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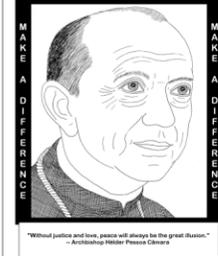
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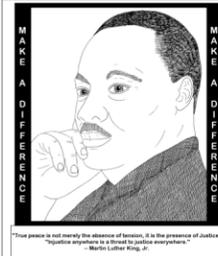
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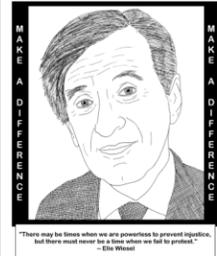
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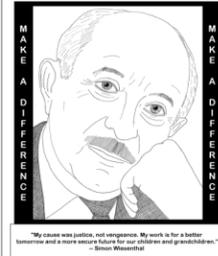
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"If you are neutral in situations of injustice,  
you have chosen the side of the oppressor."  
-- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

After the shock and horror of the Holocaust and the devastation that took place because of World War II, the United Nations was formed to try to prevent these atrocities from ever happening again. But millions of civilians have died in dozens of wars since then and genocide - systematically killing people based on their religion or ethnic background - has occurred again and again.

For more than a century, people have lobbied and worked to create an international criminal court to bring to justice those who are responsible for crimes against humanity -- war crimes and genocide. Finally, on July 17, 1998, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was adopted. In October 2005, Mexico became the 100th nation to ratify this international statute to create a permanent International Criminal Court.

Justice Day, on July 17, is an opportunity to rally support for the International Criminal Court that will bring perpetrators of crimes against humanity to justice, especially in

countries like the US, whose government does not yet support this institution, even though the majority of Americans do. Justice Day is also a chance to highlight the ongoing work that Amnesty International and thousands of other organizations are doing to defend human rights and create a more just and peaceful world.

## Be A Hero For A Better World!

1. Find out more
2. Hold an event to raise awareness about efforts to bring justice for all
3. Contribute to organizations working on justice issues

## Organizations Working For Justice

- Amnesty International  
([amnesty.org](http://amnesty.org))
- American Friends Service Committee  
([afsc.org](http://afsc.org))
- Freechild Project ([freechild.org](http://freechild.org))
- Tolerance.org
- United For Peace & Justice  
([unitedforpeace.org](http://unitedforpeace.org))

For more information: [www.betterworldcalendar.com/justiceday.htm](http://www.betterworldcalendar.com/justiceday.htm)

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"I want to live in a world where people become famous because of their work for peace and justice and care. I want the famous to be inspiring; their lives an example of what every human being has it in them to do — act from love!" -- Dr. Patch Adams

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**"...Any definition of a culture of peace must address the problem of achieving justice for communities and individuals who do not have the means to compete or cope without structured assistance and compassionate help."**

**-- Mahnaz Afkhami**

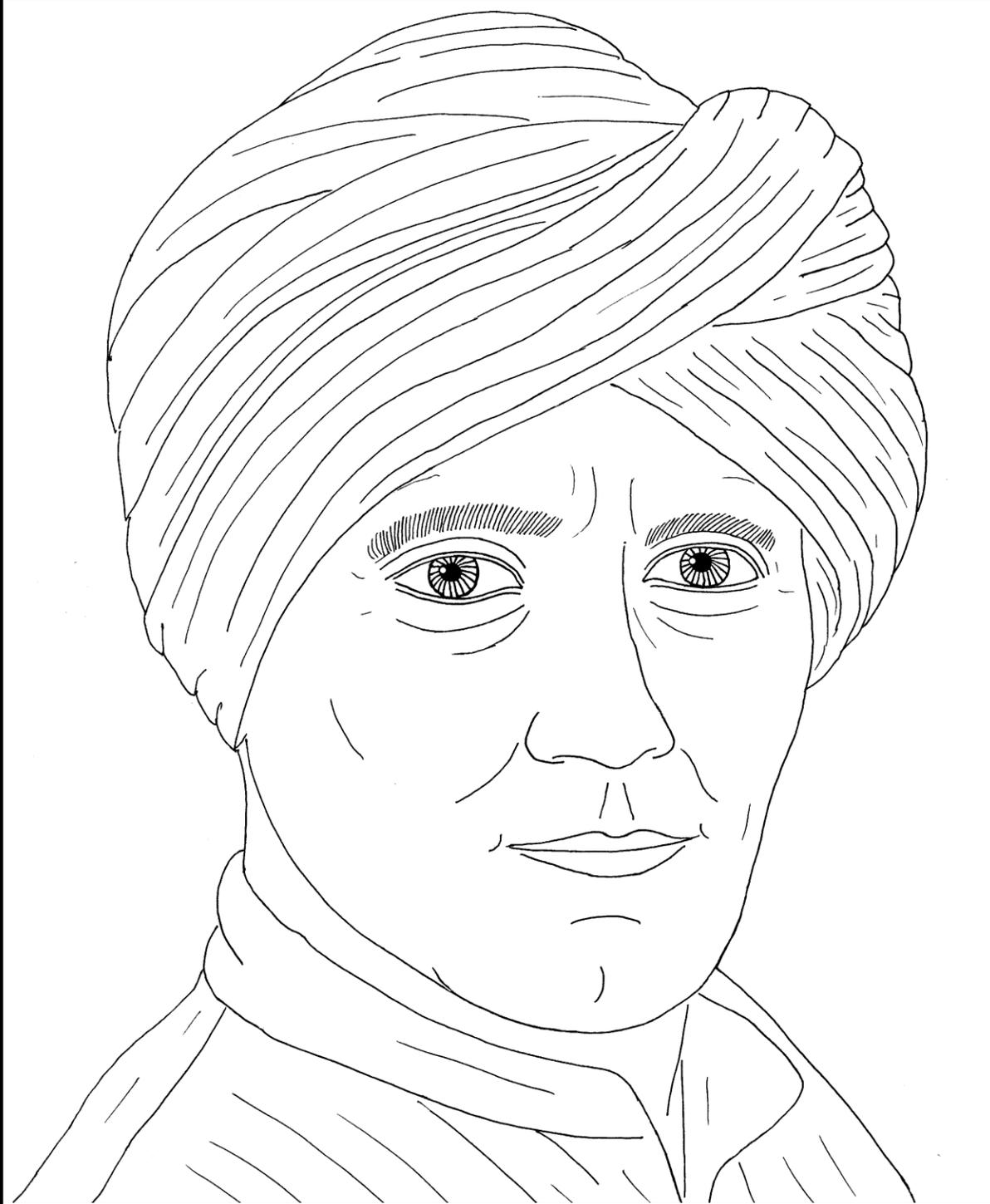
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"For the world order to be one of peace and justice, for the global village to be a theater of right livelihood, it is imperative that a new and proactive spiritual vision commensurate to the challenges of the emerging world order be enunciated without delay."

-- Swami Agnivesh

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"The doctrine that might makes right has covered the earth with misery. While it crushes the weak, it also destroys the strong. Every deceit, every cruelty, every wrong, reaches back sooner or later and crushes its author. Justice is moral health, bringing happiness, wrong is moral disease, bringing mortal death." -- John Peter Altgeld

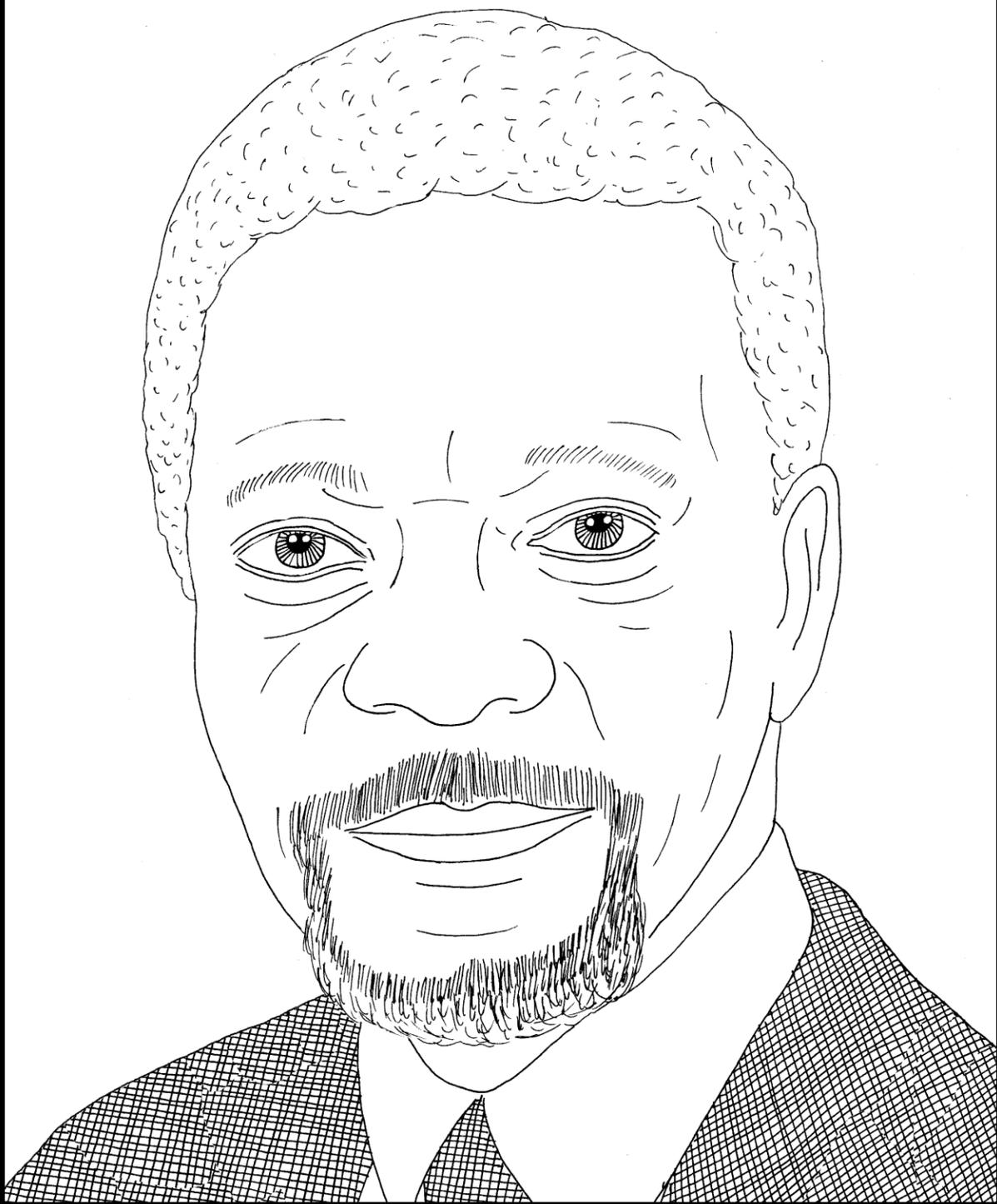
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**“In the rush for justice it is important not to  
lose sight of principles the country holds dear.”  
-- Kofi Annan**

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"It is essential that justice be done,  
and it is equally vital that justice not be confused with revenge,  
for the two are wholly different."

-- Oscar Arias

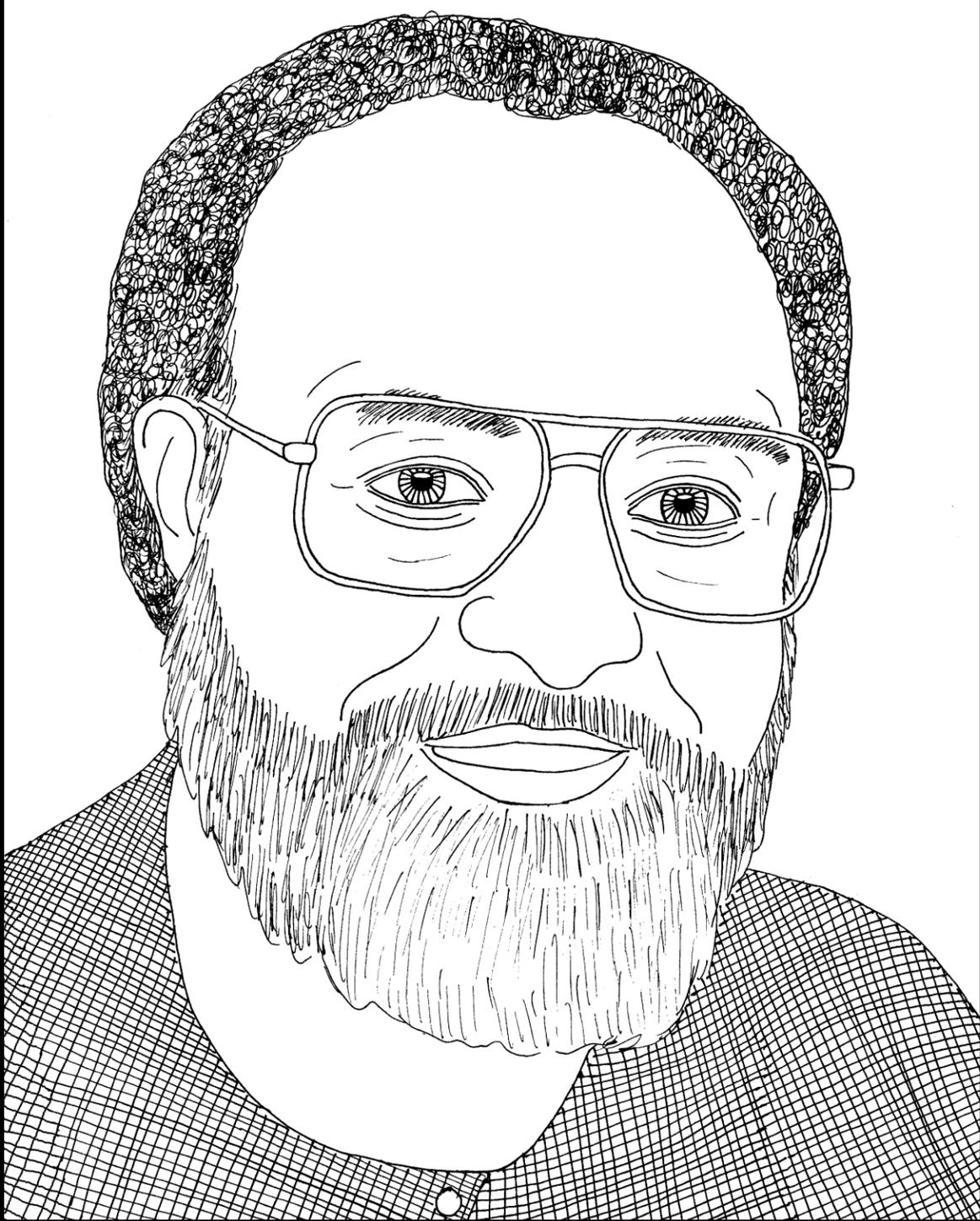
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**"Mediation and reconciliation work is about a profound quest for justice and social transformation. But at the same time, they are about service, solidarity, about exploring and rediscovering the human spirit that has been lost or shattered through human conflict, cruelty, ignorance and greed..."**

**-- Hizkias Assefa**

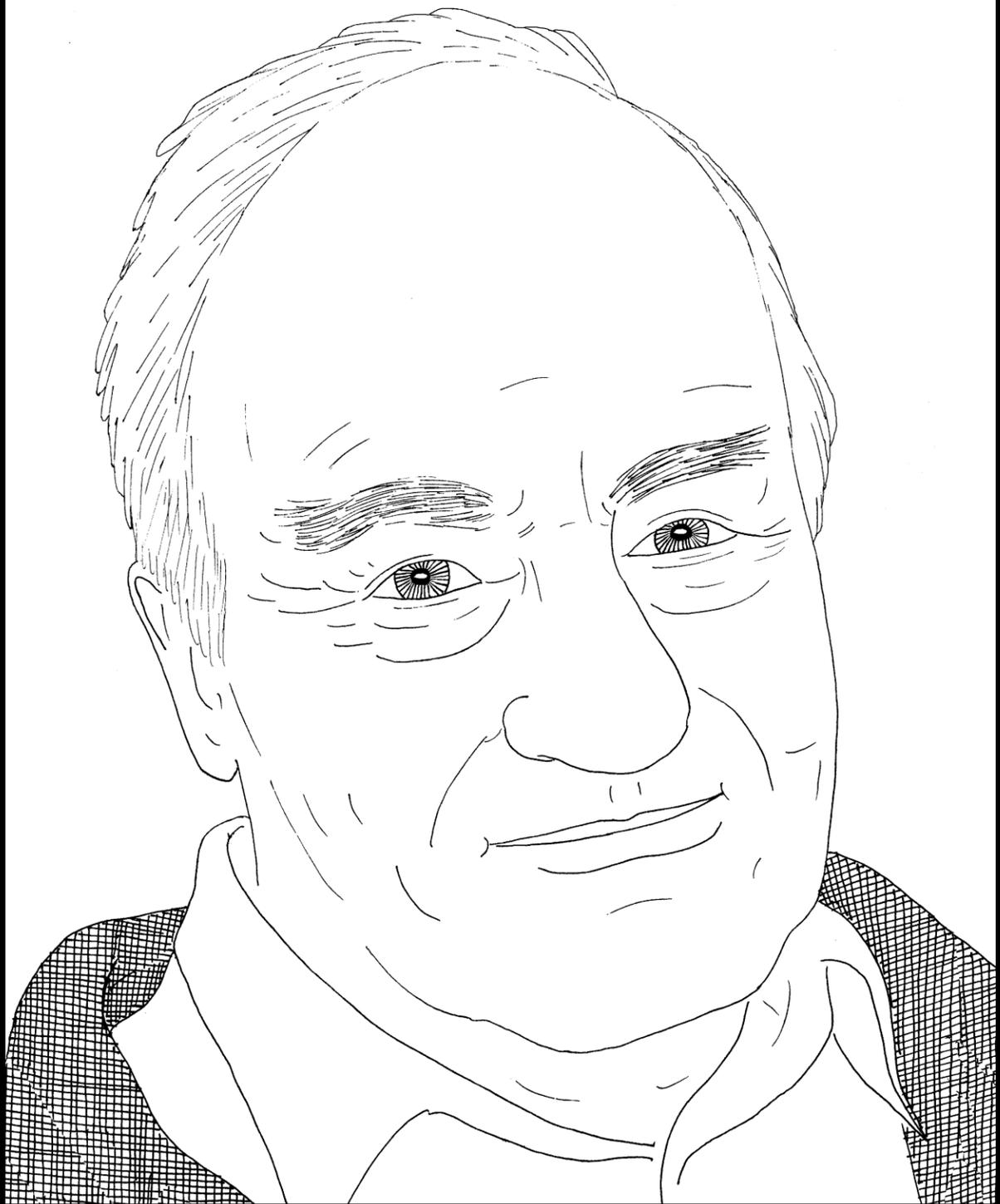
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**"Those who today still feel a sense of impotence can do something: they can support Amnesty International. They can help it to stand up for freedom and justice."**

**-- Peter Benenson**

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"Changing the structure and rules of the global economy will require a mass movement based on messages of compassion, justice, and equality, as well as collaborative and democratic processes ... If we stay positive, inclusive, and democratic, we have a truly historic opportunity to build a global movement for social justice." -- Medea Benjamin

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**"Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy."**

**-- Wendell Berry**

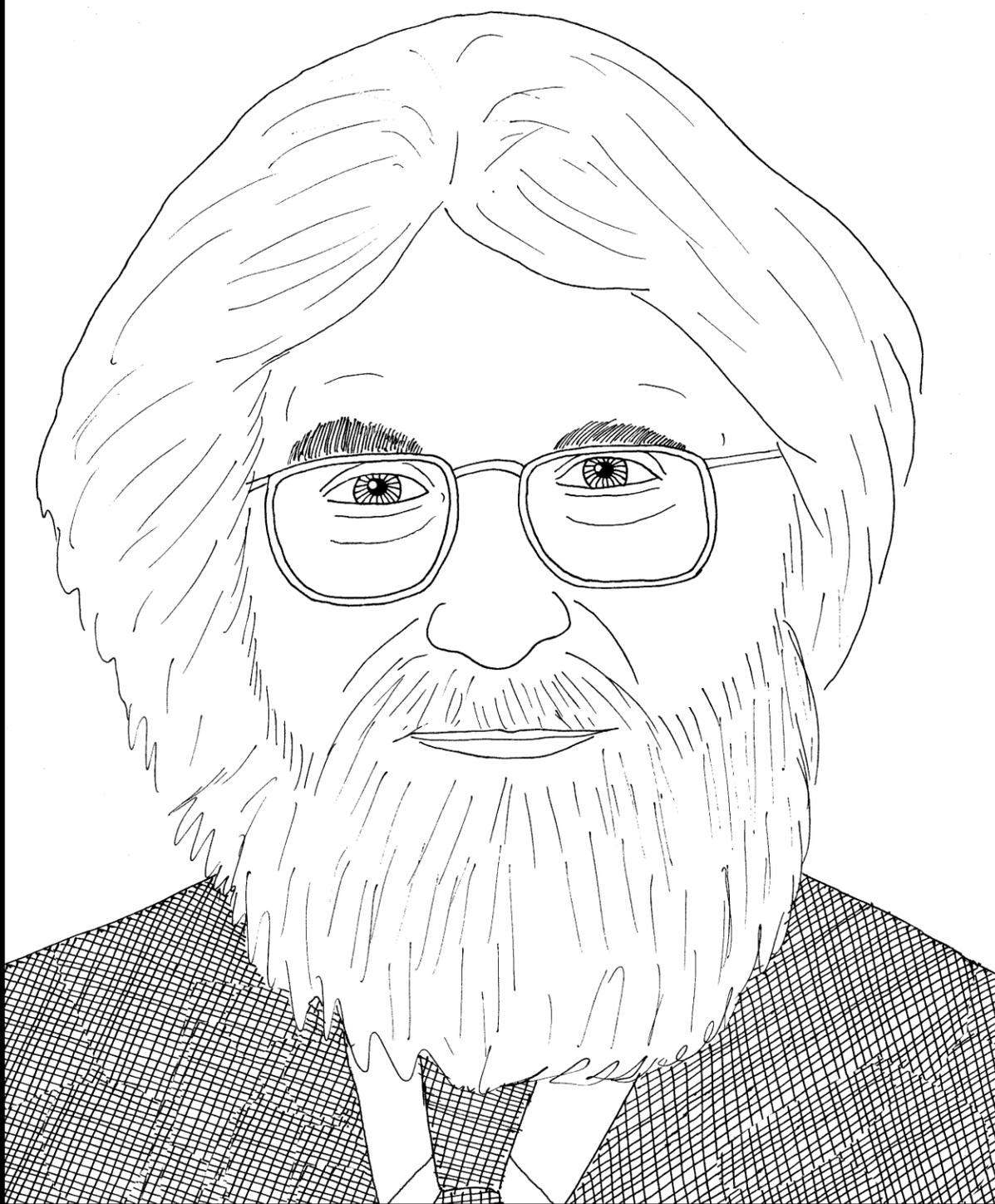
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"Today social justice represents one of the most serious challenges to the conscience of the world. The abyss between those who are within the world 'order' and those who are excluded is widening day by day. The use of leading-edge technologies has made it possible to accumulate wealth in a way that is fantastic but perverse because it is unjustly distributed. Twenty-percent of humankind control eighty percent of all means of life. That fact creates a dangerous imbalance in the movement of history." -- Leonardo Boff

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"In these disturbing and distressing times, surely it's cheaper, and smarter, to make friends out of potential enemies than it is to defend yourself against them...Justice is the surest way to get peace."

-- Bono

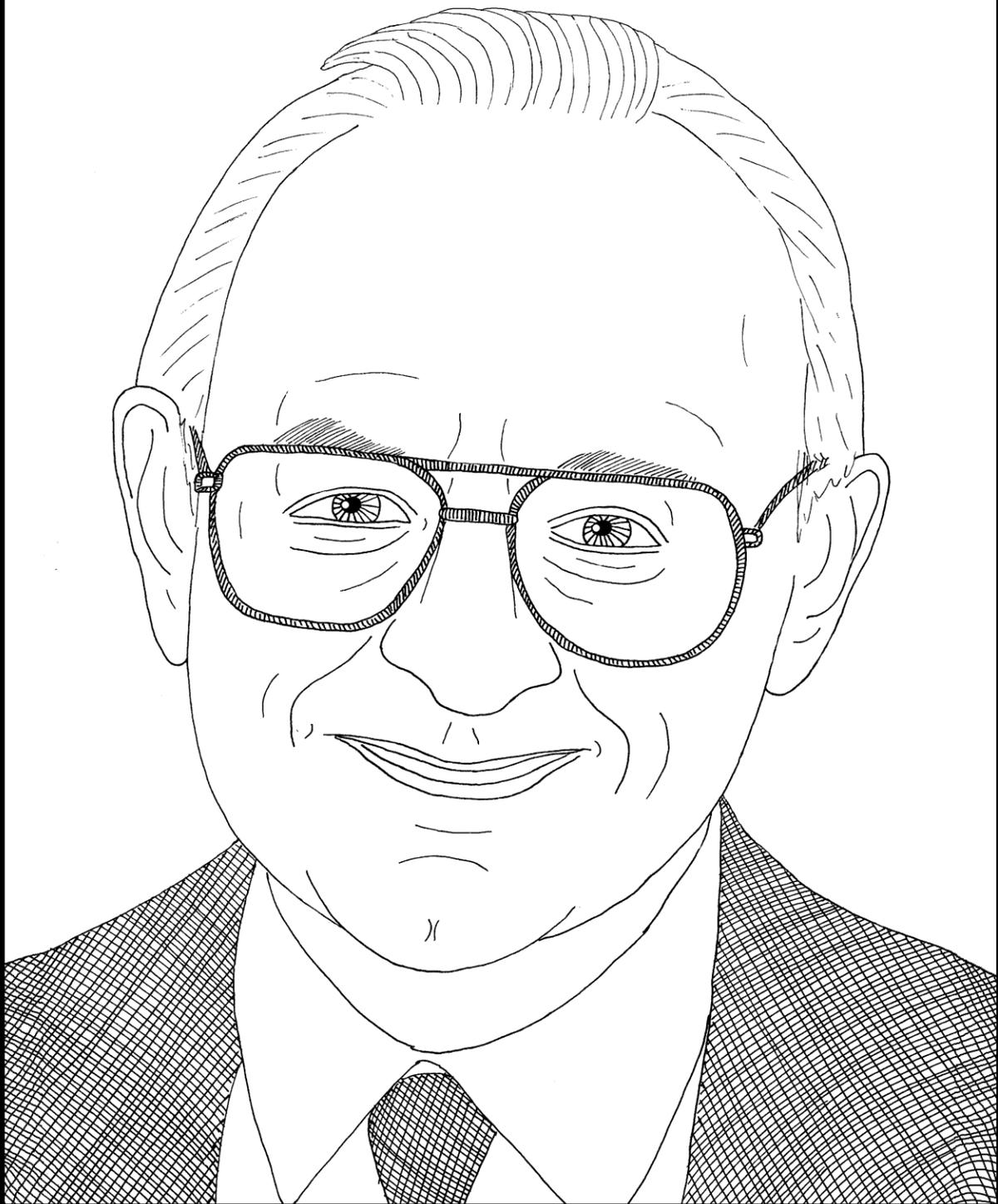
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**"Militarism is no longer a synonym for patriotism.  
Our survival as a planet depends on maintaining peace and justice."  
-- Blasé Bonpane**

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**"...the first essential component of social justice  
is adequate food for all mankind.  
Food is the moral right of all who are born into this world."  
-- Norman Borlaug**

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**"Democracy is an objective. Democratization is a process. Democratization serves the cause of peace because it offers the possibility of justice and of progressive change without force."**

**-- Boutros Boutros-Ghali**

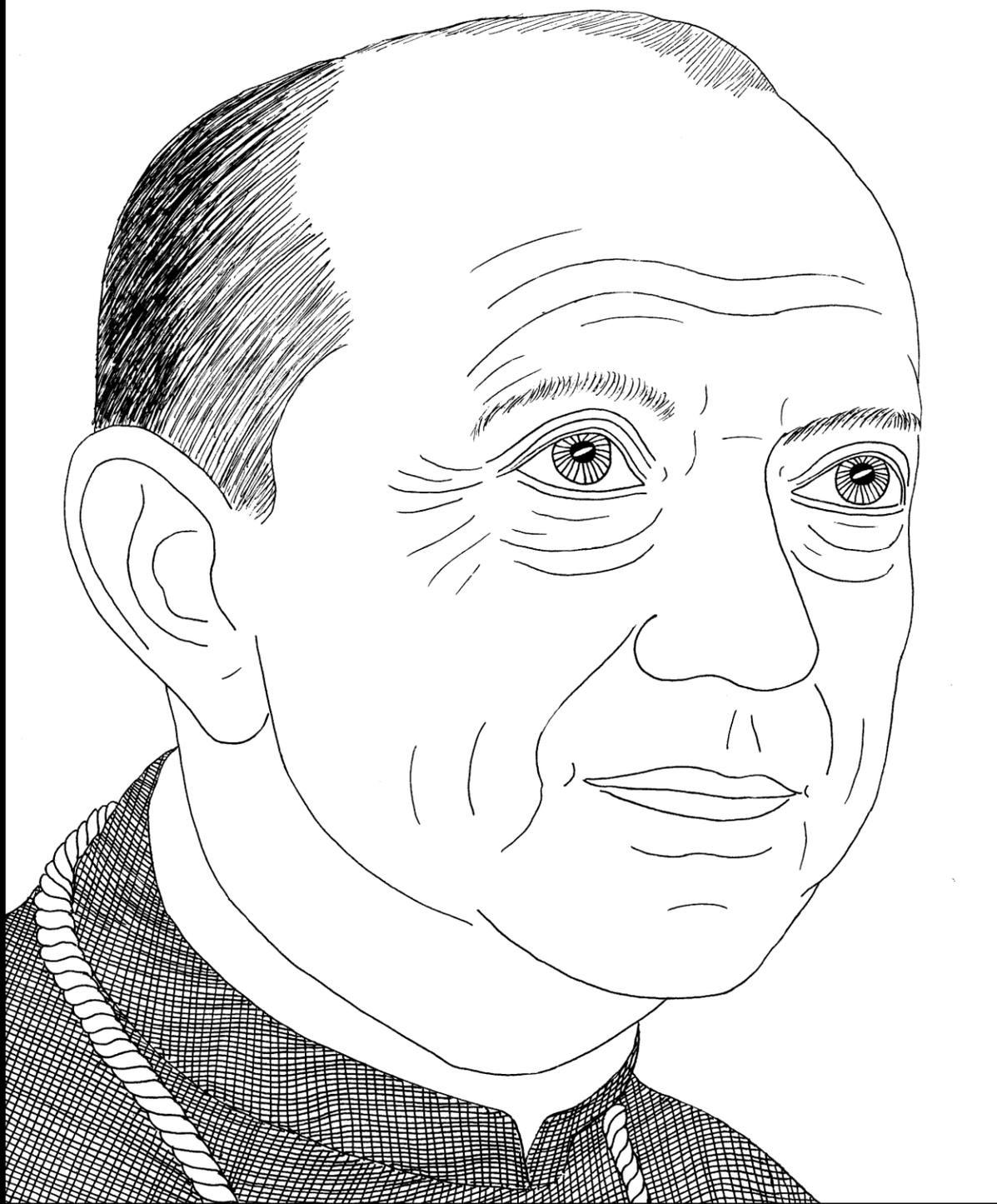
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"Without justice and love, peace will always be the great illusion."  
-- Archbishop Hélder Pessoa Câmara

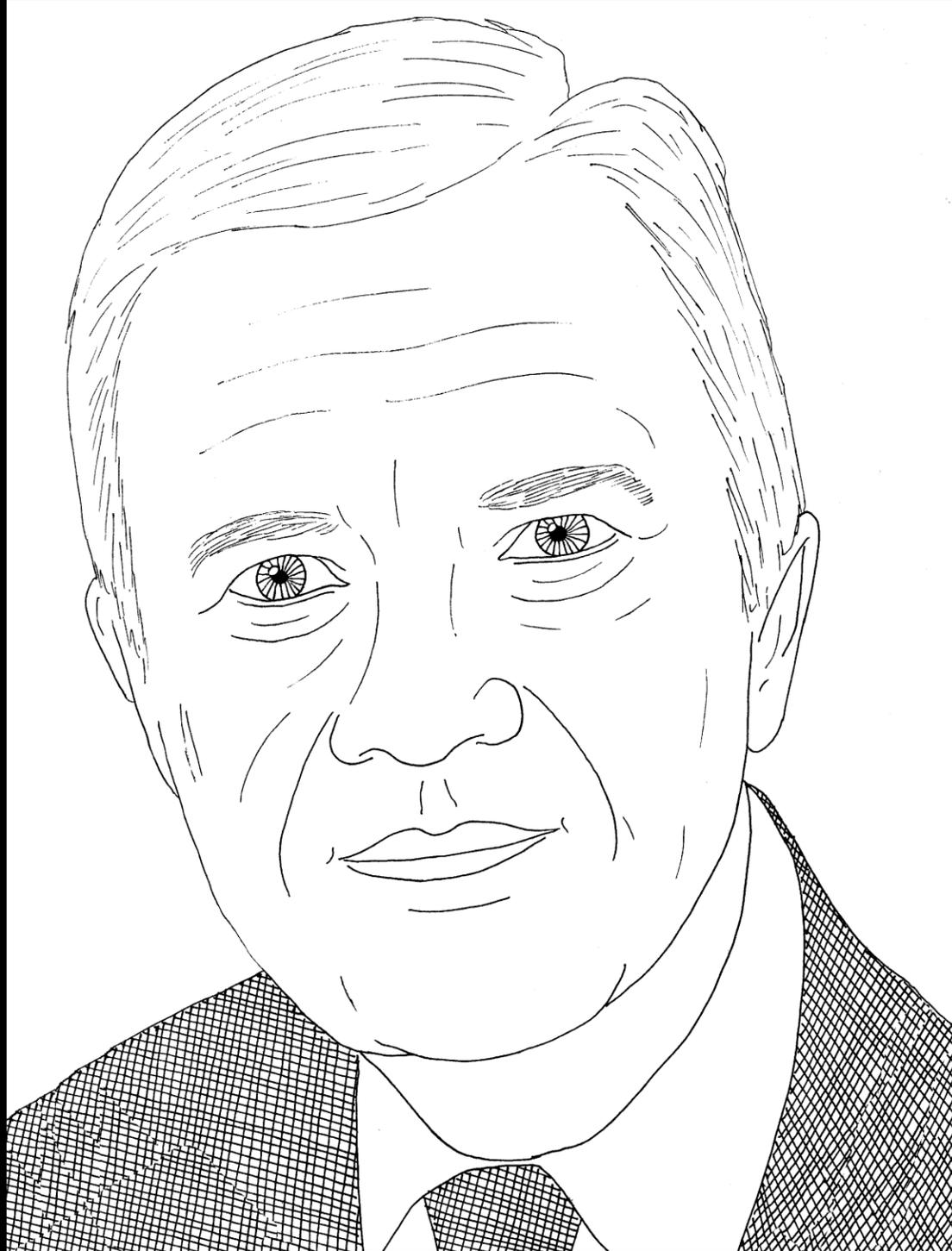
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**"It would be naïve to think that peace and justice can be achieved easily. No set of rules or study of history will automatically resolve the problems ... However, with faith and perseverance, ... complex problems in the past have been resolved in our search for justice and peace."**

**-- Jimmy Carter**

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**"If you give yourself totally to the nonviolence struggle for peace and justice you also find that people give you their hearts and you will never go hungry and never be alone."**

**-- César Chavez**

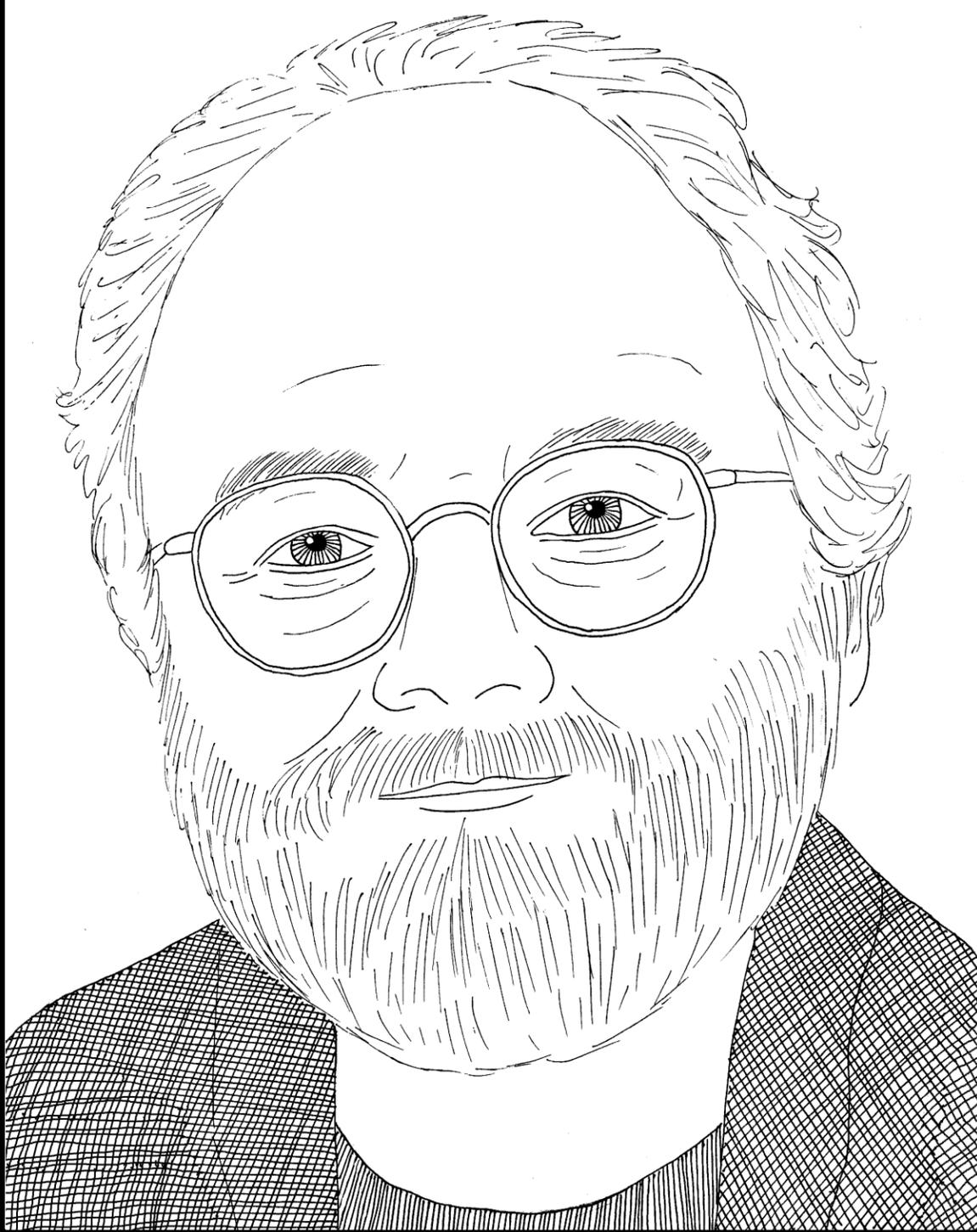
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"If you're aware of injustice, you can either ignore it, say there is nothing you can do about it, complain about it and not do anything, or put your energies into doing something about it."  
-- Ben Cohen

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"The conquest of war and the pursuit of social justice...  
must become our grand preoccupation and magnificent obsession."  
-- Norman Cousins

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**"You cannot kill the truth. You cannot kill justice.  
You cannot kill what we are fighting for."  
-- Jean Dominique**

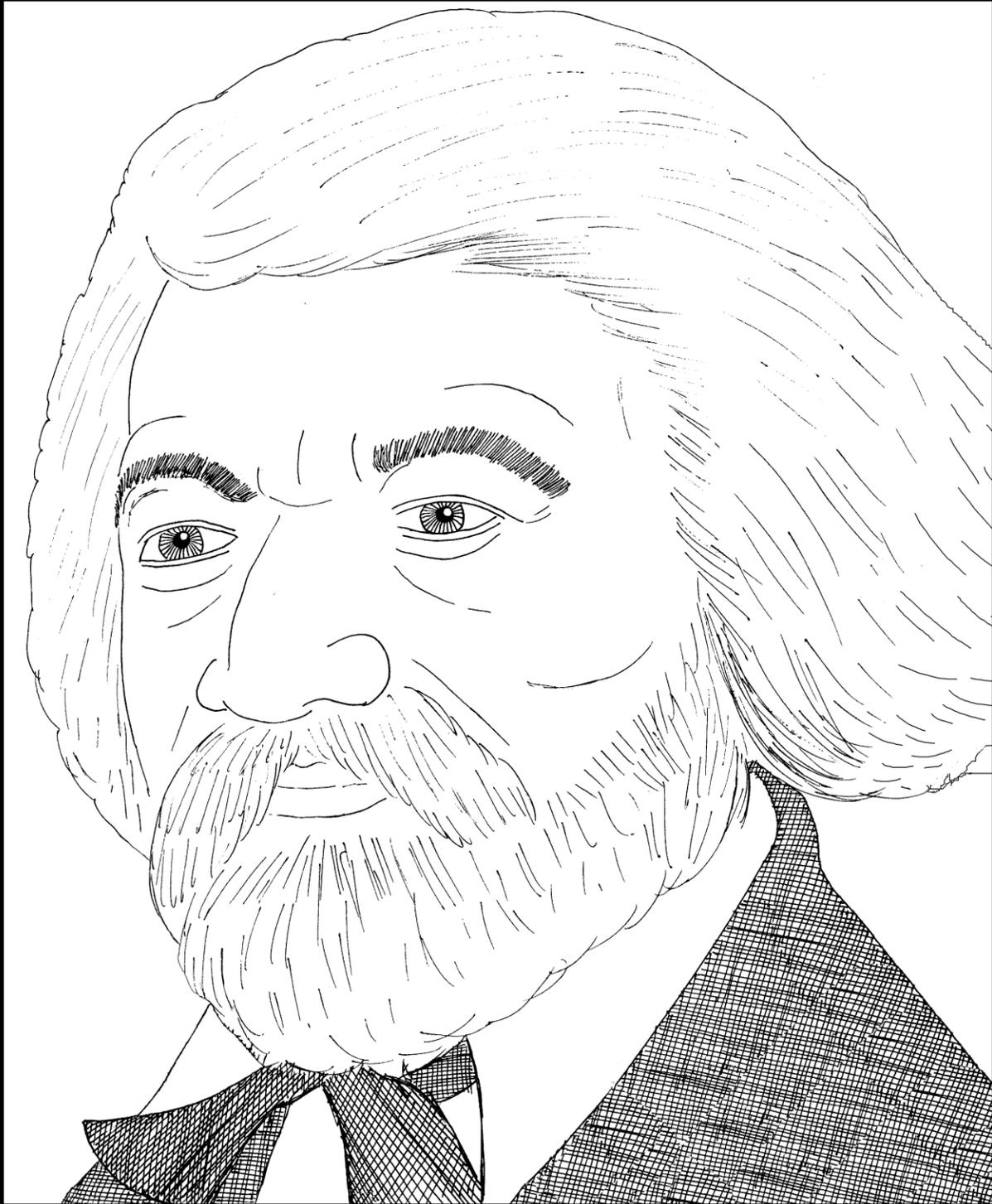
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"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

-- Frederick Douglass

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**"The challenge of social justice is to evoke a sense of community that we need to make our nation a better place, just as we make it a safer place."**

**-- Marian Wright Edelman**

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"Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin."  
-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"We must apply our humble efforts to the construction of a more just and humane world. And I want to declare emphatically: Such a world is possible. To create this new society, we must present outstretched and friendly hands, without hatred and rancor, even as we show great determination and never waver in the defense of truth and justice. Because we know that we cannot sow seeds with clenched fists. To sow we must open our hands."

-- Adolfo Pérez Esquivel

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"...In a world riven by inequity,  
medicine could be viewed as social justice work."  
-- Dr. Paul Farmer

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**"If we wish to substitute for war the settlement of disputes by justice, we must first substitute for the condition of international anarchy a condition of international order."**

**-- Alfred Hermann Fried**

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"The ultimate object of education should be, Gandhi said, to help create not only a balanced and harmonious individual but also a balanced and harmonious society where true justice prevails, where there is no unnatural division between the "haves" and the "have-nots," and where everybody is assured of a living wage and the right to live and the right to freedom." -- Arun Gandhi

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**"We live in an age in which the fundamental principles to which we subscribe -- liberty, equality and justice for all -- are encountering extraordinary challenges ... But it is also an age in which we can join hands with others who hold to those principles and face similar challenges."**

**-- Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

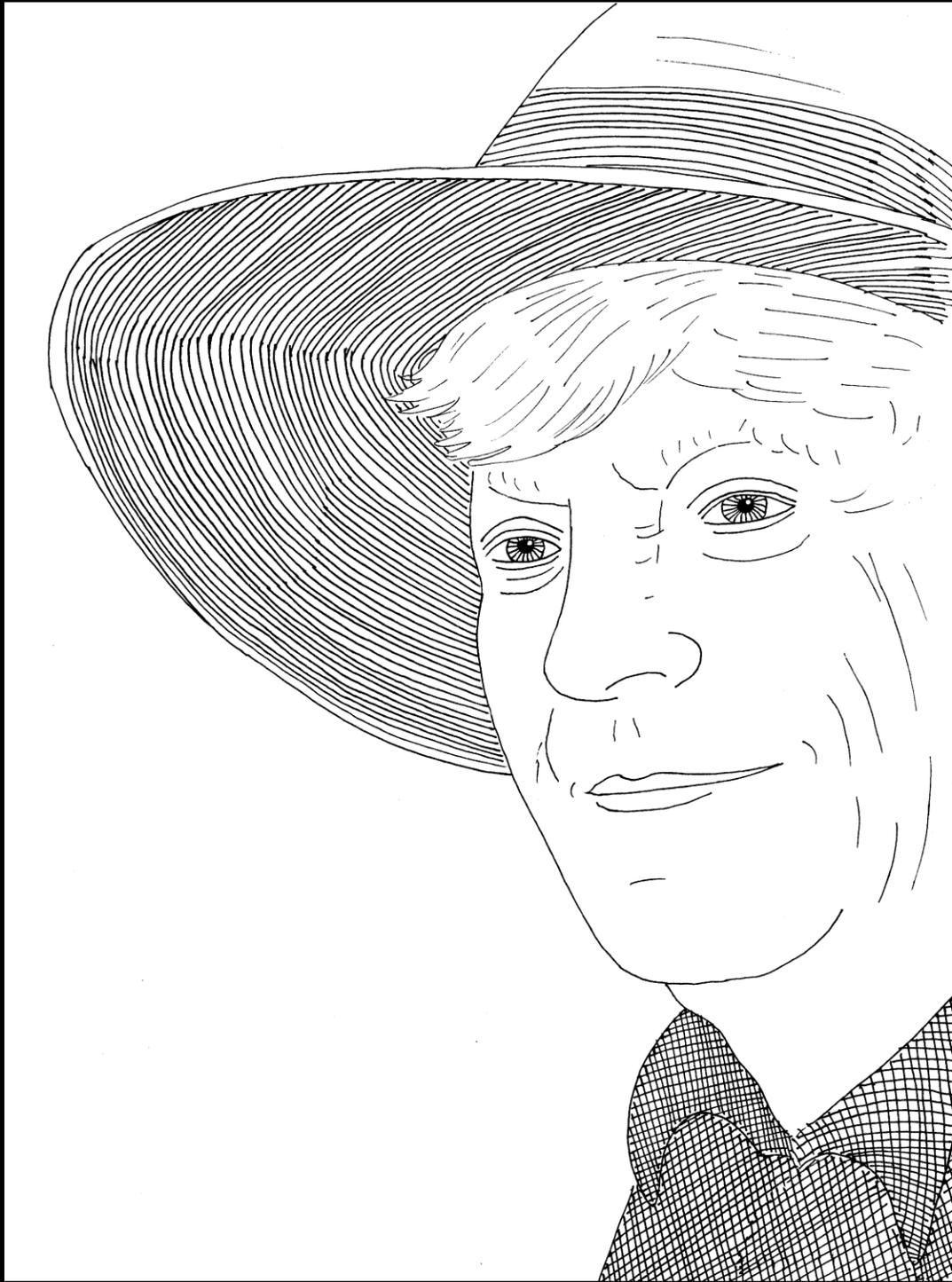
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"Never be discouraged from being an activist because people tell you that you'll not succeed. You have already succeeded if you're out there representing truth or justice or compassion or fairness or love."  
-- Granny D (Doris Haddock)

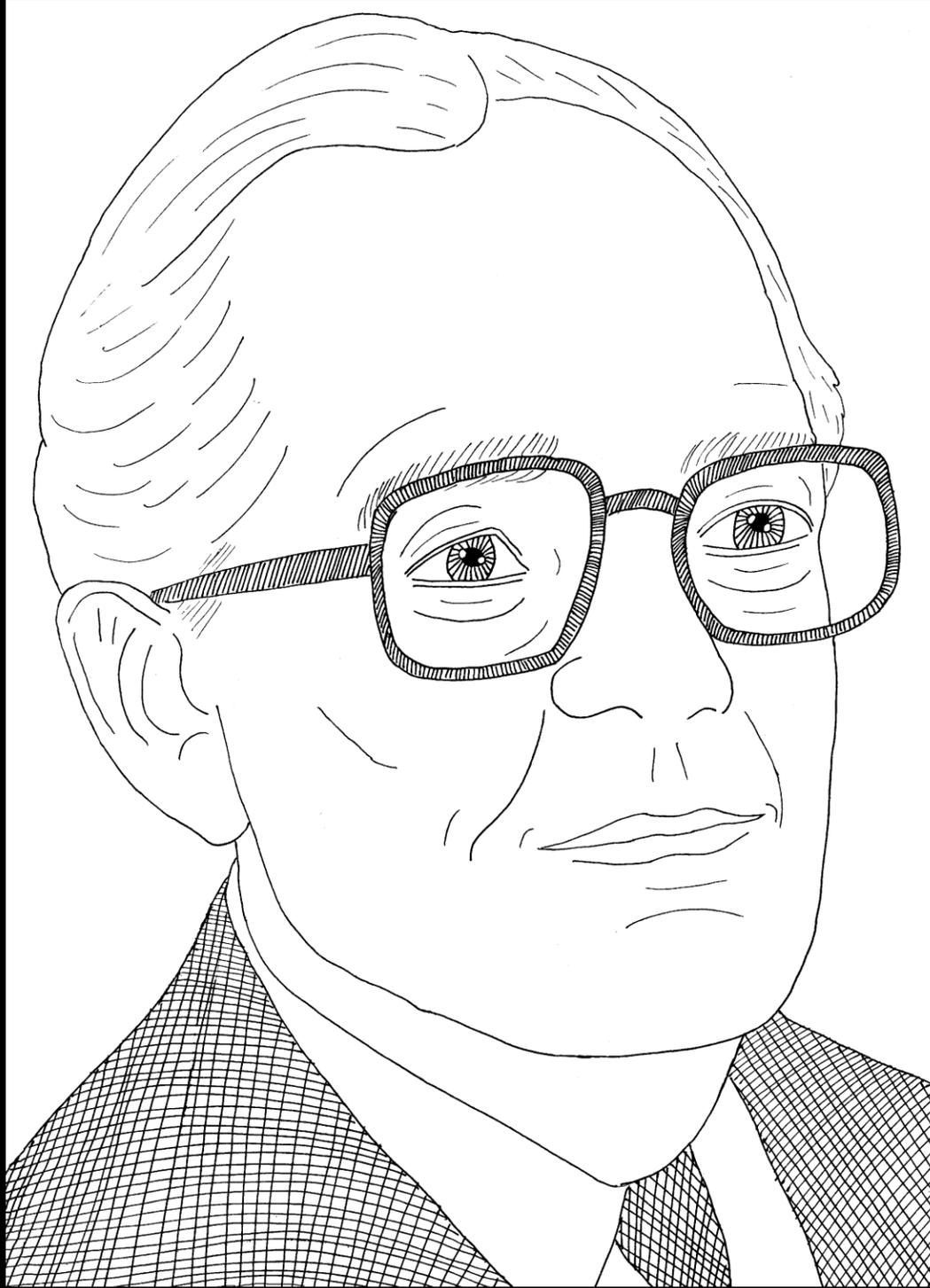
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"Let us never cease to feel compassion for those in want. Let us never tire of helping victims of injustice and oppression. He who puts his faith in the restoration of human dignity cannot be wrong."

-- Poul Hartling

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"We cannot close ourselves off to information and ignore the fact that millions of people are out there suffering. I honestly want to help. I don't believe I feel differently from other people. I think we all want justice and equality, a chance for a life with meaning. All of us would like to believe that if we were in a bad situation someone would help us."

-- Angelina Jolie

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**"There can be no peace if there is social injustice and suppression of human rights, because external and internal peace are inseparable. Peace is not just the absence of mass destruction, but a positive internal and external condition in which people are free so that they can grow to their full potential."**

**-- Petra Kelly**

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"World peace, like community peace, does not require that each man love his neighbor -- it requires only that they live together with mutual tolerance, submitting their disputes to a just and peaceful settlement."

-- John F. Kennedy

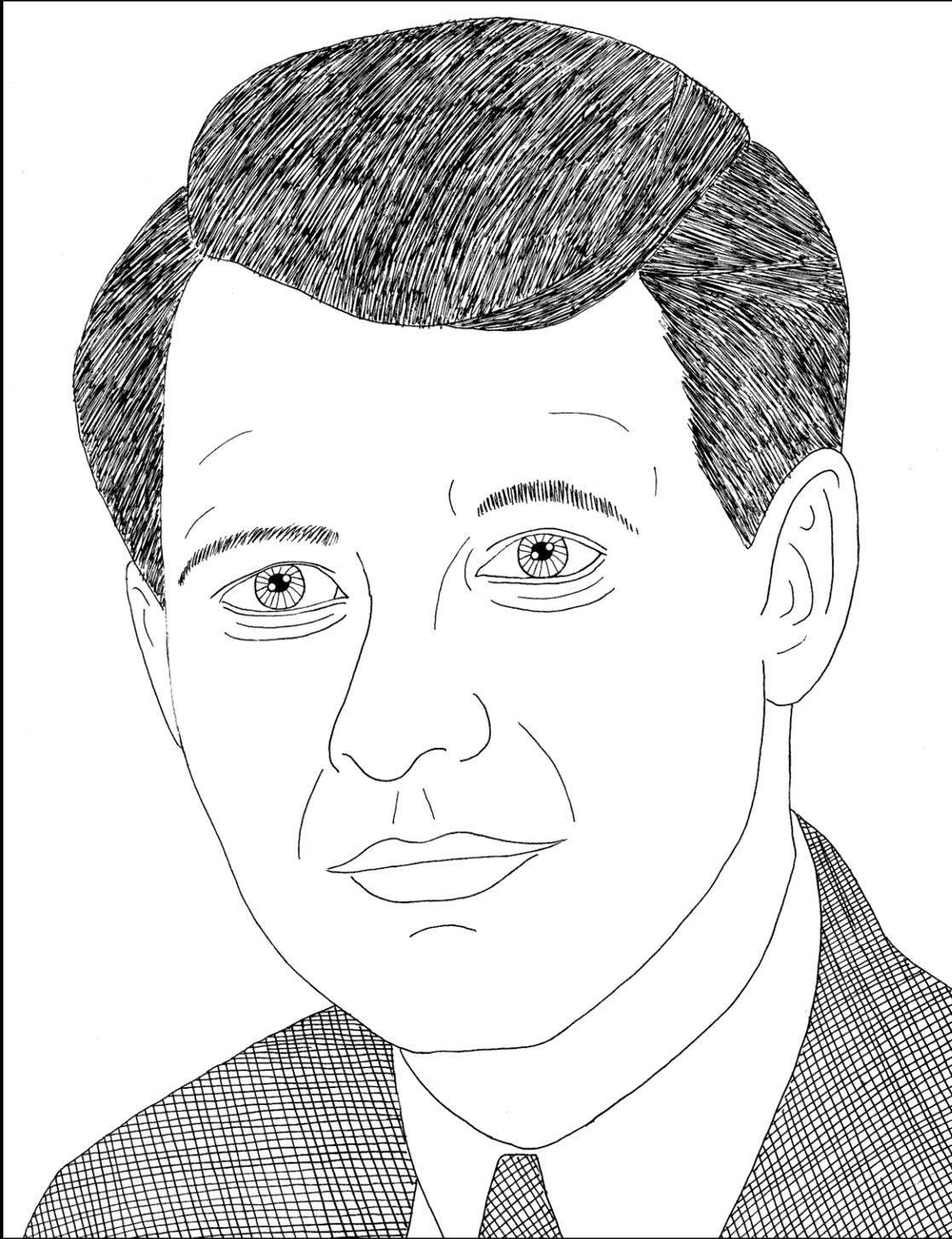
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"Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

-- Robert F. Kennedy

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"There can be no peace without justice and respect for human rights."  
-- Irene Khan

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"Collectively, we have all it takes to create a just and peaceful world, but we must work together and share our talents. We all need one another to find happiness within ourselves and within the world."

-- Craig Kielburger

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"Democracy is the absolute value that makes for human dignity, as well as the only road to sustained economic development and social justice."  
-- Kim Dae-jung

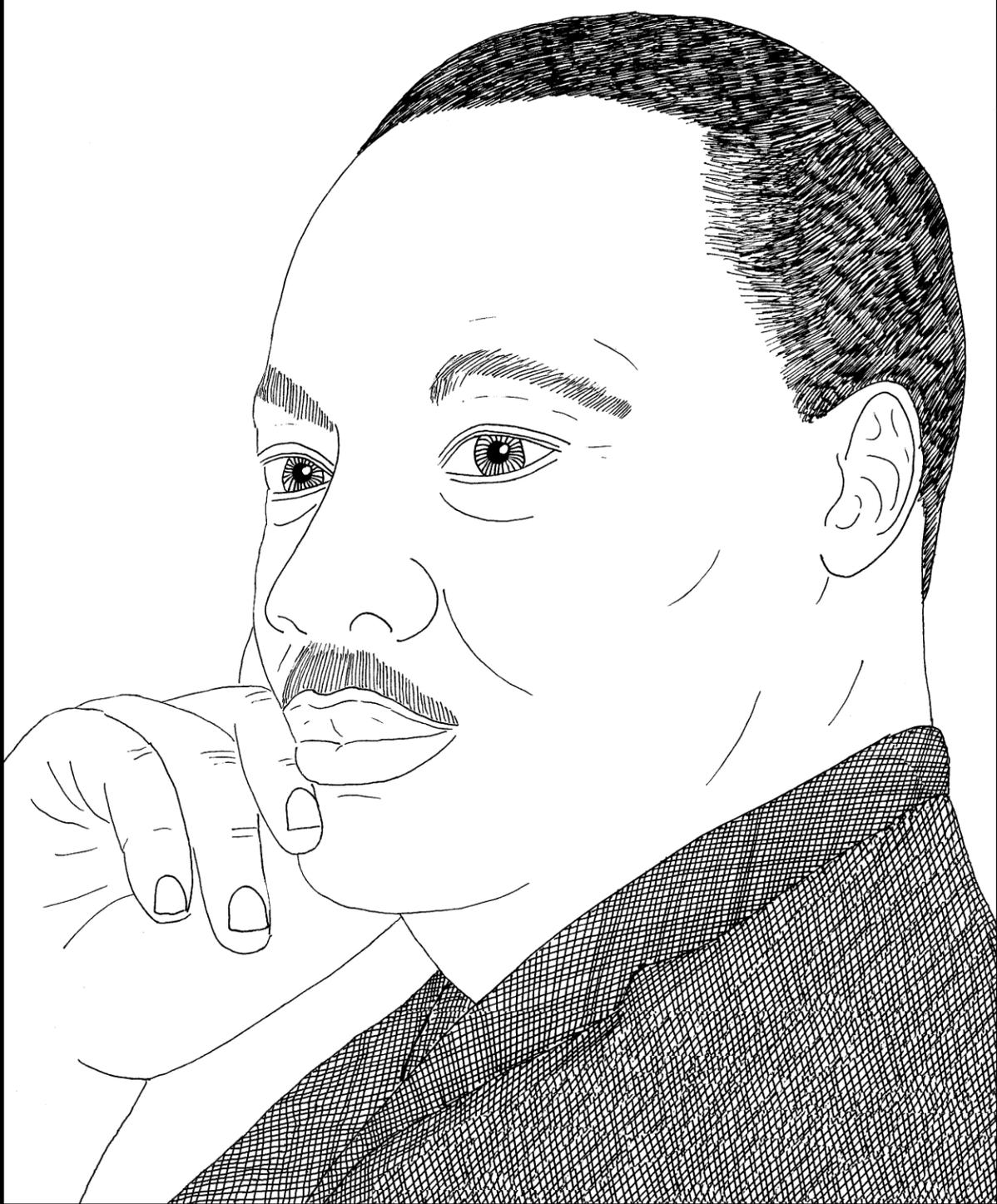
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"True peace is not merely the absence of tension, it is the presence of Justice."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**"Our ultimate objective in learning about anything  
is to try to create and develop a more just society. "  
-- Yuri Kochiyama**

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"Charity isn't a good substitute for justice."  
-- Jonathan Kozol

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"Let us today seek to find that place within each of us where dreams are made, where our highest aspirations take shape. Let us confirm the power of our humanity by giving architecture and substance to the dreams we have for our nation, so that the promised land of social and economic justice that is within our dreams will soon be within our sight."

-- Dennis Kucinich

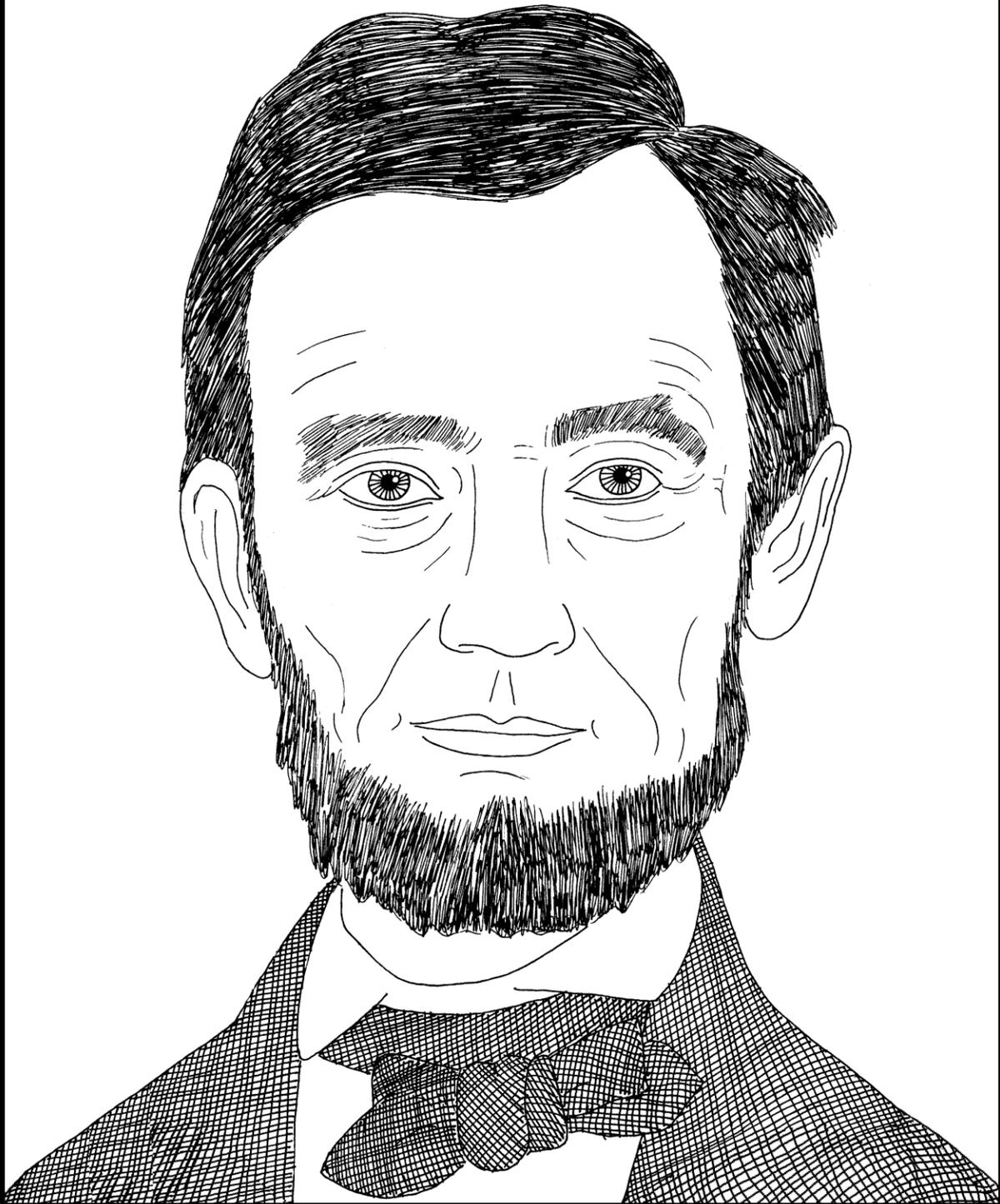
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"With malice toward none, with charity for all...  
let us strive on to finish the work we are in  
...to do all which may achieve and cherish  
a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."  
-- Abraham Lincoln

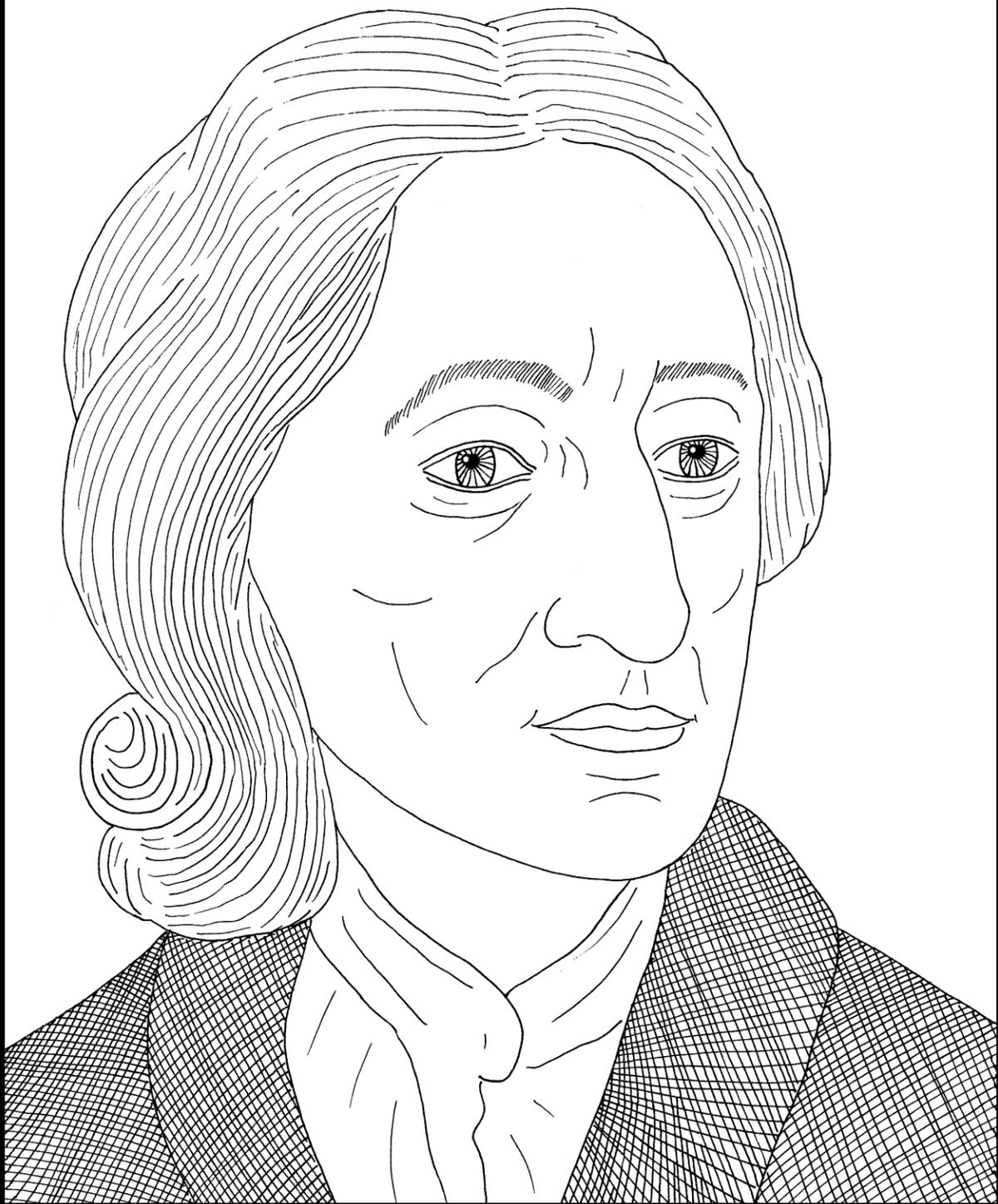
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**"Justice and truth are the common ties of society."  
-- John Locke**

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**"The true path to peace is shared development.  
If we do not want war to go global, justice must go global."  
-- Luiz Lula da Silva**

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"If we want to reap the harvest of peace and justice in the future,  
we will have to sow seeds of nonviolence, here and now, in the present."  
-- Mairead Corrigan Maguire

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**"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity.  
It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental  
human right, the right to dignity and a decent life..."**

**-- Nelson Mandela**

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"It's too easy only to blame the militarists, racists, sexists and other pushers of violence for the mess we're in. What is harder is self-examination, moving beyond caring by looking inward to ask the personal question: What more should I be doing everyday to bring about a peace and justice based world, whether across the ocean or across the living room?" -- Colman McCarthy

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"We are way more powerful when we turn to each other and not on each other, when we celebrate our diversity, focus on our commonality, and together tear down the mighty walls of injustice."

-- Cynthia McKinney

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"The basic goal of labor will not change. It is -- as it has always been, and I am sure always will be -- to better the standards of life for all who work for wages and to seek decency and justice and dignity for all Americans."

-- George Meany

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**"Peace cannot exist without justice, justice cannot exist without fairness, fairness cannot exist without development, development cannot exist without democracy, democracy cannot exist without respect for the identity and worth of cultures and peoples." -- Rigoberta Menchú**

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"It is truly only when we begin to see that injustice is only a symptom and an opportunity to design new models of governance, education and other options within the fields of endeavors that we will learn how it is to become truly conscious HUMANS."

-- Nina Meyerhof

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**"Our motto is to work for peace based on social justice.  
Our mandate is to improve the condition, health and  
safety of workers, and our mission is universal."**

**-- David A. Morse**

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**“Charity is commendable; everyone should be charitable.  
But justice aims to create a social order in which,  
if individuals choose not to be charitable, people  
still don’t go hungry, unschooled or sick without care.”**

**-- Bill Moyers**

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"A society that has more justice is a society that needs less charity."  
-- Ralph Nader

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**"We could dramatically accelerate innovations in sustainability and social justice just by making choices to use our money for positive solutions."**

**-- Carol Newell**

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"We've got a lot of work to do economically in this country to bring about a more just and fair economy."  
-- Barack Obama

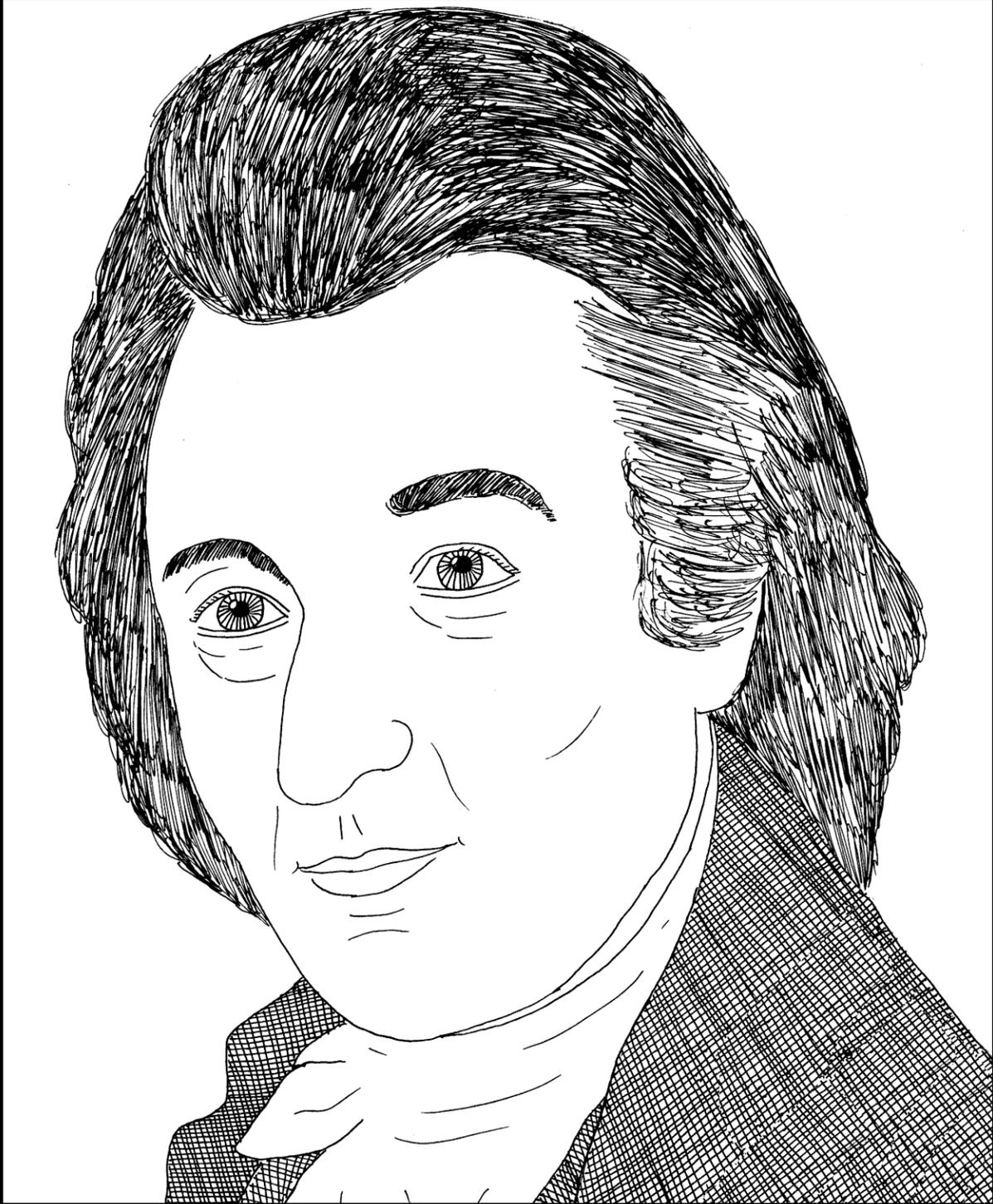
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**"I believe in the equality of man; and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy."**

**-- Thomas Paine**

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**"I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people."  
-- Rosa Parks**

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"Thinking about how the world might be and envisioning a society characterized by justice are the essence of conceptualizing the conditions that comprise positive peace. If we are to educate for peace, both teachers and students need to have some notion of the transformed world we are educating for."

-- Betty Reardon

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**"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home...Such are the places where every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere."**

**-- Eleanor Roosevelt**

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**"Silence in the face of injustice is complicity with the oppressor."  
-- Ginetta Sagan**

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**"I try to live my life every day in the present,  
and try not to turn a blind eye to injustice and need."  
-- Susan Sarandon**

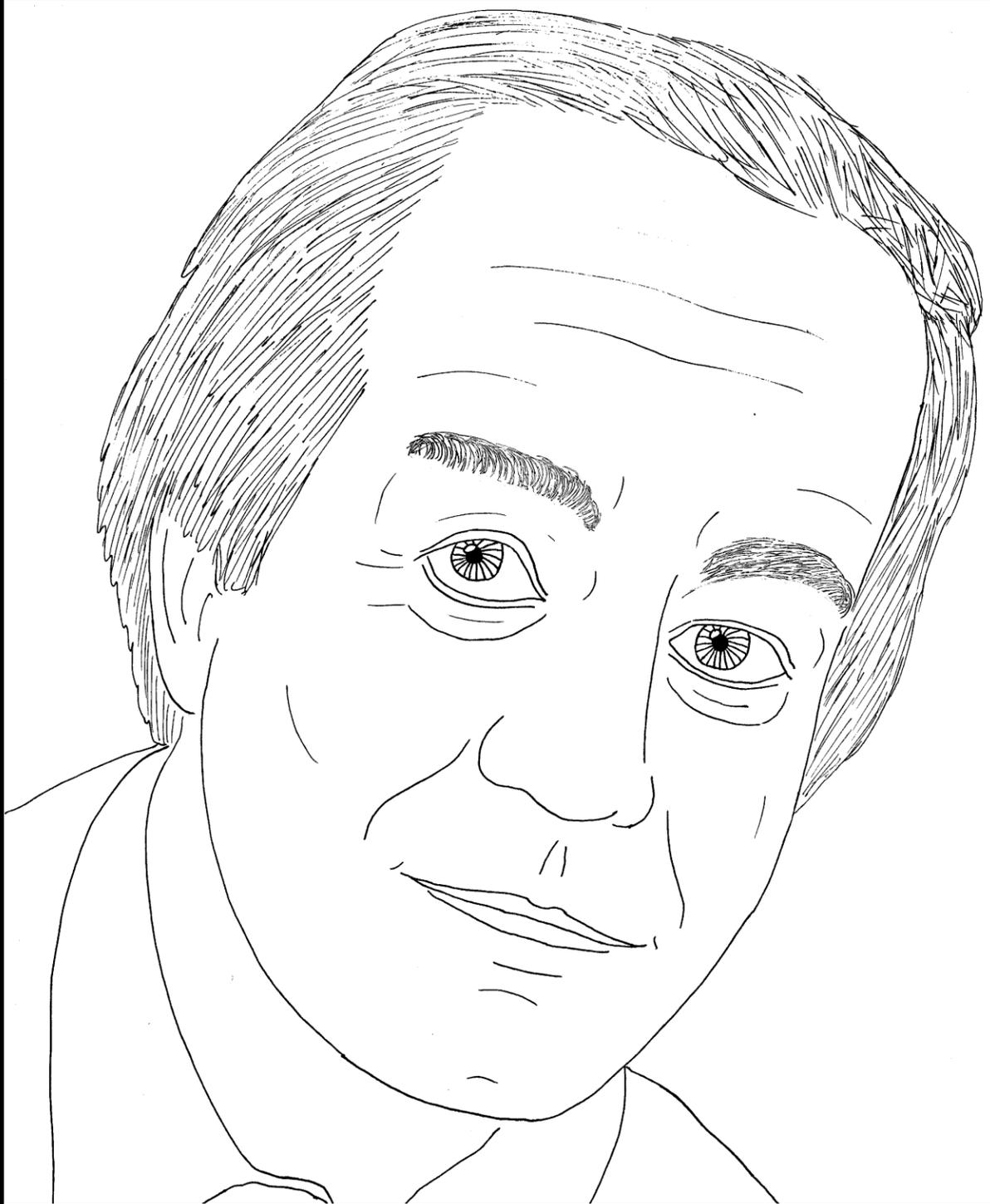
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"Lovers of freedom, lovers of social justice, disarmers, peacekeepers, civil disobeyers, democrats, civil-rights activists, and defenders of the environment are legions in a single multiform cause, and they will gain strength by knowing it, taking encouragement from it, and when appropriate and opportune, pooling their efforts."

-- Jonathan Schell

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**"The Pledge of Allegiance says '...with liberty and justice for all.'  
What part of 'all' don't you understand?"  
-- Patricia Schroeder**

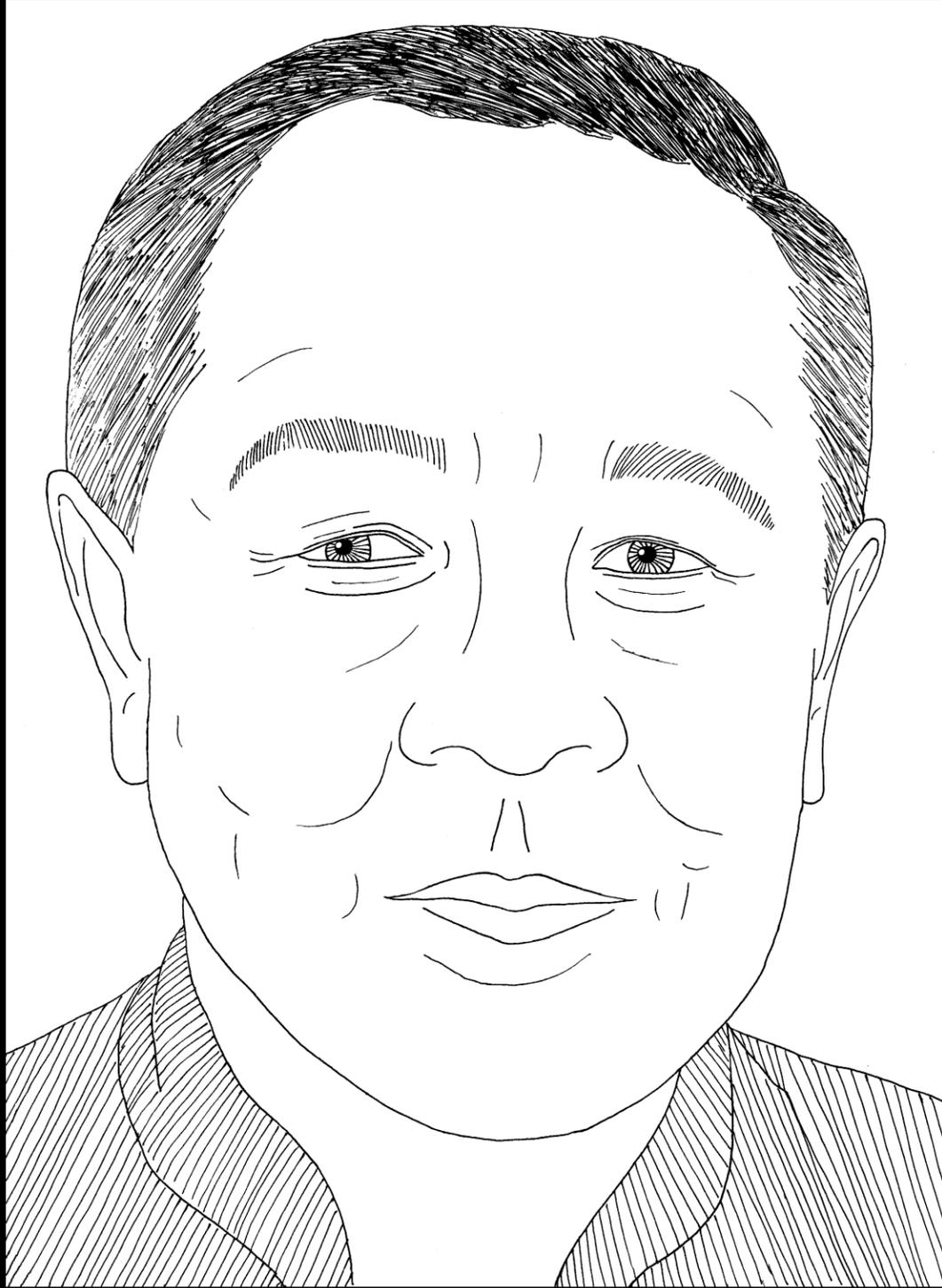
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"We have more than enough programs, organisations, parties, and strategies in the world for the alleviation of suffering and injustice."

-- Sulak Sivaraksa

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**“Now all we need is to continue to speak the truth fearlessly,  
and we shall add to our number those who will turn the scale  
to the side of equal and full justice in all things.”**

**-- Lucy Stone**

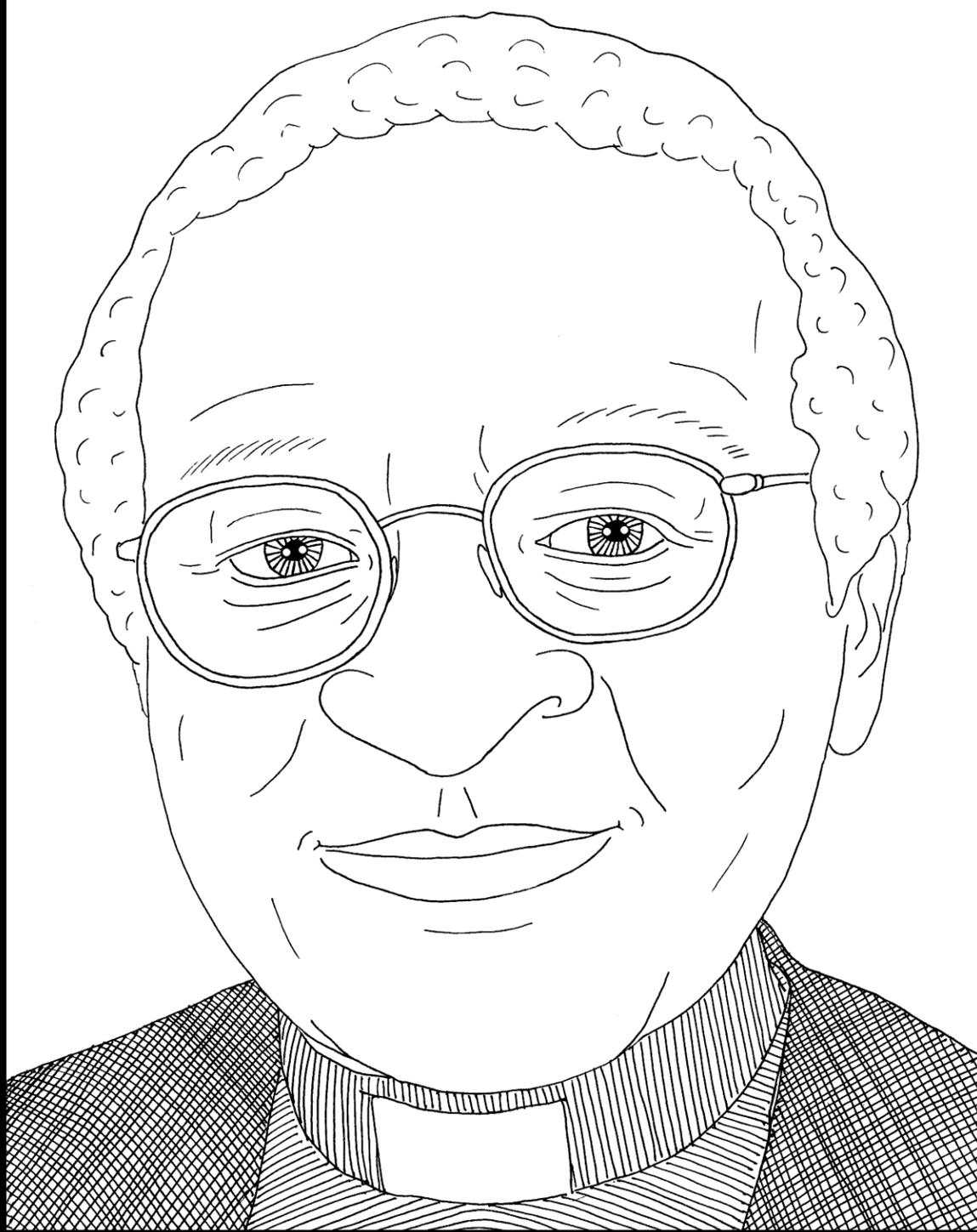
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**"If you are neutral in situations of injustice,  
you have chosen the side of the oppressor."**

**-- Desmond Tutu**

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"Today, I wish that the millions of displaced people would be able to return with the necessary conditions of safety and dignity, that people in exile could return to their home-country as the intelligence is needed, that cruelty, political killings, poverty and hunger cease. I wish that our people recover their dignity, truth is revealed and justice exists."

-- Alirio Uribe Muñoz

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**“Injustice moves me and the feeling of working efficiently for justice gives me energy”. And in the meantime there is “a world of contrasts: the real one, where human rights of the majority are violated; and the other one, the ideal, where they are guaranteed to every one.”**

**-- Patricia Verdugo Aguirre**

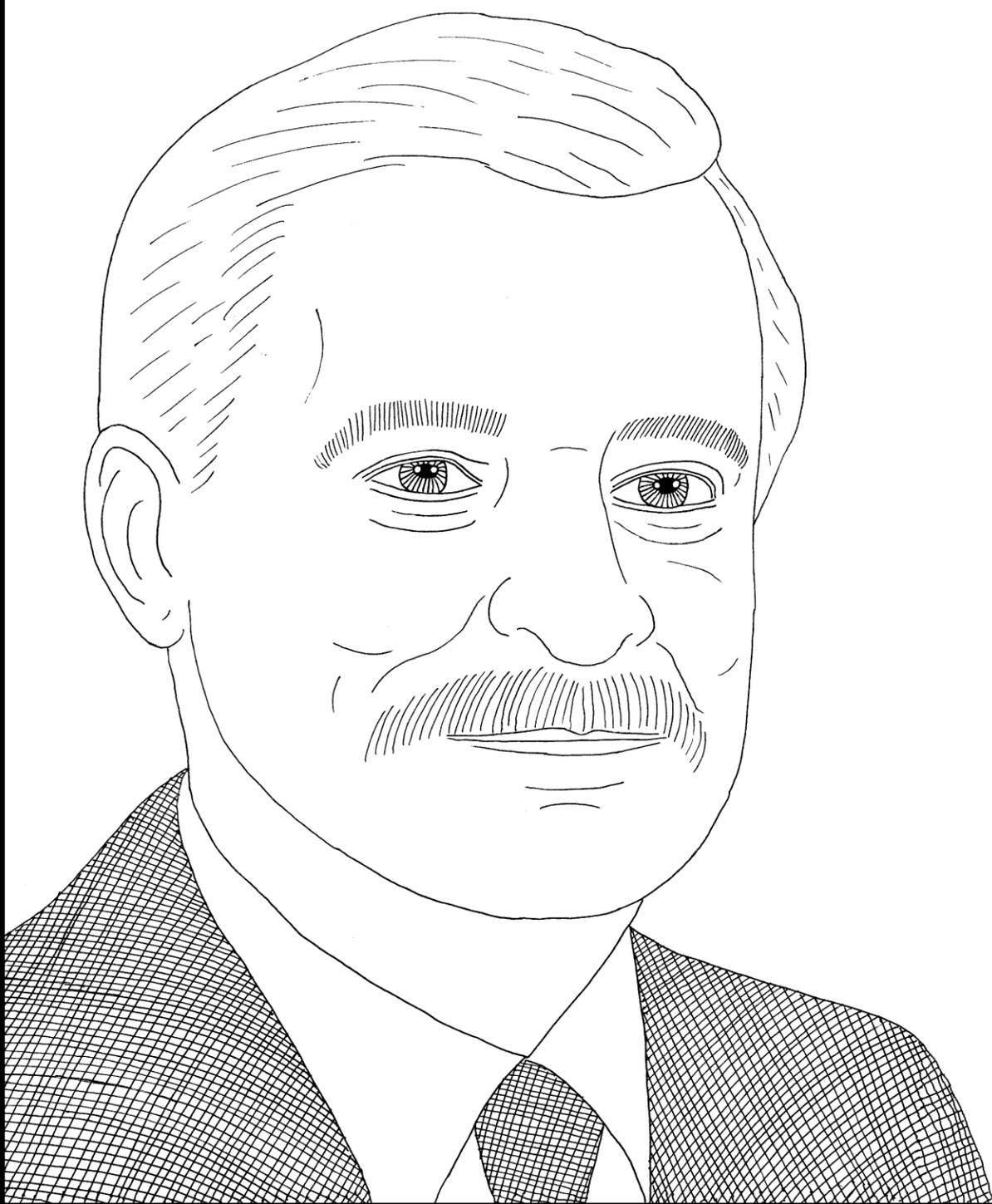
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"In many parts of the world the people are searching for a solution which would link the two basic values: peace and justice. The two are like bread and salt for mankind."

-- Lech Walesa

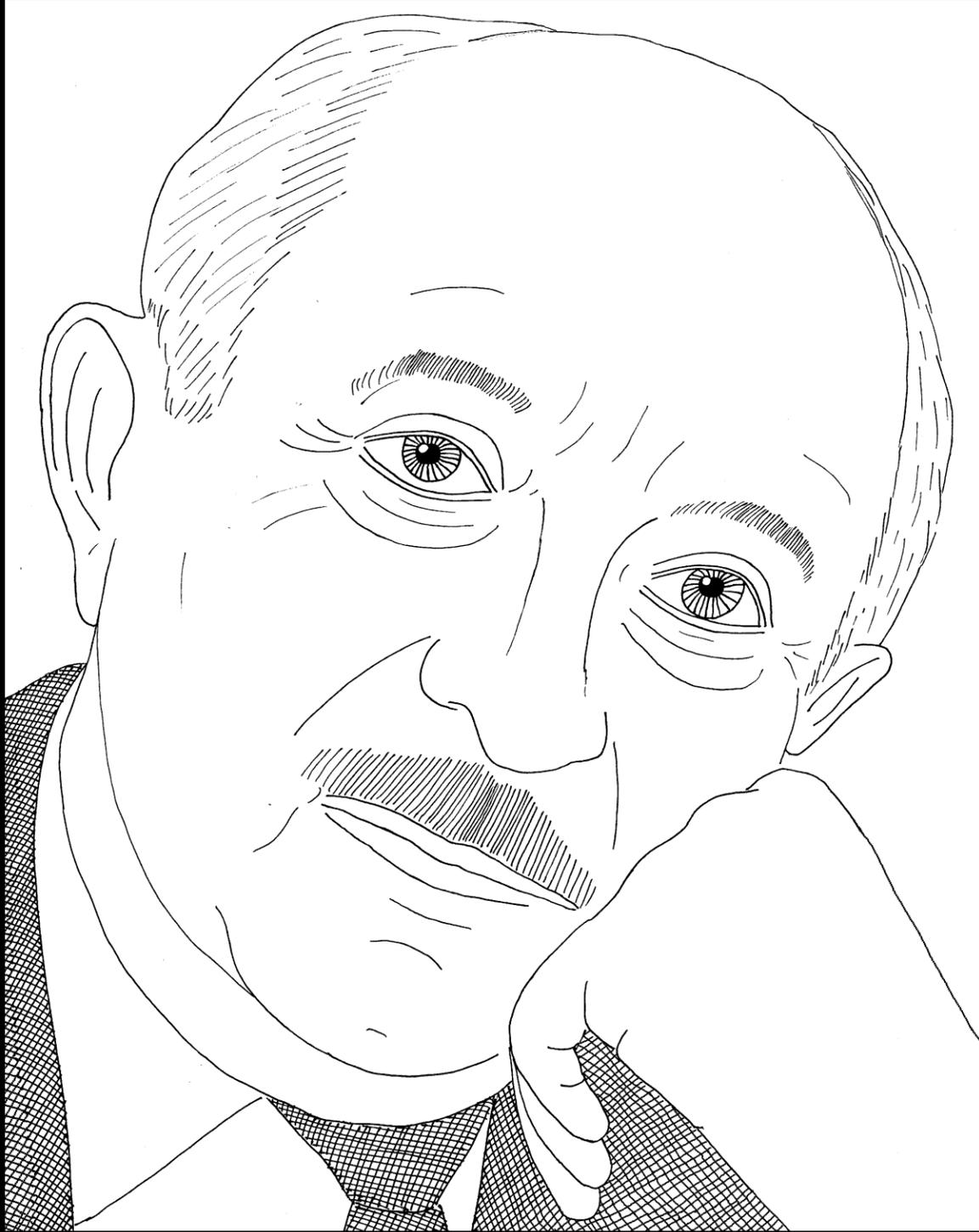
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**"My cause was justice, not vengeance. My work is for a better tomorrow and a more secure future for our children and grandchildren."  
-- Simon Wiesenthal**

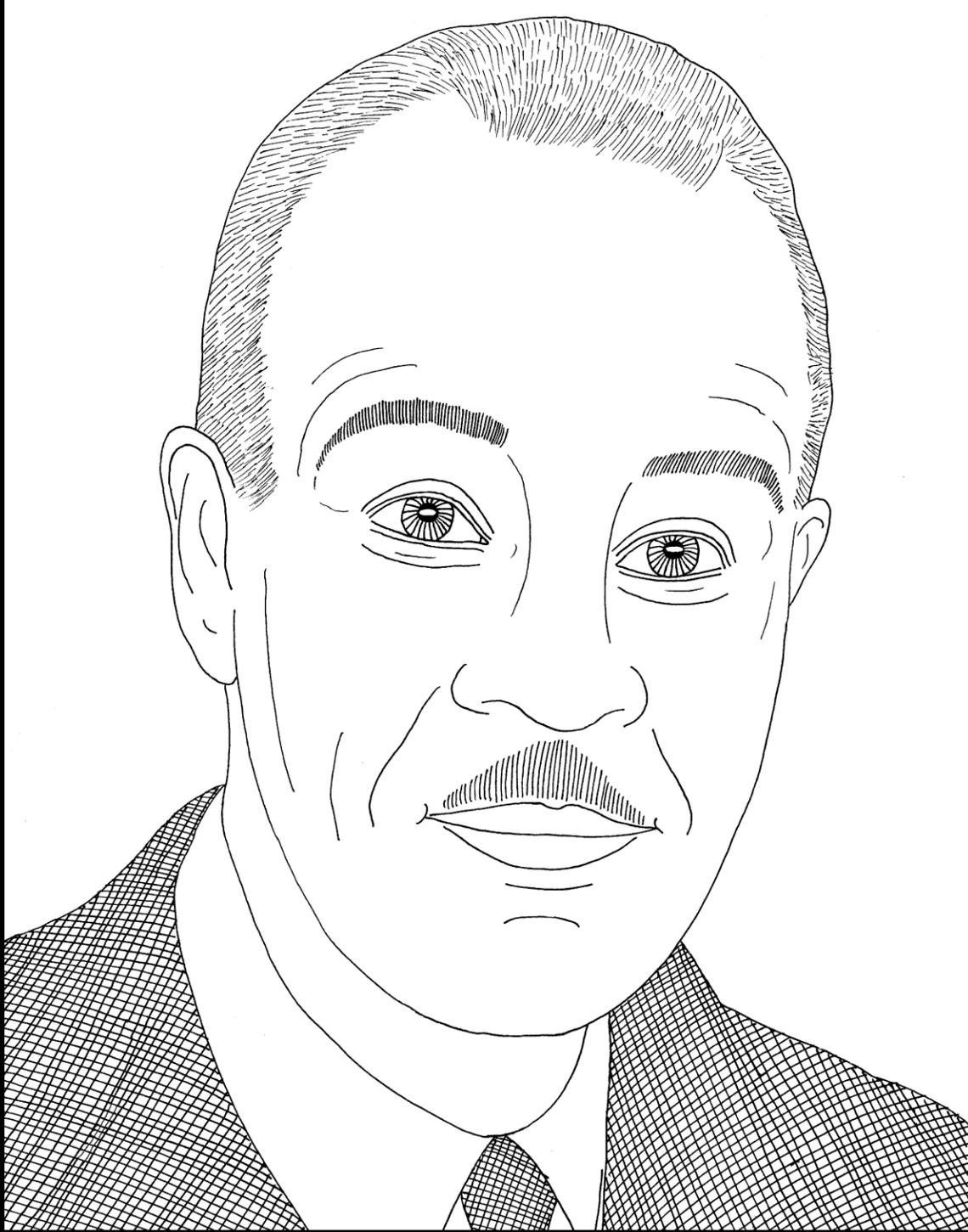
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**“An enormous discrepancy exists between the way we talk about equality in the abstract and the value as translated into laws and justice.”**

**-- Roy Wilkins**

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**"We want to live and love and build a just and peaceful society."  
-- Betty Williams & The Peace People**

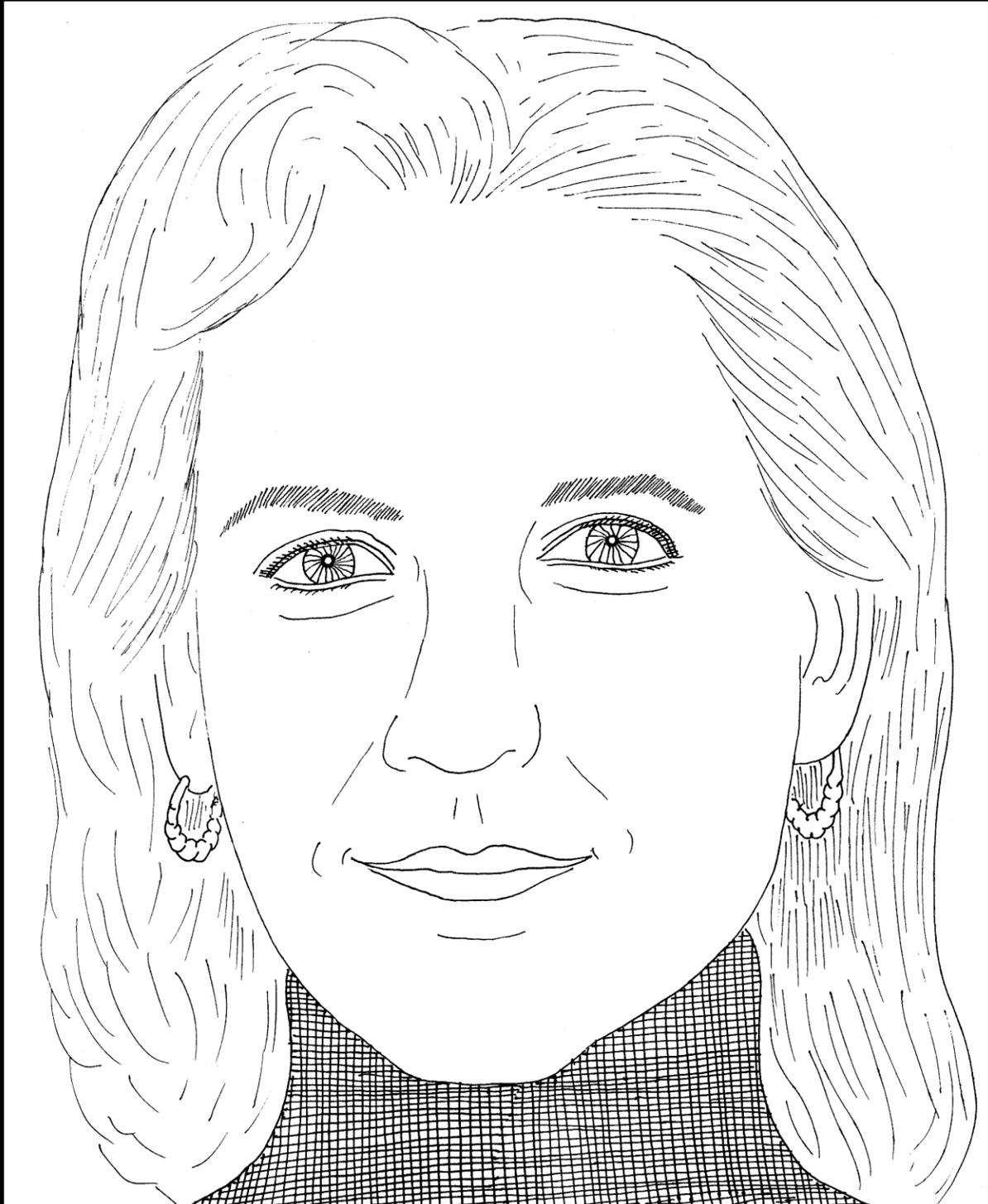
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**"We have to speak out now on behalf of our community and on behalf of the land and say they're the same thing and say 'No, we are not rolling over" and "No, this is not a corporate enterprise.' This is democracy in the fullest sense and we must have regard and reverence and those are the cornerstones of a just society."**

**-- Terry Tempest Williams**

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"It is justice, not charity, that is wanting in the world."  
-- Mary Wollstonecraft

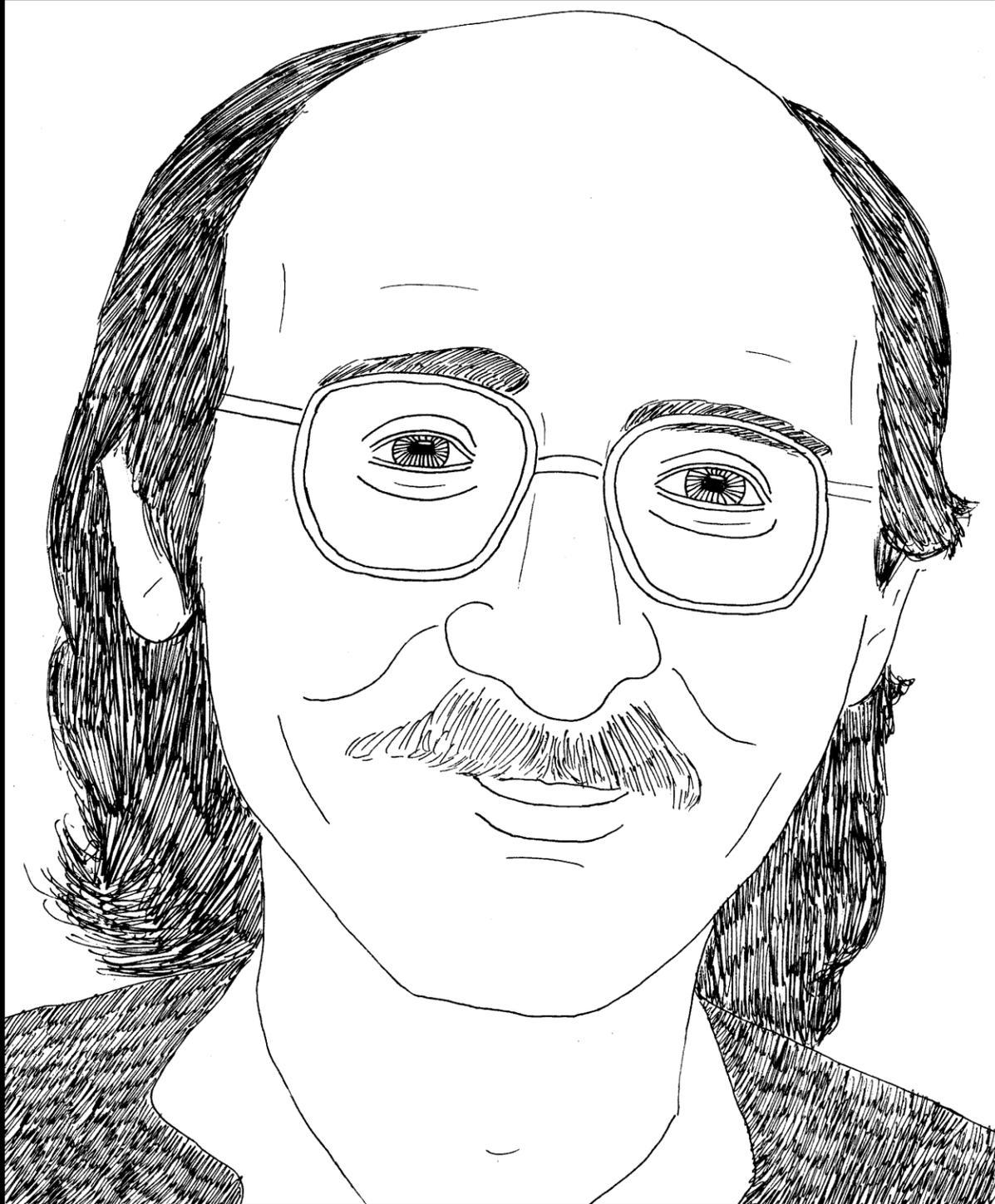
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We have come this far always believing that justice would somehow prevail.  
This is the burden, this is the promise, and THIS is why we will not fail.  
-- Peter Yarrow

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"...there are more and more people who define themselves as global citizens, who know that life is intimately interconnected, and that we can never be fully human whilst others continue to suffer, and who know that love, justice and nonviolence is the very essence of life."

-- Angie Zelter

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