And they could have a beautiful house and they could live together.

And they would have nice pretty things and they would get a lot of clothes and they would get a lot of shoes and socks and all kinds of things and hairbands.

They like everything but they never can get it.

PHOTOS OF
REFUGEE CHILDREN

NARR. : A child of tender years shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be separated from his mother.

11.

PAINTINGS OF
FAMILIES

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

And then I wouldn't have anyone to take care of me, and I couldn't do so good on my own.

Your mummy and daddy give you love and they take care of you and things.

And the mother can teach the child how to write and read and things like that.

Well, if you had a mummy, she would help you, and then when you grow up you would be a very good lady or a man.

PHOTOS OF
REFUGEES

NARE. : Society and the public authorities shall have the duty to extend particular care to children without a family and to those without adequate means of support.

PAINTINGS
OF FAMILIES
AND MOTHERS
WITH BABIES

Because a child just can't walk in the street and find a mother and father and say, I want to be yours because I don't have a parent.

If they don't have any mother and daddy, they have the right to somebody come and help them, to make some food for them, to dress them up, to take care of them.

People have to adopt children and take care of them just like their own children and teach them things and thing

MUSIC

PHOTOS OF
CHILDREN IN
SLUM
CONDITIONS

NARR. : Payment of state and other assistance toward the maintenance of children of large families is desirable.

I have some thoughts on that ... If you're poor, you don't have any money, that's all. It is very sad not to have any money.

PAINTINGS OF
PEOPLE
SHOPPING

And if the child is poor, they should ask for more money and then they can buy things.....

And they can buy toys and bread and cribs for babies.

PHOTOGRAPH OF
OVERCROWDED SCHOOL,
CHILDREN LOOKING
IN FROM OUTSIDE

NARR. : Principle Seven : The child is entitled to education which shall be free and compulsory,

They should be forced -

Oh, no.

Because I hate school.

It doesn't mean that you don't like it, that you shouldn't be forced.

PAINTINGS OF TEACHERS
AND SCHOOL

Yes, they should be forced because if they're not, then sure, then lots of people, lots of children, won't go every day and they'll just want to stay in bed in the morning and not do their homework and everything.

STILL PHOTOS OF
CHILDREN SITTING
AROUND DOING
NOTHING

NARR. : He shall be given an education which will promote his general culture, and enable him on a basis of equal opportunity to develop his abilities, his individual judgment and his sense of moral and social responsibility, and to become a useful member of society

Because you won't know nothing if you don't go to school.

PAINTINGS
OF SCHOOL

And if they don't go to school, they won't get no good jobs if they don't pass nr nothing.

PHOTOS OF
SHOE SHINE
BOY

When they go to school, they learn things and then when they grow up they'll get good jobs and better pay and without education all they're going to be able to do is low paying jobs.

They'll probably do the same thing that their parents did, and if that goes on for generations and generations then I mean it's going to be pretty silly.

PHOTOS OF
CHILDREN BEING
USED AS GUIDE
DOGS FOR THE
BLIND

NARR. : The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance; that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents.

PAINTINGS OF
WORK FACTORIES
& BUILDING
HOUSES

Well, my mother always says that you shouldn't take a job if you don't like it. Because then you don't enjoy it ...

And if you don't enjoy it, you wouldn't do as good a job as you would if you had a job you'd enjoy.

MUSIC

PHOTOS OF
YOUNG CHILDREN
AT WORK,
WEAVING AND
SHOEMAKING

PAINTINGS OF
GYMNASTICS AND
BALL GAMES

MUSIC

PHOTOS OF
WOUNDED
CHILDREN

PAINTINGS
OF FIRE ENGINES
AND FIREMEN

PHOTOS OF WOUNDED
CHILDREN

PAINTINGS OF FIRE
ENGINES

14.

NARR. : The child shall have ^{full} opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purposes as education;

Because if you're always stuffed up in classroom and no exercise, you'll get sleepy and everything and you won't pay attention to what the teacher says.

Because if you're kept cramped up in a space and you have nothing to do, you could become bored, and you could become ill this way.

The kind of recreation should be running, jumping, all that as long as you're active.

It helps you develop your muscles.

NARR. : Principle Eight : The child shall, in all circumstances, be among the first to receive protection and relief.

Children should be the first to be rescued or evacuated from a place if there are any dangers.

Well, I think that that should be so, because adults have more power than children.

They would know how to get away because they would have more brains.

Like if the bombs are falling outside somewhere and if the child goes out and is very small, something might fall on him and he might die.

PAINTINGS OF
BOATS

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

If there was a flood it should be among the first to be on the boats or else it would drown, because an infant wouldn't know anything about swimming.

PORTRAIT OF
AN OLD MAN

Also because old people are nearer to death than young people, so it wouldn't be as bad if they died.

PHOTO OF CHILD
WHO HAS BEEN
BEATEN

NARR. : Principle Nine : The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation.

PAINTINGS OF
BABIES IN
MOTHERS' ARMS

Children sometimes should be protected like that because it will make our society bad if the children are good, and then they're beaten or killed, you know killed sorely by being beaten.

PAINTINGS OF
BOYS FLYING
KITES

I heard once of a boy whose parents neglected him and shut him up beneath the sink in a small room and when the police found out about it, and brought him out, he couldn't walk straight, he had to be bent all the time.

PAINTING OF CHILDREN
IN PLAYGROUND

I don't know why people would do such a horrible thing.

PHOTOS OF CHILDREN
WORKING IN HORRIBLE
CONDITIONS IN
FACTORIES.

NARR. : He shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form.

I think that a child shouldn't be like that because it's just like being a slave, and he'll work and he'll work and soon he'll die because all he's doing is working and nothing else.

DISSOLVE TO

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

PAINTING OF
FERRIS WHEEL

And he won't have no strength to do
nothing else, do no exercise or nothing.

PHOTOS OF
BOY COLLECTING
RUBBISH AND
SELLING IT

NARR. : The child shall not be admitted
to employment before an appropriate minimum
age; he shall, in no case, be caused or
permitted to engage in any occupation or
employment which would prejudice his health or
education, or interfere with his physical,
mental or moral development.

PAINTING OF BOY
FISHING

Well, I think that he should not have
such a job because it might interfere
with his regular work, well it would
interfere with his life it'd make it
worse.

PAINTING OF
CHILDREN HERDING
ANIMALS

Well I think also because sometimes
you know you might get a job with bad
people, and you know you might not be
old enough to know if, um, you wouldn't
be able to recognize if they are bad or not.

They can take jobs that wouldn't last too
long, like in the afternoon, after they'd
finished in school.

I think they should get a small unim-
portant job.

Like being a paper boy or something of the
sort.

Because they might want something and once
in a while I think it's nice for a child to
have some money.

17.

PHOTOS OF
JEWISH CHILDREN
LYING ON GROUND
& CROWD OF NAZIS

PHOTOS OF WHITE
CHILDREN IN U.S.A.
SCREAMING AND
WAVING ARMS

DRAWINGS DONE BY
CHILDREN IN CONCENTRATION
CAMP 1941-45

DRAWINGS OF JEWS WEARING
STAR OF DAVID

DRAWINGS OF TRAINS

PHOTO OF CHILD BEING PUT
ON TRAIN

DRAWING OF BURIAL WITH
COFFINS AND SKULL
AND CROSSBONES

PHOTO OF PILE OF
BODIES

PAINTINGS OF INTERIOR
OF CONCENTRATION
CAMP

PAINTING OF NIGHTMARE
BIRD - PAINTING OF
AEROPLANE.

PHOTOS OF CHILDREN IN
RUBELE IN FRONT OF A TANK

PAINTING DONE BY ARAB
& ISRAELI CHILDREN OF PEACE -
ARABS & JEWS EATING TOGETHER
AND SMOKING PEACE PIPES

Principle 10
NARR. :/The child shall be protected from
practises which may foster racial, religious
and any other form of discrimination.

Grownups shouldn't do that because
it interferes with the child's life.
Even if the parents don't like a people
of another religion and their children do,
they shouldn't try to stop their children
because they have the right to have any
kind of friends they want.

Just because the parents don't like them
they might break up the friendship and I
don't think that's right because you
should make friends with other children.

Well, I agree because if the parents don't
like a certain race or color or religion,
and they teach the children not to play
with other children of a different race
or something, then when that child grows
up, he encourages all the other people to
get prejudiced against the others, the
different people and that usually starts
wars.

If there's war all the time,
nobody gains anything, there's
just a whole bunch ... there's
just a whole bunch of killing.

I think that peace is really much better than
fighting all the time, and bombs and air
raids flying all over everything and besides,
it kills much more people, and it doesn't
make mankind very much better.

Children's Voices (cont'd) :

Well, if there was peace then the people would have happier lives and ...

PHOTO OF ONE LEGGED
CHILD IN VIETNAM
WITH GUN IN FORE-
GROUND

And so my brother's got this gun, and he aims it at my sister's doll, and then he tells her to do the same thing and my mother says he shouldn't teach her to do things like that, because then she gets the idea of killing.

PAINTINGS OF DOVES
OF PEACE

NARR. : He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood, and in full consciousness that his energy and talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow men.

PHOTOS OF HATING FACES
OF WHITE U.S. CHILDREN AND
BLACK CHILDREN TRYING
TO INTEGRATE SCHOOL

The child will follow the parents' example, and so if the parents set a good example the child will follow it, and this is what is needed more often than not these days, I think. Also he will give love and understanding to his children.

PAINTING BLACK WHITE
& RED CHILDREN
PAINTING OF PRINCE AND
PRINCESS RIDING AWAY ON
HORSEBACK
PAINTING OF TEN CHILDREN
ON AN ELEPHANT.

I think it's good because when the child is raised, he'll know all these things from when he was little and he'll teach it to his kids so good that their kids, he'll teach their kids will teach it to his kids.

SCIENCE FICTION PAINTING OF LITTLE
GREEN MEN & THEIR CHILDREN
PAINTING OF PALACE WITH ROCKETS

CLOSING TITLES

MUSIC

I think these principles are very essential and need to be obeyed.

FADE OUT.