

This is the 20th century, not the 8th century. The Arabs are a bunch of primitive motherfuckers. They're like the Germans — at your feet or at your throat. You can't deal with those suckers.

Q: How would a Middle East war occur?

A: A war would start with terrorist incidents in the Golan Heights, and from Lebanon. This would allow Syria to move troops closer to Israel, in response to Israeli counterattacks against the terrorists. Then Egypt would start a war of attrition in the Sinai, and move its troops up. Then Egypt would strike at

Bab el-Mandeb and try to close down the straits. Egypt has built up quite a navy. They'd move through the Gidi and Mitla passes in a broad front attack. But the key would be their SCUD missiles. It's a terror weapon. We'd know that the border incidents and so one were nothing but a prelude to a real war when we see the SCUD's hitting Israeli cities. Strategically they are not important weapons. They can't do much damage. But they would use them for shock effect and to disrupt Israel's call up of the military.

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Soviets Blast Carter War Faction

Nov. 13 (NSIPS) — Numerous statements by Soviet spokesmen and press commentaries this week have put forward in unmistakable terms the Soviet Union's strategic outlook: the war faction in the West, the backers of Jimmy Carter, are drawing the world closer to a nuclear blowup, although there still exist forces opposed to that policy. To the anti-war factions, the Soviet Union offers its collaboration for peace and global economic growth. But time is very short.

The Soviet daily Pravda today blasted the Committee on the Present Danger, the cabal of Carter-backers which is committed to nuclear war before summer of 1977. According to reports from the French daily Le Monde, Pravda charged that this Committee of "old boys" is "throwing all its fire power against both international detente and the continuation of U.S.-Soviet negotiations.... The old boys thereby confirm their reputation as agents of the military-industrial complex." Le Monde comments that this is a warning to Carter, since the Soviets know very well that Committee members Nitze, Schlesinger, et al. are Carter's advisors.

The speeches and articles translated below document the daily warnings that the Soviet Union and its allies are issuing to the West on the war danger — most of which have been blacked out in the U.S. press — and the preparation of the Soviet Union's own population, especially the military, for the possibility of war. The material also demonstrates the Soviets' unshakable resolve that if there must be a war they will fight to win.

Soviets Answer Committee On Present Danger

The following is a Prensa Latina report on Soviet Union press reaction to the Committee on the Present Danger:

MOSCOW, Nov. 13 (PL) — The Soviet press today labelled "a band of hawks" an organization recently created in Washington named the Committee on the Present Danger and made up of former officials of the Central Intelligence Agency and the military.

The afternoon paper "Izvestia" asked if the "present danger" wasn't really unemployment, inflation, the high cost of living, and the increase in crime in the United States.

The paper answers with a quote from the Washington Post which said that the Committee would be against anyone, including President-elect James Carter, who tried to lower the 1977 U.S. military budget.

The representatives of the U.S. military-industrial complex fear political detente and fear that this will be accompanied by military detente, which would reduce the budget and their profits from arms production, emphasizes the daily Pravda.

"There has been an increase in the West lately of false propaganda on the 'Soviet menace,' inspired by the same military-industrial complex, charged Pravda.

The Committee on Present Danger is made up of ex-Secretary of the Treasury Fowler (its President), an ex-Secretary of State, generals, admirals, and magnates of the U.S. military industry, writes Pravda.

All these "old boys" are trying to confuse U.S. and world public opinion by charges of so-called "Soviet expansion."

The Pentagon emisaries want to increase the cost of living of Americans and for a heavy burden of military taxes to fall on the population, emphasized today's Soviet papers.

Brezhnev: The West Will Not Split Socialist Ranks

Nov. 13 — The following are excerpts from a speech given by Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev Nov. 10, at a reception in Moscow for Edward Gierek, the visiting head of the Polish United Workers Party.

Now that the elections are over in countries like the Federal Republic of Germany and the USA, we would like to be able to count on more effective interaction in the solution of major problems, both in bilateral relations and in international life as a whole, which have great significance for the strengthening of the peace and security of all peoples. We are for the full realization of the "spirit of Helsinki" in international relations and will promote this in every way.

But we also see clearly that powerful and well-organized forces in the capitalist world are persistently acting against the firm consolidation of peaceful coexistence and, of course, are against curtailing the arms race.

They are trying in every way possible to poison the international atmosphere with the venom of suspicions, distrust, and fear. They are spreading slanders against communists, against the socialist countries, against the national-liberation movements.

They would like to prevent the successful development of our countries on the road to socialism and communism; they would

like to undermine our fraternal friendship, to break up the unity of our ranks.

They would like to — and in various ways they are trying. But they are trying without success, since these gentlemen cannot stop the course of history — just let them try!

The actions of these forces demand high vigilance and an even greater activation of the struggle for a firm peace from our countries. We consider it our duty to strengthen our socialist community, our alliance, the reliable instrument of the defense of the revolutionary gains of our peoples...

“The Great Community”

Nov. 4 — The following excerpts are taken from today's Red Star front page editorial. Red Star is the Soviet military daily newspaper.

The enemies of socialism have more than once tried with fire and sword to destroy the child of October — the Soviet Union. But our people have shown that such attempts are mortally dangerous for the aggressors themselves. A clear example of this is the defeat of the strike force of world imperialism, Hitler's Germany, as well as imperialist Japan, during the 2nd World War. In the post-war years there was formed and consolidated the world system of socialism, and this was the greatest event since Great October.

...Due to the very nature of socialist society, thanks to its peaceful foreign policy which is directed towards upholding peaceful coexistence and exerts a great influence on international relations, the socialist states play a leading role in the cause of averting a new world war, strengthening security and the further development of the process of detente.

... The successes of world socialism are obvious. But the international situation does not give us grounds to rest satisfied with what has been achieved. The nature of imperialism has not changed, and it still possesses reserves. The enemies of peace are trying to cut short detente and return the world to the times of the Cold War. Waving the false flag of the “Soviet threat,” NATO strategists are intensifying the arms race, ... building new bases and conducting unprecedented military displays. The dangerous hotbed in the Middle East has not yet been eliminated. The imperialists and racists are plotting against the peoples of Southern Africa.

Under these conditions the socialist countries are doing everything necessary to guarantee their security, for the joint defense of the gains of socialism, and so that potential aggressors are not tempted to try to resolve by force the historical clash between the two antagonistic social systems.

“The Struggle For International Security”

The following is excerpted from the Revolution Day speech of Soviet Defense Minister Dmitrii F. Ustinov, given on Red Square Nov. 7:

... The Central Committee of our party and the Soviet government are persistently and consistently implementing the... program of further struggle for peace and international cooperation, for freedom and independence of peoples. Thanks to the efforts of the Soviet Union, the other socialist countries, and the world progressive public, new favorable conditions are being created for the development of the process of relaxation of international tensions and cooperation among states with different social system, in the scientific, technical and cultural fields.

At the same time, it cannot fail to be seen that the successes of detente evoke stubborn resistance from aggressive imperialist circles. Ignoring the will of the peoples and the sovereign rights of states, they strive to curb the continuous development of the world revolutionary process, they inflate military budgets, and continue their dangerous adventures in various regions of the planet. This demands still greater consolidation and activity of all progressive forces in the struggle for reliable international security.

True to the sacred principles of proletarian internationalism, and firmly upholding the interests of socialism and the cause of freedom and independence of peoples, the Soviet people are vigilantly watching the intrigues of the enemies of peace.

“It is our duty,” said Leonid Brezhnev at the October plenum of the Central Committee of the CPSU, “... to maintain the country's Armed Forces at a high level, so that Soviet soldiers always have the most modern weaponry, which the imperialists cannot leave out of account!”

“Mr. Haig Runs Through His Repertoire”

Nov. 6 — The following is part of an article by B. Karpovich in yesterday's Soviet military daily Red Star:

By helicopter, by automobile and by airplane, the American General Haig — present Supreme Commander of the NATO forces in Europe — moves from one maneuver to another, from one NATO country to another. And everywhere he gives speeches, everywhere gives interviews. And in every one he reiterates the “Soviet military threat.”

Here are a few examples. “The North Atlantic alliance is going through a period of unprecedented danger”... Soviet military might is now “more threatening than at any previous time”... The “growth of Soviet armaments” is continuing. “Russia is demonstrating ever more dangerous aggressiveness!”... And quite recently at Haig's headquarters a scenario was worked out for the “Teamwork '76” maneuvers, in which was depicted — for many pages and in harrowing detail — the USSR dragging NATO into war and how the poor NATO generals being forced, against their will, to initiate military actions against the “Soviet aggressors.”

It was Cicero who said that paper does not blush. Haig doesn't blush either, intimidating people and exaggerating, although he knows very well that a roughly equal relationship of forces has developed between the socialist and western states, and that in June of this year the representatives of the socialist countries at the Vienna talks (Mutual Balanced Force Reduction talks —ed.) presented statistical data on the overall numbers of the Warsaw Pact countries' armed forces in Central Europe as of Jan. 1, confirming this equality. Knowing all this, the general nonetheless continues to tell fairy tales about the “Soviet threat” with indefatigable... fantasy.

Haig has been in the U.S. army almost 30 years. During these years much has changed on our planet. The President of the USA has signed a document recognizing the principle of peaceful coexistence. The world has begun to move away from confrontation and to learn to live under conditions of detente.

Changes have also occurred in Haig's own fate. The lieutenant's stripes on his shoulders have been replaced by general's stars. But the change in form evidently has not been reflected in his mind.

It so happened that the graduation ceremony in 1947 at West Point occurred just a few months after Truman enunciated his doctrine opening the “cold war” epoch. Under the canopy of the anti-Soviet, aggressive ideas of this doctrine, Alexander M. Haig too launched his army career. His thoughts and feelings,

solidified in the deep freezers of the "cold war," have still not thawed out. No sooner does he open his mouth for a speech, when the cemetery chill of the '40s and '50s fills the air.

Haig belongs to the post-war generation of Pentagonians. He received his military experience, not in the liberation war against Hitlerism, but in aggressive adventures of American imperialism in the mountains of Korea and the jungles of Indochina. Neither the disgrace of reprisals against civilian populations nor defeat affected the anti-communist stereotypes which constitute his entire ideological baggage...

In 1960 he was named senior military advisor to the President's aide on military and national security questions, and a year later he became deputy aide. Soon he received a new, higher designation — Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of NATO in Europe, four general's stars. He moved to Brussels.

During his stay in the White House, Haig was oppressed by his extremely close proximity to the President, which rendered him faceless and voiceless. In Brussels he was not eclipsed by the shadow cast by the President. Now he himself became an extremely talkative person... He imagines himself the defender of the West from "the Communist threat," the preserver of truth, culture and private property. In the words of the Washington Post, he believes that NATO is more than a simple military shield for the defense of territory. NATO is the guarantee of "the entire capitalist system."

Putting on the mantle of the savior of capitalism, Haig considers it his duty to occupy himself not only with the military but also with the political sphere. Speaking in Munich at a session of

the West German "Society of Military Science," Haig declared: "The most serious problem facing NATO is the question of the participation of Marxists in the governments of the Western countries. As for the industrial states of the West, I do not consent to the presence of Marxists parties in the government." Note the categorical tone: "I do not consent" — just like that! As though it depended to some degree on him...

Appetite grows with eating. It's not enough for Haig to be entrusted with the "salvation" of Western Europe. The global scale attracts him. He is afraid that the wave of the national-liberation movement threatens to wipe out the last bastion of colonialism and racism in South Africa.

And so the secret events in Zurich occurred. The U.S. Secretary of State and the South African Prime Minister Vorster interrupt their secret negotiations. And at that very moment, Haig appears in Zurich and meets with the Secretary of State. As is done in such cases, Haig told journalists that the meeting had just discussed "ordinary NATO matters." However not long after in the western press, including the Argentine *Opinion*, news was leaked of U.S. plans to create a "South Atlantic organism equivalent to NATO," in which the Republic of South Africa would have the main role. Thus, behind the "ordinary matters," can be clearly seen plans for expanding NATO's sphere to the south of the African continent.

For all his varied education and lofty military knowledge, Haig in his views and manner of thinking is still at the level of the 1947-model lieutenant — a product of the "cold war." Not only that. He would like to turn the clock back. But clearly this is beyond his capabilities.