RESTRAINT IS EXERCISED IN NOT ADDING COMMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES WHICH APPEARED IN THESE PAGES SOME YEARS AGO. THE DATES OF ORIGINAL PUBLICATION ARE SHOWN IN BRACKETS BELOW EACH ITEM.

On May 20th a group of some three hundred people, led by about twenty interstate Protestant clergy, held a silent meeting before Parliament House, Canberra, to protest against apparent U.S.A. policy in Vietnam, and the Australian government's support of this policy. This would not be of much importance, except that it requires considerable arrangement, and thus points to the existence of an organisation on an interstate level; and that it conforms to similar protests all over the world.

It is quite likely that the fate of the world now depends on the outcome in Vietnam, and a major objective of the Communist conspiracy within and without the U.S. is to make an American collapse or withdrawal credible. American public opinion, which increasingly recognises the real issue, must be suitably prepared for an 'accident' which, one way or another, will render America's position untenable. And then, with the inevitable, and probably rapid collapse of the whole of Asia, there will seem to be no alternative to the negotiated surrender of America to Communism, or whatever name the Finance-Communist Conspiracy chooses to give it. The means to be used by the Agency in the whole of Asia, including even the governments of Japan, Australia, and Indonesia, to give its World Government over the enslaved populations of the globe—what are left of them after potential 'sabotage'—will have been eliminated.

American Opinion, May 1965, carries an article, cast in the form of a story, which quotes quite extensively from official 'studies' of the problems of disarmament. For the most part these deal with the activities of the Disarmament Agency, whose duty is to prevent any possible re-armament, and even to detect any individuals or groups (including local administrations) who might be contemplating re-armament. The selection of types to be used for an international police force, and the methods to be used by the Agency in examining suspects, read like passages out of George Orwell's 1984. Yet these 'studies' have been prepared by quite prominent people.

There is little doubt that involvement, sometimes perhaps even unconscious involvement, in the ramifications of the conspiracy leads in many cases to mental aberration; an inability to perceive the real meaning and effect of what is proposed in the name of apparently noble objectives, such as World Peace. But others, of course, know well enough what it is all about. They know that the Conspiracy at this stage is more likely to succeed than to be defeated, and think themselves safer on the inside than the outside, no matter how much 'international' 'police brutality' may be involved in making that victory permanent. Not a few, of course, will be disillusioned, as were the original Bolsheviks in Russia. Idealists in particular are a menace to the inner core of the Conspiracy—those 'less than four hundred men', all known to each other, and appointing their own successors—since, not grasping the real meaning and intention of the Conspiracy, they have their own personal hopes and ambitions, their own pictures of the world as it ought to be. They do not understand that the Conspiracy is made up of layer upon layer of deception and treachery.

The threat to Western civilisation is now palpable and on every hand there are increasing signs of awakenings and apprehension. The task is to focus public attention on the true cause of our disasters. Treason in high places. So now we have come to 'one specific and material end'—the determined exposure of the Conspiracy. "The only effective force by which any objective can be attained is in the last analysis the human will, and if an organisation...can keep the will of all its component members focused on the objective to be attained, the collective power available is clearly greater than can be attained by any other form of association." (C. H. Douglas)

Everybody now knows that only the armed forces of the U.S.A. can at this stage possibly stop Communism. But what too few people understand is that the government which controls these forces is heavily penetrated by traitors, whose objective is to disarm the U.S. while keeping up the appearance of confrontation. And that is the vital fact on which public opinion must be focused, so that concentrated and informed public opinion may make an effective and betrayal impossible, and then reverse the consequences of past treachery. There is a war on, and the Communists are winning it. But America could win, and America's government must be made to win. It was not Goldwater that the Conspiracy was afraid of—it was that their men in key positions were likely to be kicked out and exposed by reactivated Congressional Committees of Inquiry. It is not likely that another Goldwater will get another chance; but an informed public opinion would be more certainly effective than any Goldwater. An informed public opinion is our sole chance of survival at this stage.

It is true that the actual battle-front now lies in the U.S.A.; but traitors occupy high positions in every country, and are the cause of the mounting world disorder. Persistence in financial policies which keep us on the brink of economic disaster make the activities of traitors in other areas of government all the more fruitful, and promote the ever-increasing centralisation which is the mechanism of eventual world government. So that intensive exposure of the methods, and, so far as they are known, the personnel of the Conspiracy, is the order of the day. As Tom Ander-
son said in a speech to the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons: "There is a burgeoning grass roots rebellion developing in this country. Millions of alarmed and awakened Americans have now gone to work to save our Republic from becoming a Socialist-Union-Welfare dictatorship which is surrendering piece-meal to the Communist-dominated United Nations. . . . It won't be saved from the top down, but from the bottom up..."

And as Douglas said in 1948: "If we are not faced with a long-term policy our position is quite hopeless. . . . But if we are facing a Satanic policy, our position, though very serious [it is desparately more serious today] is not necessarily irremediable. . . . Politics embody strategies; you do not fight strategies, you fight the human beings who are carrying out that strategy. . . . The best defence is attack. Do you propose to allow your enemy a monopoly of it? . . . If we grasp the fact that the essence of Communism, which is the politics of the World State, is centralised vesting of the planet in an organisation expropriating and cutting across all local and personal sovereignty, we cannot be much in error if we identify internationalists, open or concealed, with treason to the individual and his race and country, and faith that moves mountains. . . ." (T.S.C., May 22, 1948.) (June 5, 1965.)

Far more facts concerning the Conspiracy, its methods, achievements and personnel, are available now than were in 1948; perhaps enough identification has been done, and facts elicited to rout the Conspiracy—provided they become widely enough known and in sufficient time.

In 1954 James Burnham published his book The Web of Subversion. This is a documented exposure of the penetration into every area of the United States government, and other organisations, of agents of the Conspiracy. In it he says: "It is impossible to act effectively in relation to the web of subversion without a sufficient knowledge of its history, nature, and methods. Until recently there were few persons in this country (outside the web) who had this knowledge. It is only natural, therefore, that until recently there was little effective counteraction." He also writes: "The methods of investigation, legal action and exposure that have brought about this improvement in our defenses will continue in use." In this, he was largely wrong. The Conspiracy reacted strongly to such exposure as had been effected. At the time of the great Congressional enquiries, many witnesses refused to answer vital questions on the ground of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which allows witnesses to decline to answer questions where such answers would tend to incriminate them. Nevertheless, such refusals carry obvious implications, and the investigating committees were able to draw the appropriate conclusions from the general weight of the evidence. But early in 1954 the Executive Department of the U.S. government issued an Executive Order that witnesses need not answer questions unless they had been instructed to do so by a letter from the Executive Department. This has made the sort of investigations which had previously been undertaken by the Committees virtually futile.

But there is still the investigative work of the F.B.I., and occasional defections from the Conspiracy, with subsequent disclosures of vital information, and the vital necessity is to create an increasing climate of opinion to support investigation and disclosure.

In one sense, the defeat of the Conspiracy is still possible, and even, perhaps, near at hand. But against this must be set the fact that the Conspiracy, after innumerable decades, and probably centuries, of patient and cunning contrivance, is almost at its culmination, and now commands such immense power and organisation that it is bound to make the final desperate act to consolidate forever its position. For this reason, its control of the organs of mass communication constantly present a false picture of the world situation, so that it appears far less dangerous than it actually now is.

Militant and informed anti-Communism is not a negative strategy. It is the only practicable positive first step to rectifying the present disaster. It is all the more practicable in that the objective of effort is now far more definitely visible than it was in the war years, when Douglas first urged action on such lines: "This, I think, exactly defines the task which society must face and solve, or perish. First, to attack and defeat the Money Power [i.e., the individuals who exert that power — vide earlier quotation]; then consider the reorganisation of the money system. There is no slightest sign that were Douglas alive today, he would not alter that priority. His early efforts were to avoid the present eventuality, which is now the last resort."

The weekly newspaper, Human Events (Washington) in its issue for July 17, 1965, quotes what we believe to be the very reliable Allen-Scott Report on what took place at the Hanoi "labour conference" held from June 2-6 inclusive, and attended by delegates from all over the world. According to the Report, the conference cost the Hanoi-Peking axis over half a billion dollars.

"Nothing was left to the imagination of the 600 delegates. Country by country they were briefed on how to implement the 'vigorouls mass aid Viet Nam and resist America movement' which the hosts had said 'is unfolding throughout the world.' This labour conference obviously was vital to Mao's strategy." [Our emphasis.]

The conference was, in fact, a briefing in integrated sabotage as appropriate to the various countries represented, in the main aimed at disrupting transport and promoting anti-war demonstrations. And so we have seen the Teach-ins and other propaganda activities, combined with waterfront strikes and other attacks on communications.

In the meantime, the U.S. refrains from bombing vital targets, but terrifies the public with postponed announcements of vastly increased military efforts—probably made in the secure knowledge that the Communists will have won before the efforts can be effective. The 'management' of the news concerning Vietnam ought to be enough to convince anyone of the complicity of the invisible government of the U.S.A. in the strategy of International Communism. And when our turn comes, it will be "too late" for the U.S. to do anything.

It is vital to do everything possible to inform public opinion to a point where it will force the U.S. government to win the war against Communism. Conferences with a winning enemy are merely steps in a pattern of surrender.
Writing in the Daily Telegraph of Aug. 8, 1965, "Peter Simple" comes to much the same conclusion regarding world events as did the late C. H. Douglas more than twenty years ago. Douglas said that there were only two alternative explanations of our disasters—that they were the outcome of sheer idiocy on the part of our rulers (in which case our position was irremediable), or they were the outcome of a long-term policy (i.e., a conspiracy), in which case our position, while desperate, may be remedied, since a conspiracy when recognised can be dealt with.

"Peter Simple" says it is difficult not to fit the steps by which "this country" has come to its present pass into the conspiracy theory: the sudden flood of coloured immigration; the surrender of territories all over the world to "not particularly friendly people who may be succeeded by positively hostile ones"; opinion formation which has made "amoralism, nihilism, and even treason" fashionable; support of a "more than dubious internationalism"; the "outrage" of the proposed abolition of the Territorial Army. "Peter Simple" says he doesn't suppose there is a conspiracy, but concludes that our rulers must be so "abysmally stupid" that they have only the vaguest idea, if any, of what they are doing: what he calls a depressing and alarming alternative.

Of course, it all depends on who "our rulers" are. "Peter Simple" distinguishes between the rulers "of the past few years," and our present ones—a distinction we do not concede. Some of the personnel administering a policy which has been demonstrably coherent for at least the whole of this century thus far, and visibly coherent since say the end of the second world war, have changed; but have those ever been our real rulers? The broadest name for this policy is internationalism, and internationalism implies the destruction of nationalism, which is exactly what has been happening.

But at this stage it is not necessary to theorise. Communism, for example, openly proclaims itself as a policy of internationalism; the policy of the Royal Institute for International Affairs is internationalism; so is that of the American Council for Foreign Relations, and of the great International Banking houses, and the United Nations. In fact, the "plot" has now reached more the status of an open secret. It is true that in 1931 Professor Toynbee, the Secretary of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, regarded their activity in undermining national sovereignty as a secret except to initiate: "What we do with our hands we deny with our lips". But times have changed, and Professor Toynbee now openly advises the U.S. to get out of South Vietnam (which they intend to do anyway) "even if this means a Communist government". After all, it is a step in the international direction, another national sovereignty absorbed into an international government.

If there is any difficulty in comprehending the present situation, it lies in believing it could have come about through stupidity, though no doubt knaves have made good use of fools.

(Aug. 28, 1965.)

The only uncompromisingly anti-Communist countries now left are Portugal, Spain, South Africa, and Rhodesia. Communist or, if the term is preferred, Internationalist control over the rest of the world is so advanced that no other real nationalist initiative remains possible. With every week that passes, the stranglehold of the Washington-Moscow axis is intensified.

This situation has been brought about, in the main, by Fabianism—the steady, consistent, but gradual application of the policy of centralisation, proceeding in the first place through financial policy and in the second through the growth in power and monopoly of 'federal' governments. At the present time we are witnessing the culminating phase in the frenzied rounds of international consultations to integrate defences, not-won the war in Vietnam, contain China, and disarm in favour of the United Nations. All that remains now is to mop up the remaining pockets of resistance, and the beginning has been made with Rhodesia by provoking the Smith government into an overt act of resistance, which in due course can be put down by force. This vile act of the Wilson régime demonstrates with fearful clarity how firmly once-Great Britain is in the grip of the internationalists.

It is true that for a long time there has been little to choose between the Tories and the Socialists—so far as the Common Man is concerned. But the grim campaign to get rid of Macmillan and destroy the morale of the Tories shows that the hidden government at this stage requires the vindictive ruthlessness of a Wilson and the naked hatreds of his left-wing extremists who are waiting for the day when bombs will fall on Salisbury. For that is what public opinion is being prepared for, with the co-operation of the Press, the B.B.C., the Bank of England, and the American establishment. We are to learn that effective resistance to internationalism is a crime punishable by death. And the second lesson to be learned is that "one man one vote" has pretty well accomplished its mission in Britain by installing a dictatorship—not of, but through Mr. Wilson. And at the rate things are now going, it looks to be not long before "rebellion" at home will be an act punishable by death. If this seems far-fetched, remember Cuba. Everywhere the prelude to disaster has been the attitude "it can't happen here". So thought, in recent times, the Algerians, the Katangans (slaughtered by the U.N.), and the Cubans.

(March 12, 1966.)

A graph published in the London Times on March 31, 1966, showed that in mid-1965 British currency reserves (gold and foreign currencies less liabilities) fell below zero, from a fairly steady average up to mid-1964 of about £1,000 million. According to orthodox economic theory, therefore, British money is now completely without value. To maintain the fiction that it still has value, international loans have been obtained; but this means that Britain has lost the last vestige of even apparent power of independent initiative: Wilson is nothing but the broker's man. The fact that he enjoys the position (after all, it is a position), and exults in pursuing internationalist villanies, is irrelevant. Anyone occupying the same position would be under the same absolute orders, because Britain can be reduced to absolute economic chaos within 24 hours. Britain depends first of all on imports (unlike Rhodesia), and therefore an international declaration that sterling was no longer recognised as an international currency would deprive Britain of the ability to buy essential imports—food and oil. And, Mr. Wilson having conveniently set the example, it is un-
doubtedly true that any attempt to evade the economic sanctions which, of course, depend on economic orthodoxy, by recourse to unorthodox, but realistic, economics, would be met by the threat or use of international force. Bankrupts can be thrown into prison.

The present position has been implicitly true since World War I; but up till roughly the mid-thirties could have been rectified. Since the mid-thirties, rectification has become progressively less possible; but the fact that the final crash has come in less than a year (it began under the 'Conservative' administration, and has continued at the same rate under Labour), is a reliable indication that the time has come to demonstrate the reality of international government and power.

In the same way, it has been known for a long time that de Gaulle has been carrying out Communist objectives; but his now open destruction of NATO is simply the declaration that the conquest of Europe is complete.

All this would be painfully obvious to all people of reasonable intelligence who keep themselves informed of the main developments were it not for the operation of the greatest deception of the many current—that the U.S.A. is anti-Communist—a deception sustained undoubtedly by a degree of wishful thinking that closes the intellect to the acceptance of quite platent and elementary facts. Including U.S. economic aid (which is widely recognised to have done more harm than good), every U.S. strategic action has been in conformity with Communist objectives, even to open collaboration with the U.S.S.R. in the Suez crisis, which marked Britain's final military defeat. Let no one suppose that the U.S.A. is fighting Communism in Vietnam. We stated before it occurred that when the U.S.A. stepped up its military operations in that country it would be a sign that all possibility of a stable South Vietnamese government had been eliminated, so that, after a show of force, the Americans could declare the situation hopeless, and convincingly accept an invitation to leave the country. Now, only a few days ago, a B.B.C. Washington reporter stated that spokesman for the U.S. administration privately admitted that the civil disturbances in Vietnam were restricting the American war effort and that they were concerned that a new government, including members of the Viet Cong, would be formed and would invite the U.S.A. to get out (leaving the huge American-built bases, and vast quantities of American military and other equipment, for the use of the Chinese in their conquest of Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia). And what is left then for the U.S.A. but an 'accommodation' with the U.S.S.R. to set up a world government? The Australian Minister for External Affairs has just said, after his briefing in Washington, 'the greatest problem facing the world is to persuade the Chinese to join the community of nations and live in peace with their fellow men', or words to that effect. Get it?

Will there be war? Yes, of course—against South Africa, unless that country capitulates before impossible odds.

The global Communist Conspiracy has many components. The components consist of chains of related events, such as Balfour to Middle East 1967; the Negro 'problem' 1924-1967; anti-colonialism 1942-1967; increasing cartelisation; USSR's alleged growing nuclear supremacy; the growth of astronomical debt; increasing economic difficulties in a world of increasing abundance. If these chains of events are drawn as lines on a sheet of paper, they will be seen as converging to a point—the point of no return, where the process of the destruction of Christian Western civilisation can no longer be checked, let alone reversed. The indications are that we are perilously close—NATO dismantled in all but name, de Gaulle pronouncing Communist objectives in Quebec, the Heartland in the control of the Communists, the strategic centre of the Middle East seized, disorder in Hong Kong, the announcement of British withdrawal. "East of Suez", the no-win war in Vietnam ('why did General Taylor fly to Australia?'), the culminating riots and crime in the U.S.A., Cuba, under U.S.A. protection, an underground arsenal with weapons aimed at the U.S.A. (where else would they be aimed?), Soviet build-up of war capacity in 'East' Germany, increasing activity by North Korea, a mounting threat to Morocco, chaos in Africa, sanctions against Rhodesia, the (planned) failure of British economic measures—; it all adds up to something too much for the U.S.A. ("the guardian of world peace") to handle, or so we are supposed to believe.

Nobody outside the inner Conspiracy knows how much time is left; but the one thing left to us is to utilise whatever time there is to exposing the Conspiracy, its aims, and its techniques. Quite sufficient ammunition for this war of exposure is now available. Aim high, and shoot fast.

(Aug. 12, 1967.)

At this culmination of the world crisis, two observations made by the late C. H. Douglas during the second World War deserve further attention. The first is from Programme For the Third World War: "I suppose about two thousand millions of individuals are affected by the present war. I should place the number of individuals who would be un- able to say with approximate accuracy what it is about at roughly nineteen hundred and ninety-nine millions, so that we are left with this simple alternative. Either the total population of the world likes war without knowing what it is about; in which case it is obviously absurd to do anything to abolish it; or, on the other hand, we can find the causes of war if we examine the actions of a minority hidden amongst less than a million individuals.

"It appears to me (but, of course, I may be wrong) to be elementary and incontestable that it wouldn't really matter much what this minority did or thought, if they were not in control of mechanisms which enabled them to force the other nineteen hundred and ninety-nine millions to take part in a war they didn't understand and didn't want. If I am not wrong in this, it appears equally incontestable, that you can prevent war amongst the nineteen hundred and ninety-nine millions if you destroy the power of the small minority over them.

"Now it is equally incontestable that every effort possible is being made to increase, and, in fact, render impregnable the power of this minority over the majority.

"Unless there is some flaw in the argument which has escaped me, war is even more certain and more certain to be universal and devastating, as a result of this concentra-
tion of control, than it was in 1939. Fascism and Bolshevism only enter into it as the two parties enter into a parliamentary contest.

In fact, the World War never ceased; it was transformed into the so-called Cold War, whose casualties by way of massacre, famine and deportations run in the millions. In Vietnam, the rate of bombing has for many months massively exceeded that of any stage of the 'Second' World War. This continuing devastation of the world is sustained primarily by the industrial and productive power of the U.S.A., which appears in the contest, however, as the 'opponent' of the USSR, “as the two parties enter into a parliamentary contest”.

The minority responsible for the increasing world catastrophe, however, is not confined to any one country. It is an international group increasingly controlling the governments of the more significant countries of the world. Yet in 1948 there was a vital alteration in the picture.

One of Douglas's predictions was that New York-Washington would emerge as the centre of world financial control and Palestine as the centre of world political control. And that brings us to the second of Douglas's observations referred to above.

(Dec. 2, 1967)

The people with their fingers on the triggers of the atomic bombs and missiles are those who have far and away the most to lose if the bombs go off. This fact exposes the hideous reality of the war in Vietnam. A fraction of the fire-power unleashed by the U.S. in Vietnam, if directed to the nerve centre of Viet Cong control would terminate the war in very short order. But in fact the U.S. is supplying Russia which is supplying North Vietnam, thus keeping the war going. The object, of course, is to 'defeat' the U.S. without damaging its industrial equipment, which is what the Communists are after. As a result of the 'escalation' of the war, the U.S. is very seriously depleted not of gross manpower, but of key personnel such as pilots and technicians in various critical fields, and therefore is in no condition to police or protect the rest of the 'free' world. In this situation, Europe is probably vulnerable to mere ultimatum; and following Europe, the U.S. itself.

All the ingredients of catastrophe appear now to be fused, probably to be detonated by a universal economic crisis ('collapse' of the dollar). In contemplating the mess, remember that many of the top Communists or call them what you will are, perhaps temporarily, resident in the U.S.

(March 9, 1968.)

Having demonstrated that over half a million U.S. military personnel, equipped with the most modern arms and support, and backed by the most intensive bombing in history, cannot prevent the North Vietnamese virtually overrunning South Vietnam and wrecking the pacification programme, the U.S. Secretary for Defence has announced that it is now U.S. policy to hand over the major conduct of war to the South Vietnamese. Of course, as well as trading with the USSR and its East European satellites, who together supply 80% of North Vietnam's supplies, the U.S. has built bases and harbour facilities which will come in very useful to the Communists when the South Vietnamese civilian government collapses, which has clearly been the objective of the Co-communists in Washington since before they connived in the murder of the Diems. Some sections of South Vietnamese cities, especially Saigon and Hue, have been reduced to rubble, and there are hundreds of thousands of refugees, thanks to American bombing. So the U.S. Administration will be able quite truthfully to say: “Look, with all we have done, the South has collapsed, and how can we now prevent the dominoes falling?”

Perhaps, in due course, Australia will have its port facilities bombed out of existence to prevent Communist landings. After all, Australia is paying an insurance premium of a few hundred dead to ensure American ‘protection’.

(May 4, 1968)

The late C. H. Douglas described modern war as a prize-fight between A and B for the benefit of C, the promoter. The nigh incredible course of the Vietnam war, the official lies about its progress and prospects, its callous brutality where Americans bomb parts of South Vietnamese cities hopefully expecting to kill Viet Cong believed to be in them (“never mind the civilians and their dwellings”), the ‘peace’ talks which don’t happen, make this war something worse than a prize fight. But whatever it is, it is clearly for the benefit of C—the Conspiracy. For the ‘escalation’ of the war has been made possible by American trade with Russia and the East Europe satellites, who supply 80% of North Vietnam's supplies.

According to twelve foremost U.S. ex-officers, including former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, former chief of naval operations, former head of Strategic Air Command, and former head of Vietnam air operations, “... the war against North Vietnam can be irrevocably won in six weeks... . . . Communist intimidations and aggressions in the free areas of Asia can also be struck a paralysing blow in the same brief frame of time... . . .” (Lloyd Mallan in Science & Mechanics, March 1968, reported in Human Events, March 23, 1968). Only mass media-backed official lies obscure the truth of this assessment.

The benefits to the Conspiracy include world-wide public confusion of thought, division of communities, distortion of the U.S. economy, the acceleration of ‘civil rights’ riots towards revolutionary civil war, world-wide student demonstrations, the building of bases in South Vietnam for eventual use for the policing of South East Asia by the Communists, and the hastening of universal economic crisis with any hope of a rational solution drowned in the confusion.

To grasp the enormities of the Vietnam ‘war’ is to comprehend the magnitude of the disaster which confronts us. The Conspiracy intends to rule the Earth forever, and in the pursuit of this objective (“the highest stakes in history”) “the immolation of the peoples of a continent mean no more than the death of a sparrow”.

(May 18, 1968.)

Signs from every direction point to the culmination of the plans of the Conspiracy in the not very distant future. The situations involved have been discussed from time to time in these pages, but it may be useful to put them together, like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

- In the U.S.A., racial riots of mounting violence and
The Moving Storm

The following letter appeared in The Daily Telegraph, London, April 4, 1975:

FROM GEN. SIR WALTER WALKER

SIR—Russia’s strategy is to split Nato and get American forces out of Europe. The Defence White Paper is tailor-made for Russia to accomplish this, thus enabling her to go on to achieving her aim of the total dominance and absorption of Western Europe.

Why does Russia, with half Europe’s economic strength, continue to grind out of her people a defence effort which is about twice as great and grossly in excess of any conceivable legitimate defensive needs?

The answer is that the Russians intend to have such an overwhelmingly superior military strength at sea, on land and in the air, and shortly in strategic nuclear missiles as well, that they intend to gain their political objectives throughout the world without the use of weapons. There is no military advantage in being able to overkill, but the political gains are tremendous.

Their intention is to maintain immediately available and immediately usable superior forces in key areas, thus giving them a crushing preponderance. With this big stick, which is getting bigger, they intend to bully, intimidate, threaten, speak from a position of great strength at the conference table and eventually deliver an ultimatum, while we are in the West sit shivering in our nakedness.

The Russians themselves have said that the role of the Red Army is to stand by to shake the tree when the rotten fruit is ripe to fall. The Portuguese rotten plum has already fallen. If Portugal “goes Communist,” a Nato country will have changed sides without a shot being fired in international war. A Cuba in Europe. This is what the Russians call “revolutionary war by proxy,” i.e. getting the local Communists to do their dirty work for them.

Our turn will be next, for the Russians already regard us as a soft touch now that a small minority of hard-core militants have mastered the techniques of destroying us from the inside. Let us not be deluded. Whether these people are called Marxists, Communists or extremists is beside the point. They are working for a foreign power and they flout the authority of Parliament and defy the Courts and the rule of law. Their object is to destroy our governmental system and from the resulting chaos seize control.

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