

AD RIGHT & Wrong

CONFLICTS BETWEEN MORALITY AND PRUDENCE

The morally ^{right} thing to do for ^{any nuclear power would be} ~~every~~ government possessing nuclear arms is unilateral nuclear disarmament--but it is not the prudent action. The moral thing to do for a government that succeeds a military dictatorship is to bring the worse criminals and thieves among the former members of government to trial--but this is not always possible, for those people often keep their military power. Whenever such conflicts between morality and prudence arise, only a compromise is possible. In the case of nuclear arms, the compromise is of course multilateral gradual disarmament with reciprocal inspection. In the case of the overthrow of military despots, the compromise is amnesty together with forced retirement from active service and, if necessary, a radical reform of the armed forces, to make them serve national defense

rather than repression.