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THIS MAJOR NEW book by Jan Tinbergen, the first economist to receive a Nobel Prize in economics (shared with Ragnar Frisch) focuses on key issues of war and peace and the settlement of international conflicts.

Warfare and Welfare is jointly written with Dietrich Fischer, currently a Visiting Fellow in International Peace and Security Studies at Princetown University. The book consists of two parts. In part one the authors explore the most desirable social order – yielding maximum welfare and security – and its possible development.

They argue that technological developments require the elimination of war as a means of settling conflicts between nations. They explore socio-economic, security, space and time aspects of this 'optimal order'.

Part two deals with the policies that might be adopted to attain this optimal order. In essence, these policies together constitute what are in the authors' view the fullest management of the earth and its resources. They propose that these policies combine the most appropriate North-South and East-West long term policies.

Tinbergen and Fischer argue that these require a set of learning processes to avoid the traps of – in particular – nuclear war. These policies can either be seen as a process of strengthening the United Nations, or as a process of worldwide integration. In the concluding chapter some of the first steps to peaceful co-existence are suggested.

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The emphasis of the book is on the necessity to abolish war and the vital role of a strong United Nations.

This is an important new book by one of the great economists of our time and co-authored with an able American collaborator.

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