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Mr. Cyril Clemens, Editor
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Dear Mr. Clemens:

I forward to you herewith an autographed photo of N.S. Khrushchev, an autographed front cover of TIME MAGAZINE with portret of N.S. Khrushchev and a letter in Russian from N.S. Khrushchev's assistant V. Lebedev in which Mr. Lebedev expresses on behalf of N.S. Khrushchev gratitude for awarding N.S. Khrushchev with life-long subscription to MARK TWAIN JOURNAL.

Very truly yours,

Alexander I. Zinchuk

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First Secretary

'World mediation board'

Khrushchev held key to peace, says Douglas

By Warren H. Talbot
Globe Correspondent

Calling for a "cooperative world pattern" and saying that Americans have "become military minded in the solutions to their problems," US Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas told an audience at Tufts University last night that former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev had "the answer" to world peace in 1961.

Citing a speech made by Khrushchev on Jan. 1, 1964, Douglas said Khrushchev's idea of an "international" board of conciliation and mediation" was a "great opportunity . . . a wonderful start, probably lost forever."

Khrushchev's plan, Douglas pointed out, was to have a worldwide board outside the realm of the United Nations which would settle matters of immediacy such as border conflicts.

"Problems between nations, such as border conflicts, often start wars," Douglas said. "The United Nations has done a fine job, but the world has never had an international summit meeting that could make a rule of law which would take the place of a rule of force."

He added: "Technological wars are just too expensive for any country to endure too long, and at disarmament meetings, each side only gives up what is obsolete anyway."

Douglas told the crowd that Khrushchev's idea would have been a start to "getting rid of the Pentagons that tower over modern civilizations."

The often criticized Douglas went on to talk about several issues including environment, Vietnam, and Latin America.

The Justice called the Army Corps of Engineers "public enemy number one. The only thing they are authorized to do is build dams, and they are



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building dams all over the country."

He charged Federal environmental agencies such as the Soil Conservation Commission and the Tennessee Valley Association

as starting out to "do something good" but only contributing to the "ruination of this great land of ours." He charged the TVA as being the "greatest strip miner" in the nation.

On the war in Vietnam, Douglas warned against the "so-called Presidential war" and said: "I wonder if it isn't a justifiable question when a government takes a man by the neck and says go to Vietnam."

Douglas has served on the high bench for 33 years. In answering a student's inquiry about possible retirement he said: "My doctor says I'm in better shape than he is."