

# **Is Russia Planning Mideast Attack?**

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Joseph de Courcy, editor of the well-respected journal Intelligence Digest reports this week: "While NATO congratulates itself on bombing the Serbs into submission, Israel's Mossad and other Middle Eastern intelligence sources have discovered that Kosovo was one humiliation too many for Russia. Now Moscow has agreed to back Saddam's secret plan of revenge. With this all-important Russian backing, Saddam is joining with hated Iran and Syria to launch one final war against Israel. Amazingly, Saddam will allow Iranian troops to cross Iraqi territory to join the attack on Israel. And to keep America from interfering, Moscow has given Osama bin Laden and other terrorists the means to attack American population centers with weapons of mass destruction. The threat is real ... and the implications terrifying. ..."

These are not the rantings of some self-proclaimed geo-strategic analyst. Joseph de Courcy is one of the most well-respected intelligence journalists in the world.

His report is nothing short of shocking. Yet it confirms and supports the research being done by WorldNetDaily's J.R. Nyquist, author of "Origins of the Fourth World War." I believe, based on trends obvious to anyone capable of picking up a daily newspaper today (online or off) that there is an excellent chance Russia and/or China may embark on a major military adventure before 2001.

Why? There is almost no chance America will be weaker militarily than it is right now during the remainder of the Clinton administration. We've hit rock bottom -- deliberately, because of the conscious policies of a president who is un-American to the core and who would sell out the memory of his own dead mother if he thought there were an opportunity for even momentary political gain.

Unless some equally unpatriotic, characterless leader hell-bent on national suicide is selected to be commander in chief, the military is bound to at least recover some ground lost during the last seven years.

Jane's Air Defense reports next month that a mock battle between U.S. Air Force fighters and Israeli Defense Forces aircraft resulted in a one-sided rout. More than 200 U.S. planes were lost in the simulation while the Israeli pilots lost about 20. The Israelis are good, but they're not THAT good. U.S. military standards have plummeted in the politically correct Clinton years.

Nevertheless, while there are fewer resources for materiel, ammunition, strategic weapons and training, there has been a tenfold increase in the demand for deployments during this era in which the U.S. military has been redefined as the police force of the world.

Yeah, if there were ever an opportunity to surprise the U.S. when its defenses are down, this is it. Not since Pearl Harbor has America been less prepared for existing threats.

The Russians and the Chinese are not stupid. They can clearly see that they may never have a better chance than they have right now to strike a decisive blow to the United States -- a knockout punch from which we may never recover.

Any such designs would almost certainly include an adventure into the Middle East so that the oil fields could be secured, thus effectively shoring up sagging industrial economies for the long term and depriving what remains of the West from any hope of recovery.

You could argue, as some have, that China's best chance has not yet come. It is still emerging as a world economic and military power, they say. Its best days are ahead, say the optimists. Maybe so, but China's economic development has not been nearly as dramatic as some had projected. And it is deeply frustrated by talk of Taiwan independence and co-existence.

But Russia has little hope of competing effectively with the West. Its economy is in shambles. Corruption is rampant. Its weapons are aging. There is open discussion among some Russian leaders that the time is right for taking chances, using or losing its military assets, being bold.

Do not underestimate the strength of the strategic alliance between Moscow and Beijing. This alliance is as important as any since the Hitler-Stalin pact -- and just as dangerous.