

# Defector Reveals Russian War Plans

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**WASHINGTON** - Russia cannot threaten the United States. She is poor. She is weak. She is starving. She is in chaos. Think again, says Stanislav Lunev. Col. Lunev is the highest ranking military intelligence officer ever to have defected from Russia. He did so in 1992 after the Soviet Union dissolved and Boris Yeltsin had come to power.

At the time of his defection Lunev was living in Washington with his wife, working a cover job as a journalist for TASS, the Russian news agency, while doing his real job: spying on America. As a GRU (Russian concentration camp) officer Lunev's spying related to military matters: gathering information on America's military plans; reporting on U.S. vulnerabilities; devising special operations in the advent of war. Last year, Lunev detailed just some of his activities in a new book he co-authored with Ira Winkler, "Through the Eyes of the Enemy: Russia's Highest Ranking Military Defector Reveals Why Russia is More Dangerous than Ever". The book is a light read with some sensational details about Russian plans to bring suitcase nuclear bombs into America and to use special forces to assassinate the president and congressional, military and other leaders during the initial phases of a war.

Lunev claims in "Through the Eyes of the Enemy" that Russian military leaders still view a war with the United States as "inevitable" and that the Cold War never really ended. Save for some talk radio outlets and the Internet, Lunev's book got little media coverage. This comes as no surprise since most Americans believe the United States won the Cold War. Russia is not a threat and any suggestion that it is has to be written off as just paranoid jingoism. Lunev is used to unfriendly receptions. When he did defect, higher-ups at the CIA and the Pentagon did not accept what he had to say. What he said was rather simple. Russia is continuing its old ways. The military is still preparing for war against the United States. A nuclear war.

In the era of fuzzy warm feelings between the United States and Russia, American officials were not going to upset the applecart no matter how much evidence Lunev offered. In the intervening years, Russia has appeared to further disintegrate. Can she really be a threat? skeptics ask. Lunev most certainly has been proven wrong. Lunev says think again. He retorts that Russia still retains a formidable military-industrial complex. She is one of the world's largest arms exporters. She makes quality products and delivers them on time. Russia continues to build nuclear submarines, bombers and missiles. Last year Yeltsin commissioned Peter the Great, the largest ballistic missile cruiser ever built by mankind. This past Christmas, Russia deployed a regiment of 10 Topol-M intercontinental ballistic missiles, missiles reportedly more sophisticated than anything we have. Just last month, Russia unveiled her stealth bomber. The New York Times reports Russia continues to build huge underground bunkers, some as large as cities, in case of war. She also continues to build an arsenal of chemical and biological weapons. Russia's nuclear arsenal remains the world's largest. She continues testing of her nuclear weapons.

Such facts demonstrate that Lunev, who refuses to be photographed for security reasons, is not to be dismissed.

## **INTERVIEW**

**Ruddy:** Colonel **Lunev**, you were first and foremost a spy for Russia who posed as a journalist. In your book you discuss the help you received from American journalists. How significant was the Russian penetration of the American press corps? How many American journalists were working for Russia?

**Lunev:** In my book I talk about myself. Keep this in mind, when I worked in TASS' Washington bureau, I had two colleagues from the KGB also working as agents. So we had plenty of people undercover working as journalists. How many people they recruited? I don't know. But I can tell you that journalists, American journalists and foreign journalists in this country, were considered a major target. They were the same level of target as military, government personnel or Capitol Hill staff.

**Ruddy:** When you say targets, you mean?

**Lunev:** Recruits.

**Ruddy:** It has been acknowledged that the East German government had as many as 5,000 spies working for it in West Germany.

**Lunev:** East German intelligence was very successful. Very successful. I don't know exactly how many people they recruited, but they were very successful. Not only in penetrations through Western Germany and the European establishment, but through American institutions located in Western Europe.

**Ruddy:** What do you think the degree of penetration is of the U.S. government by communist or former communist countries in the CIA, the FBI, and State Department?

**Lunev:** It could be hundreds. But I don't know the exact number.

Recently the FBI admitted there were a couple of hundred open cases of espionage they were investigating. These are the ones they know about. So you can multiply this number by many times to guess the number of people who are working as spies whom the government does not know about.

**Ruddy:** You were not only a spy, but a military intelligence officer. Your work involved developing military plans and learning of other countries' plans. What did you study when you were in military schools in Russia?

**Lunev:** We had a lot of special subjects we needed to learn, including military science. We learned basic ways of commanding armies and how to conduct military operations.

**Ruddy:** How much of your training and education was geared toward fighting a nuclear war?

**Lunev:** All of our educational process and training was connected to the actual fulfillment of military plans in time of a nuclear war.

**Ruddy:** Your book suggests that the whole Russian military structure, the whole society during the Soviet era was geared for a nuclear war, and that has not changed under the new regime.

**Luney:** Yes. The Soviet plan was the use of strategic forces to destroy strategic targets in America and the West, followed by the use of nuclear and conventional forces. This was the Soviet way, and the Russian military still thinks the same way today. They are much more dangerous now because the Russian military is relying more on their nuclear weapons.

**Ruddy:** What about a first strike on the United States?

The likely plan does not include use of missiles first. First the Russians would use their special operation forces, special troops, inside of the United States to destroy targets like communications facilities, airfields, command centers, and other targets that might be difficult to destroy with a missile attack. Suitcase nuclear bombs at strategic locations are just one small part of their arsenal. I mentioned this in my book and I have been so surprised that the American public is so interested in this. Why? This is not something unusual for Russian military plans.

**Ruddy:** One of your jobs here in the U.S. as a spy was to look for locations to hook up these suitcase nukes to electric power sources. It's not really necessary to have an electric power source because the devices can work on a battery. But not for very long.

**Ruddy:** Are there such bombs in the United States already?

**Luney:** It's possible.

**Ruddy:** How soon could this war come?

**Luney:** The Russian conventional forces are not in a state of readiness. Their rocket and nuclear forces are. This war scenario could be in place by the request of Russian government in a short time. Russia is a country on the edge of social explosion. The total decline of living conditions: human, industrial, political, social, and now the financial crisis. This could lead to war.

**Ruddy:** It's dangerous because the Russians may consider their only option is to use the "gun." At the same time, the United States has been destroying its nuclear forces.

**Luney:** Yes! I am sorry, but let me ask you, what's going on in this country? Right now the Russians are engaging in criminal extortion for money. This is the same method criminals use. Every other day, in conversations with Western leaders, the Russians are saying "show me the money or something dangerous will happen in my country with tens of thousands of nuclear warheads." It's extortion. There could be an explosion, a catastrophe. It could happen in Russia, and somebody like a major general or a one-star general or colonel will come to power without any international experience. If such a person would come to power, pushing the nuclear button would be no problem.

**Ruddy:** If that happened, how long would it take for a strong leader to get the conventional forces ready if he wanted to start a nuclear war against the United States?

**Luney:** A few months. You have to remember that the Russians have the same number of submarines, nuclear missile submarines, ships, bombers, fighters, tanks and the like as they did at the height of Soviet military power. I know that Russian military downswing was connected with Army divisions only, and these divisions could be rebuilt in weeks or months.

**Ruddy:** China also is moving closer to Russia. China has the largest conventional army in the world. What danger does that pose?

**Luney:** If China and Russia would ally in a war against the United States, with Russia providing the strategic weapons and China the troops, they could begin the war tomorrow.

**Ruddy:** Recent press reports state that the Russians have been helping the Chinese develop ballistic missile technology.

**Luney:** I would say that actually the Chinese missile industry was created by the Soviet Union, by Soviet specialists, by Soviet technology and by education of Chinese engineers and scientists in Soviet institutions. So the Soviet Union, let's say, played the major role in the establishment of the Chinese missile industry. But this was in the '50s before the Sino-Russia split. This split was healed in the late 1980s and any ideological obstacle for helping China was removed. China, of course, pays big money to Russia for this technology.

**Ruddy:** Well, it does seem that some steps the Russians are taking suggest war preparations. They are building a huge underground complex in the Ural Mountains. Have you heard about that?

**Luney:** You ask about Yamantau Mountain. Well, this is a huge underground city which could be used in time when many Russian cities are destroyed, but the military and political elite will survive and live until our planet will try to restore itself.

**Ruddy:** The American military is downsizing because there is no Warsaw Pact. We have let down our defenses. If the Russians were to launch a first strike, a surprise attack against the United States, they could wipe us almost off the map. European countries like Britain and France have small nuclear arsenals. If the U.S. does not exist, Russia rules the world because after an attack, she will still have a huge nuclear arsenal.

**Luney:** Yes.

**Ruddy:** Is it possible that the Russian Communists planned this? That the intelligence agencies and the military establishment said, "Hey, if we give up Eastern Europe, if we throw open the economy, democratize, allow the country to seem in chaos, the Americans will let down their guard. We can get them to reduce their strategic nuclear forces, and they won't think of us as a threat."

**Luney:** I believe there was a plan. I cannot prove it to you. It is my hunch this is what happened. This is based on my experiences, things I saw going on. Because now, six years later, it looks like it was planned, but at that time we didn't have any idea that it was possible to plan all this activity.

**Ruddy:** Well, it seems to me the most important information you have is that the Cold War isn't over: that the Russian military believes inevitably that there will be a war with the United States.

**Luney:** In April of 1998, Russia used its strategic bombers in an exercise against the United States. These exercises were organized for the future war against America. Before that there were several nuclear exercises. In the fall of 1998, President Yeltsin commissioned Peter the Great, the world's largest nuclear missile cruiser. They have been doing ground forces exercises. Airborne force exercises. All of these exercises are being conducted for a reason, for the future war against America.

**Ruddy:** What do you think are the chances, I know this is highly speculative, that there will be a nuclear global war between Russia and the United States within the next five years?

**Luney:** I need to repeat myself. In a time of social explosion in Russia, nobody can exclude the possibility that it will begin. Preparations for this nuclear war are now being made in Russia.

**Ruddy:** Would the Russian people support such a war?

**Luney:** In recent years and times, the feelings of the Russian people toward America have begun to change. The Russian people believe the United States is giving money to the corrupt Russian government, which never helps the ordinary Russians. America has identified herself so strongly with Yeltsin, and now Yeltsin and his government are viewed as corrupt. There is a perception that America, who destroyed the old Soviet Union, is again trying to destroy Russia.

**Ruddy:** A former American general, Benjamin Partin, suggested that if, after the Allies had beaten Hitler in World War II, and the new German government was filled with ex-Nazis in the Cabinet, ex-Nazis in the military, ex-Nazis in the private businesses, would we believe we won? General Partin notes that in today's Russia, ex-Communists, many high-level Soviet officials, run most of the government and private businesses. Most of the republics are run by former Communists.

**Luney:** Well, almost all, yes. General Partin is correct in his concerns.

**Ruddy:** It appears that in 1917 when the Communists came to power in Russia, they were not much more than organized crime figures.

**Luney:** Yes, they are the same. They are together. There is no difference.

**Ruddy:** It seems this permanent government will be always seeking domination, whether official or through organized crime means.

**Luney:** And you are right, but how will you sell this idea to America?

**Ruddy:** You can't sell it to America, because they believe all the bad guys just gave up with the end of the Cold War. One day it was all over, we won. End of story.

**Luney:** You should know this did not happen in one day, like on Christmas Day of 1991 when Gorbachev dissolved the Soviet Union. A long time before this the KGB began to transfer Communist Party money to private accounts under the names of different people in Western countries. At the same time the KGB moved some of their very experienced people, including generals, sometimes four-star generals, into the new private businesses being formed in Russia. For example, former KGB agents joined financial and industrial groups. Since they had intelligence backgrounds, they could be placed in various positions, like vice president in charge of personnel or foreign operations. The KGB established these private accounts, controlled by their own people using money from the CCCP - the Communist Party assets - for the future, for the future restoration of communism.

**Ruddy:** The power of organized crime in Russia developed so quickly. What role did the KGB play in its rise to power?

**Luney:** The KGB and the old-line Communists needed to use criminals in this phase because who had experience in money laundering? Who has connections with drug cartels? With other organized crime groups in Western countries? The KGB worked closely with these groups and actually provided passports and permission for criminals to travel abroad. Organized crime in Russia has existed for a long time, as long as anyone can remember. Yet the criminals never played any sufficient or important role in Russian or Soviet society until the so-called reforms were begun under Gorbachev.

**Ruddy:** You mentioned earlier that the KGB transferred funds outside of Russia for the future restoration of the Communist Party.

**Luney:** Yes, for the future.

**Ruddy:** So people are thinking in terms of restoring the Communist Party there?

**Luney:** Yes, I think that they made plans to bring back the Communists. The Politburo accomplished this at the end of the 1980s and the early '90s when millions, if not billions, of dollars from Communist Party accounts were transferred by KGB officers with assistance and help from criminals.

### **Russia and China Prepare For War: Part 1**

Christopher Ruddy, Editor of NewsMax.com, March 9, 1999

While America has been preoccupied with Clinton's sexual shenanigans and Wall Street's gyrations, extremely ominous developments have been quietly taking place within Russia and Communist China. These ominous developments have occurred during a time when President Bill Clinton has systematically moved to disarm the United States.

While it has gone largely unreported, President Clinton has overseen the destruction of nearly two-thirds of America's nuclear weapons stockpile. He has ordered that America no longer have a "launch on warning" policy and has replaced it with one that says America will retaliate only after it has been attacked. This non-sensical Clinton policy means that American cities and American military targets must first be destroyed before America retaliates. He has proposed taking computer circuitry out of land-based missiles, so that they could not be launched in an emergency. Clinton has proposed making it much more difficult for our submarines to launch their weapons, and even has suggested welding closed the missile hatches on our submarines.

Most Americans assume that the Cold War is long over, and that we have nothing to fear from our new "friends," Russia and China. Such a notion is completely contradicted by Russia's and China's expansion of their nuclear arsenals at breakneck speed, and deployment of dozens of new weapons systems. Target: America. (Now, I know you may be saying this can't be true, Russia is in chaos and China is just too weak to take on the United States. Please read on and then form your own opinion.)

Most Americans think war with these communist nations is now impossible. Unfortunately Russia and China don't agree. These are the same nations that have murdered tens of millions of their own citizens and which continue to target America with tens of thousands of strategic and tactical nuclear weapons. Never before has the strategic balance been so much in favor of Russia and China. Further a series of unusual recent activities in these countries indicate that they are at least contemplating nuclear blackmail of the United States. These activities include:

- An enormous military build-up, including expansion of their arsenal of strategic nuclear weapons, and introduction of new biological and nuclear weapons with first-strike capability.
- A huge expansion of their navies (while the US mothballs over half its ships).
- A new form of brinkmanship, in which Russia and China regularly probe America's defenses.
- Huge new civil defense programs, including enormous fallout shelters in Russia (one new underground city is larger than Washington, DC).

At the same time, under Clinton, the US military has been cut to the bone, leaving America more vulnerable to foreign attack than at any time since the Cold War. Specifically:

- Clinton has slashed troop levels in the Army, Navy and Marines by 30-40%. Most remaining battle troops are now deployed overseas, in the Middle East, Bosnia, South America and elsewhere.
- The US arsenal of cruise missiles has dropped to a dangerously low number, just over 100 cruise missiles are left. Further, these few remaining missiles are being quickly thrown away in senseless engagements in the Middle East, and the administration is not building any more.
- Clinton has slashed defense spending, from 28% of the federal budget in 1988, to 17% today.
- The navy has decommissioned almost half of its ships, down from 600 in 1991 to 336 today. That's the lowest level since 1938.

The critical balance of nuclear weapons is now heavily in Russia's favor. The US has about 10,000 to 11,000 nuclear weapons left, compared to over 30,000 for Russia. Further, thanks to Clinton, many of our remaining nuclear weapons are vulnerable to attack. For instance, the nuclear warheads for our strategic bombers are in the US, while many of the planes are in the Middle East and Europe. Never before has America been so vulnerable to devastating attack by the worst mass murderers in human history, and never before has an American leader so jeopardized America's ability to defend itself.

### **Russia and China Prepare For War: Part 2**

#### **Clinton's Sell-Out of America, Christopher Ruddy, March 10, 1999**

It seems incredible, but it's true: Clinton has released classified missile technology to China after receiving political contributions from the communist Chinese ... he has allowed China to take control of port cities on both ends of the strategically-vital Panama Canal ... and Clinton has allowed the Russians and Chinese access to sensitive missile bases, command centers, and shipyards. Here are the shocking facts:

#### **CLINTON URGED TURNOVER OF LONG BEACH PORT TO THE RED ARMY**

When I was in Long Beach a few years ago, local papers were filled with stories of leasing huge military facilities to the Communist Chinese. Here's how the deal was structured: COSCO -- the Chinese Overseas Shipping Company, a subsidiary of China's People's Liberation Army -- would be allowed to lease the navy shipyards in Long Beach, California for 16 annual payments of \$14.5 million a year (total: \$232 million). The deal would also have required the Port of Long Beach to spend \$235 million to modernize the facilities. In other words, the PLA would have been handed former US naval facilities in Long Beach at a cut-rate cost while taxpayers forked over \$235 million to upgrade the facility for the Chinese. Under a Department of Transportation subsidy program, US taxpayers would have also subsidized 87% of the \$157 million cost of COSCO building four new container ships. What do the Communist Chinese plan to do with the facilities and ships?

Here's one example:

#### **AUTHORIZED IMPORTATION OF 100,000 CHINESE COMBAT RIFLES**

In 1996, soon after Clinton had signed a law outlawing importing foreign semi-automatic weapons into the US, he signed a waiver allowing the Chinese Overseas Shipping Co. -- COSCO (a subsidiary of the Red Army) -- to allow them to import 100,000 semi-automatic military rifles into the US, as well as millions of rounds of ammunition. Not content to just bring in semi-automatic weapons, COSCO also tried to smuggle in 2,000 illegal, fully automatic Chinese AK-47s. According to press reports, these weapons were destined to be sold to street gangs in Oakland. That seems like a phony cover story. We still need to know why China tried to smuggle into California enough weapons to equip an army.

## **CLINTON OPEN US TO RUSSIA AND CHINA**

On May 13, 1997, Defense Secretary Cohen signed a military cooperation agreement with Russia. Under the agreement, US and Russian forces would work together on over 100 exercises in 1997 alone. These exercises include joint troop movements, "urban pacification," and US advice for Russian forces killing rebels in Chechnya. After signing the cooperation agreement, Russian Defense Minister Igor Rodionov toured the National Military Command Center and met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in secret. In January 1998, Secretary Cohen also signed an agreement to allow cooperation between the US and Chinese militaries.

## **ALLOWING RUSSIANS TO PHOTOGRAPH US MILITARY BASES**

Under the Open Skies Treaty, Russian military planes began flying over and photographing US military bases last year. Chinese military aircraft will be allowed to fly over US military bases beginning in 1999. Information Russia and China obtain from these flyovers would be invaluable if they ever attack the US.

## **GIVES CONTROL OF THE PANAMA CANAL TO CHINA**

The Panama Canal is probably the single most strategically-important piece of real estate in the Western Hemisphere. The US has fought two wars -- in which thousands of Panamanians and hundreds of Americas have died -- to control the Canal. Now it's being handed to the Communist Chinese on a silver platter. President Clinton has allowed a company controlled by Chinese communists -- Hutchinson-Whampoa Ltd. -- to take control of the Canal cities at both ends of the Canal. Further, under Panamanian Law #5, Hutchinson-Whampoa will determine which ships are allowed to enter the Canal and many of the Canal's operations. This is utterly absurd and frightening.

Admiral Thomas Moorer, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, reminded Congress last summer that "the defense and use of the Panama Canal is wrapped inextricably with the overall global strategy of the United States and the security of the free world." Moorer vehemently opposed the turnover of the canal to the Chinese, saying it was vital for US oil supplies, and for the transit for US ships and troops in a war, and described the Canal as "essential" in any "military conflict -- past, present, or future."

## **US SELLS STRATEGIC WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA**

On March 23, 1998, *The Washington Times* revealed a secret Clinton Administration proposal to sell advanced missile technology to China. Under Clinton, 47 supercomputers have been sold to China, most for use by the Red Army -- the butchers of Tibet and Tiananmen Square. These US computers can be used to target nuclear missiles at America and to build design new and more powerful nuclear weapons.

## **Russia and China Prepare For War: Part 3**

Christopher Ruddy, March 11, 1999

## **Russia and China -- Our Friends?**

Many Americans find it unthinkable that Russia or China would launch an attack on the US knowing that it would mean millions of casualties on their soil. But what Americans fail to take into account is the mindset of the authoritarian communists who still occupy every important military and political office in those countries. These are the same people who gave the world brainwashing, the Secret Police, and the Gulag. Under these communist leaders and their predecessors, China and the Soviet Union became the most murderous regime in the history of the human race, and the primary victims were their own citizens.

According to Professor R. J. Rummel, author of *Death By Government: "Almost 62 million people, nearly 54,800,000 of them citizens, have been murdered by the Communist Party -- the government -- of the Soviet Union. "Old and young, healthy and sick, men and women, even infants and the infirm, were killed in cold blood. They were not combatants in civil war or rebellions; they were not criminals. Indeed, nearly all were guilty of... nothing."* [Death by Government, pp. 79-80.]

Second only to the Soviet Union in mass murder, is Communist China. At least 35,236,000 people have been killed in Red China. Rummel writes: *"These poor souls have experienced every manner of death for every conceivable reason: genocide, politicide, mass murder, massacres, and individual directed assassination."* [Death by Government, p. 92] Have Russia and China "reformed," and become peaceful lambs, as President Clinton would have us believe? The evidence is overwhelming to the contrary.

## **THE MYTH OF RUSSIAN DEMOCRACY**

Americans and the world would like to believe that the fall of the Berlin Wall ended the threat of international communism. For a few years that indeed seemed to be true, in at least parts of the former Soviet Union. Free elections were promised. Multiple political parties were allowed. Captive nations -- such as Latvia and Lithuania -- were set free. Press censorship was scaled back. There was some attempt at free market reforms. And foreign capital was invited in. However, the reforms were at best paltry. As Joel Carmichael, editor of *Midstream* wrote last year, "Out of the 12 fragments of the former Soviet Union, only one -- Russia -- has received a popular election." And of those 12 countries, virtually every one is run by former high-ranking communist officials.

What of the highly-touted free market "reforms"? While small, privately-owned businesses were allowed, virtually all farming and manufacturing -- including Russia's dominant defense industries -- remain firmly in control of the state, as well as virtually all communications, transportation, and housing. (Last year, a measure to allow private ownership of homes was firmly defeated in the Duma, Russia's parliament -- a parliament controlled by the communist party.) In brief, the centralized apparatus of economic control remains firmly in the hands of "former" communists, both in Russia, China, and throughout the states of the former Soviet Union. And the same people are in charge of the economy. Richard Ebeling, Professor of Economics at Hillsdale College and a regular visitor to

Russia (his wife is Russian) states bluntly, "The same people in the same offices are still running the economy. Only the names of their offices have changed."

What of the highly-touted new free market "businesses" in Russia? All but the smallest businesses are controlled and run by the Russian Mafia, which in turn is controlled by former KGB (state security) agents and the Russian government. Even the USSR's Gulag -- the concentration camps that were the epitome of totalitarian communism -- remain and, in fact, have grown. Avraham Shifrin, author of *The First Guidebook to Prisons and Concentration Camps of the Soviet Union* and the world authority on the Gulag, stated in 1996: "*Basically the situation in the camps of Russia, the Ukraine (as well as other parts of the USSR with the exception of the Baltic states) has not changed. As a matter of fact, the Russian authorities have had to transform their entire industry and base it on forced labor of prisoners; for this purpose, the camps -- within the last few years -- have been gradually enlarged...*" Shifrin noted ominously, "*The West believes the Russian lies, as it wants to believe there will be a quiet life, but there won't be.*"

### **RUSSIA'S COMMITMENT TO GLOBAL CONQUEST**

In 1996, I had the honor of interviewing Dr. Edward Teller, the former director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Teller is one of America's premiere scientists, best known as "the father of the hydrogen bomb." It was Teller who persuaded President Truman to develop the hydrogen bomb -- a thermonuclear weapon 1,000-times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Teller's recommendation proved critical when Russia exploded their own thermonuclear device shortly after the United States. If the Soviet's had had a monopoly on thermonuclear weapons, they might well have dominated the earth. In the 1980's, Teller also convinced President Reagan to begin development of the next generation of superweapons, known as "Star Wars."

When I spoke to Teller at his home, he was very worried about Clinton's military policies, which he called extremely "dangerous." According to Teller, under Clinton the US has ceased the development of virtually all strategic weapons, especially nuclear ones. Teller seemed perplexed that an American president would do such a thing, especially since the Russians and Chinese were building new and more powerful weapons at breakneck speed. If this goes on, Teller said, the US military would witness no real improvement in its weapons systems for a decade -- exposing America to pre-emptive attack. I asked Dr. Teller to quantify the risk of the United States becoming involved in a global nuclear war if Clinton's policies continued. He replied that in 1992 the chances of the United States becoming involved in a global war was at most one chance in a hundred, with the main risk being accidental war. However, under Clinton's military stagnation policies, Dr. Teller explained, the chance of global nuclear war will increase to 50-50 during the next few years.

Dr. Teller also stressed the importance of technologically-advanced weapons in safeguarding our society. He noted that for centuries China's culture was considered more advanced than West's, but the West was still able to dominate China and the world. Why? Because, Teller, explained, the West had developed the technology to effectively use gunpowder -- the first superweapon. This new weaponry, coupled with advanced navigation aides, gave the West dominance of the seas and control of the world. The same principle holds today, Teller said. The nation that achieves dominance in superweapons of mass destruction dominates the world.

The US may have dazzling gadgetry in the cockpit of an F-16, and formidable aircraft carriers, neither of which the Russians have. But in a nuclear war, such weapons are not that important, compared to nuclear weapons. (Saddam Hussein understands well this concept. By UN estimates, he has given up \$120 billion in lost oil sales during the past decade, rather than abandon his biological, chemical and nuclear programs.) The Soviet strategy for the past three decades has been to achieve numerical superiority in superweapons while preventing the West from developing new superweapons.

President Clinton has been a willing accomplice with Russia's agenda. Not only has he refused to develop any major new weapons systems, he has halted underground testing of nuclear weapons, which is crucial to the development of new superweapons. At the same time, he did nothing when Russia conducted no less than five underground nuclear tests during the fall of 1998 alone. To put it briefly, the West has been disarming, while the Russians and Chinese have been building their militaries rapidly -- especially their strategic forces, or "superweapons."

### **WAS THE WEST TRICKED?**

Since its inception in 1917, the Soviet Union followed the policy of alternating periods of repression with relaxing of authority and opening to the West to attract Western capital and aid. Then, a few years later, revitalized by the infusion of Western money and technology, they would clamp down again, more brutally than ever. China has done the same. Time and again, the West has been taken in by this trick. Indeed, throughout the 1920s and 1930s, the Soviet Union was the darling of myopic intellectuals in America and Europe who praised it for its "noble" ideology, donated funds and urged Western aid -- while ignoring the mind-numbing repression, concentration camps and mass executions.

Anatoliy Golitsyn, an important KGB defector, warned the CIA that the USSR would launch a massive "liberalization" movement, as a ruse to get the West to disarm. Golitsyn's 1984 book, *Old Lies For New: The Communist Strategy of Deception and Disinformation*, eerily predicted that the Soviet Union would "collapse", that Eastern Europe would be "liberated", and that the Berlin Wall would be torn down -- all as a way to deceive the West into disarming. All of these events have taken place, including massive Western disarmament under Clinton (described in detail in later articles of this series). Golitsyn claims that the Western public has been fed a steady diet of disinformation about Russia. During this period, Golitsyn warned, Russia's military-industrial complex would not shrink but would rapidly expand. What's the purpose of this enormous military expansion?

#### **Russia and China Prepare For War: Part 4**

#### **Russia May Launch a Surprise Attack Against US;** Christopher Ruddy, March 12, 1999

Since 1917, "capitalist warmongers" in the US and Europe have been the principal targets of hatred by Russians and the Chinese. Following the fall of the Berlin Wall, those campaigns of hate subsided briefly, and authoritarian communists stepped out of the spotlight. Today, with Russia reported in desperate economic straits, the Russian people are again being told, "it's the fault of America and Europe." Brutal communist leaders are again publicly talking, dissent is again being banned, and hatred against the West is soaring. During the past year, my concerns about Russia have been greatly increased as a result of an interview I conducted with Jeffrey Nyquist -- an independent researcher on Russia and author of *The Origins of the Fourth World War*. Nyquist believes Russia has been planning a surprise nuclear attack against the United States, and that this attack will come sooner rather than later -- quite possibly within the next year if the US continues on its present reckless course. I would have scoffed at such suggestions had Nyquist not made such a convincing case and demonstrated such a powerful intellect. During our conversations, Nyquist listed signs that would indicate a Russian attack was being planned.

#### **NYQUIST'S STARTLING PREDICTIONS**

In early 1998, Nyquist predicted that authorities in Russia would deliberately implode their own economy to advance their political and military agendas. There were several reasons. First, that would divert attention from the theft of billions of dollars by government officials from "privatized" companies, and provide a convenient explanation why none of them were making any money. Second, by engendering Russia's economic collapse and blaming the West, the necessary psychological atmosphere for war against the US would be created.

Another outcome of Russia's economic collapse, Nyquist said, would be the emergence of a series of progressively stronger and more militarist Russian leaders. Primakov -- Yeltsin's Prime Minister -- perfectly fits Nyquist's prediction. He's a former hard-line, anti-American KGB general. Nyquist also predicted that Russia would ally with China. That, too, has now taken place, as you'll see below. Finally, Nyquist predicted that Russia would stockpile huge quantities of food and other supplies for war, and begin moving their nuclear weapons on to their naval ships where they are much more difficult to monitor and deter. All of this has occurred.

#### **SPY WARNS OF RUSSIAN WAR PLANS**

Nyquist is not the only astute observer of Russia who believes Russia may be preparing for war against the US. Stanislav Lunev -- the highest-ranking GRU (Russian military intelligence) officer ever to defect from Russia -- also warns that Russia is preparing for war against the United States. Lunev's book *Through the Eyes of the Enemy* (published last summer by Regnery) states categorically that the Cold War is not over and that Russia continues to plan for a nuclear war. "Russia remains terrified of the power of America, and Russian military intelligence does everything it can prepare for a war that it considers inevitable," he wrote. This war, Lunev details, would employ nuclear, biological and chemical weapons against America.

#### **RUSSIAN PLANS: KILL US LEADERS; USE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ALREADY IN US**

Lunev explains war would begin with the infiltration of Russian special operations troops into the US, who would kill top political and military leaders. Lunev also warns that Russian GRU (military intelligence) agents have already deposited, near key water reservoirs, deadly poisons and toxins which would result in millions of civilians being ravaged by disease. Lunev says, for instance, that the Russians have determined that they could wipe out a significant part of the population of Florida by polluting water sources in the Carolinas. Another part of Russia's plan, according to Lunev, is to deploy suitcase nuclear bombs at strategic points throughout the US. Lunev says he personally scouted a site in the Hudson Valley just above New York City for one such suitcase nuke. Lunev has also told me that the democracy movement in Russia was a charade and part of "a plan" to get the West disarm -- achieving through deception what the Soviet Union was never able to achieve militarily. Lunev explained that China was pursuing parallel policies, absorbing as much Western aid and technology as possible before a final confrontation, which Lunev regarded as imminent.

#### **RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC COLLAPSE INCREASES RISK OF WAR**

The collapse of Russia's economy greatly increased the chances of war with the West. With 29 times Finland's population, Russia's budget barely matches theirs. According to news reports, millions of ordinary Russians are now struggling just to stay alive, selling family heirlooms and chopping up their furniture for kindling. Russia's political leaders and economic czars, of course, will never admit that they and their failed totalitarian system are responsible for this widespread misery, and increasingly the West is being blamed. This is particularly dangerous, because despite economic desperation, Russia continues to be still a nuclear superpower. Victor Olove, director of Moscow's Center for Policy Studies, told the *Los Angeles Times*, "People who have nuclear warheads in their hands have not gotten their salaries for three or four months and are literally hungry." Some press reports show how close to war we have already come. Britain's Panorama news program reported that in 1995 the Yeltsin government came within minutes of a full nuclear attack on the United States after Russian defense systems failed.

#### **US DESTROYS NUCLEAR ARSENAL, RUSSIAN ARSENAL EXPANDS**

Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has been systematically destroying its nuclear arsenal. In 1991, the US had approximately 30,000 strategic and tactical nuclear weapons. Under Clinton, that arsenal has fallen nearly 60%. In 1997, the United States had only 12,500 (tactical and strategic) nuclear weapons. Of these, only 8,750 were active, 2,500 more were on reserve, and 1,250 were slated to be destroyed. Moreover, our nuclear arsenal has a limited "shelf life," and year by year, more and more weapons become unusable. The Clinton administration has only recently taken belated steps to produce tritium, a necessary component for the maintenance of nuclear weapons.

In contrast, the Russians may now have as many as 50,000 strategic and tactical nuclear weapons -- ranging from small suitcase bombs to large warheads suitable for intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's). The lion's share of these weapons remain targeted at the US. And Russia is quickly building even more weapons. Never before has the strategic nuclear balance been so greatly in Russia's favor. From a military standpoint, this creates a unique window of opportunity for Russia to launch a successful first-strike against the United States at minimal cost to themselves.

### **"USE IT OR LOSE IT"**

Like America's nuclear arsenal, Russia's is degrading as it gets older and requires expensive, periodical servicing. The Russian government is well aware of this problem. In a recent report to the Duma (Russia's Congress), First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Masluyokov (a former Soviet military-industrial planner) states that because of obsolescence, Russia's nuclear arsenal will decline quickly, and Russia may "be able to field only 800 to 900 nuclear warheads seven years from now."

Because of Russia's economic problems, Russia may never again enjoy the huge strategic advantage it now has over its old enemies in the West. For die-hard communists, the huge, but temporary, military advantage may represent an irresistible opportunity to "use them before we lose them." Indeed, Bruce Blair, a well-known liberal from the Brookings Institution, stated last summer in *The National Interest*, "Russia's conventional forces have declined ... and into this vacuum has rushed a growing reliance on nuclear weapons -- including their first use in any serious conventional conflict." Recognizing the limited shelf-life of Russia's nuclear arsenal, Blair adds, "The nuclear forces themselves have become vulnerable.... Consequently Russia today faces far stronger pressures to 'use or lose' its nuclear arsenal than at any time since the early 1960s."

### **Y2K BUG MAY BE "TRIPWIRE" FOR WAR**

Coinciding with the continuing degradation of Russia's nuclear weapons are military problems they will soon experience as a result of the Y2K (Year 2000 or Millennium) computer bug. Like all modern strategic weapons, Russia's nuclear arsenal is critically dependent upon computer technology. At the latest, by January 2000 -- less than one year from now -- the millennium bug may render that technology largely useless. Briefly, the problem is that two digit year codes used by most computer software will cause computers to misread the year 2000 as "00" or "1900." It sounds minor, but this computer glitch could lead to widespread failure of many high-tech weapons systems, including nuclear weapons, aircraft carriers, radar and even tanks. Even worse, the millennium bug is in billions of "embedded" microprocessors buried deep inside missiles, tanks, satellites, and nuclear reactors. (Imagine the cost of taking a satellite "into the shop" for repairs or sending someone inside a nuclear reactor to locate a defective chip!)

The US military is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to correct its own huge Y2K problem. Russia, however, has neither the money nor the manpower to correct millions of lines of faulty code and replace millions of chips. Their official policy is "fix on failure;" that is, they plan to do NOTHING to repair their systems until they fail. My soon-to-be-published special report -- *Y2K and Russia: Impetus For Nuclear War?* -- details the enormous Y2K risks Russia is facing -- and Y2K's implications for you. Another frightening possibility is that on January 1, 2000, Russia's radar screens and early warning system could go blank or falsely report incoming missiles. That could lead Russian military leaders to believe the US has initiated an attack, and launch a counterattack.

The Y2K-related failure of Russia's early warning system could even result in an automatic attack against the US. Most people in the West don't realize it, but Russia has long had a "doomsday defense system." This system is designed to enable Russia to survive a US nuclear first strike and to launch a devastating retaliation even if no commanders are left alive in Russia to issue the orders. This system is designed to automatically launch nuclear missiles at the US if an event occurs that the computer interprets as a Western attack -- such as a loss of satellite and radar systems. The default target of thousands of Russian strategic missiles are cities in the United States and Europe. Well aware of this problem, US military officials have recommended that the US and Russia place observers in each others' nuclear control rooms next December, to prevent an accidental launch.

### **RUSSIA PREPARES FOR A FIRST STRIKE**

An even more disturbing possibility has not been reported by the press: That is the possibility that the Russian general staff -- which is well aware of their Y2K and economic problems -- may have already decided to strike the United States before their defense systems fail on January 1, 2000. Thus, in an extremely ominous sign, on December 17, 1997, President Yeltsin, issued a 37-page policy statement, reneging on previous pledges not to use nuclear weapons first.

### **Russia and China Prepare For War: Part 5**

**Russia's Recent Military Build-up:** Christopher Ruddy, March 15, 1999

How grave a threat to the West is Russia's military today? The perception in much of the West is that Russian conventional and strategic forces are in complete disarray, on the verge of breakdown or worse, like the civilian economy. Fears of a military meltdown in Russia have successfully been exploited by the Russians as a subtle form of blackmail. Either the US and the West hand over billions in aid, or else. The truth is that Russia's military-industrial complex did not collapse as a result of the dissolution of the Soviet Union -- nor was its arsenal of strategic weapons dismantled. In May of 1997, Reuters reported, citing French intelligence estimates, Russia maintains a stockpile of 18,000 to 20,000 tactical nuclear weapons -- that's in addition to approximately 8,000 big, strategic nuclear weapons. Other estimates put the total number of nuclear weapons at between 30,000 and 50,000.

That's the largest nuclear arsenal that Russia has ever had, equaling or exceeding what they possessed at the height of the Cold War. Russia has also been modernizing its strategic weapons. Air Force General Eugene Habiger,

commander of the US Strategic Command in Nebraska, told the *Washington Times* last year that Russia and China have been engaging in a massive weapons modernization program. Habiger told the *Times* that "Russia has begun producing its new SS-27 strategic missile (the Topol-M) and is building new submarines armed with multiple-warhead missiles and new bomber-launched cruise missiles.

Habiger continued, noting that "Russia is the only power with the capacity to destroy the United States. "The anomaly that we're faced with is that the Cold War ended, and did the loser really lose?" he said. "Did you see a demobilization? Did you see all those nuclear weapons come down in Russia? No." The Air Force's National Intelligence Center concluded in a recent report to Congress that even with the economic and social problems of Russia, that she "probably will retain the largest force of land-based strategic missiles in the world." This is nothing new. Since the communists took over in 1917, Russia has had two economies: A military economy, which has consumed the country's top scientists, engineers and workers, and up to 70% of the country's wealth -- and its poor cousin, the civilian economy, which received the dregs. [Western media reports almost always focus on the civilian side of Russia's economy and ignore her military-industrial complex.] Russia also continues to field a huge conventional army, with 100 combat divisions compared to 10 fielded by the US. Russia also has some 100,000 airborne troops ready at a moment's notice for action. America would be hard pressed to field even 100,000 regular soldiers.

### **RUSSIA: WORLD CLASS ARMS MAKER**

Russia's economic minister announced in December of 1998 that Russia plans to increase arms exports by some twenty percent in 1999, and Russia will remain in the top four of the world's major arms exporting nations. (Arms exports from combined CIS states makes Russia second in world export.) As the Associated Press noted, Russia's arms industry is "one of the few sectors where Russian industry continues to operate efficiently." No doubt, because few countries would buy from them if the Russians couldn't deliver quality products on-time. This should be an ominous sign for those who believe Russia is in such "disarray" that they cannot remain a threat to the West. The military-industrial complex not only operates in Russia today, it operates well.

### **RUSSIA EMPHASIZES "SUPERWEAPONS" According to the *Russian Reform Monitor*:**

*"During the past year, Russia has been deploying the ICBM Topol-M (SS-27), a missile that is both mobile (making it harder for us to hit) and orbital (goes into orbit) before hitting its target"* [Note: The US has no strategic weapons that are either orbital or mobile.] Further, according to the *Reform Monitor*, this past September Russia had its 58th test launch of the missile, a sign the Monitor said demonstrated that the missile was well into serial production. In late December of 1998, the Monitor's belief was confirmed when Russia publicly admitted to officially deploying ten Topol-M SS-27 missiles. [Please note that the common thread of Russia's military activities is its investment in developing, building and deploying strategic superweapons. News sources like CNN won't report on many of these Russian accomplishments. This does not alter the fact the Russians are engaged in a build-up of such superweapons -- the very same weapons Dr. Teller warned about.]

In addition, according to excerpts from the *Monitor*, during the past two years Russia has:

- commissioned a new aircraft carrier, the Admiral Kuznetsov.
- commissioned the largest ballistic missile cruiser in the history of the world called Peter the Great. According to Pravda the ship has an unsurpassed "missile and artillery system and radar optical target tracking system."
- begun construction of the fifth generation Borei class of ballistic missile submarines, beginning with the Yuri Dolgoruki, which has an ultramodern hull.
- built a new submarine-based ballistic missile.
- continued production of the Akula-II class nuclear attack submarine.
- begun construction of the new Severodvinsk class of nuclear attack submarines.
- refitted all Typhoon ballistic missile submarines to launch an upgrade of the SS-N-24/6 ballistic missile.
- introduced a new generation of nuclear warheads.
- modernized its Bear and Backfire strategic bombers, with the ability to carry updated cruise missiles.
- developed a new stealth bomber.
- begun development of a new strategic bomber.
- continued development of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

In 1997, Russia's Parliament allocated some \$12.8 billion for new weapons development. Pravda (Russia's leading newspaper) cited a General Staff official who says that new weapons systems include directed-energy weapons, new "smart" weapons, deep penetration munitions, and electronic warfare technologies. Funding also went for the Topol-M, new tactical nuclear weapons, miniaturized nuclear weapons and seven new ballistic missile submarines. Previous Russian spending has paid off. In February of 1996, the *Times of London* reported that Britain's Royal Navy was concerned about "Russian nuclear hunter-killer submarines" stalking British Trident submarines operating off Britain's coasts. The British Navy described these submarines as "larger, quieter and more deadly than anything Western navies can put to sea."

The *Times* also disclosed that Russia had deployed a new "Akula-class" submarine that carries SS-21 nuclear missiles aimed at American targets. The head of US Naval Intelligence, Admiral Mike Cramer, said the new submarine "has demonstrated a capability that has never been demonstrated before to us ..." Both British and US military experts have been astounded by new Russian, super-silent technology that allows their new submarines to avoid American sensors and early warning systems. Gone are the days of the big, noisy Russian subs. If Russia is

"falling apart," how have they been able to do all of this? How will America know if Russia subs move close to the US if our detectors are useless against this new Russian technology?

### **RUSSIA'S DEADLY CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS**

Nyquist states that in a war with the United States, Russia will heavily utilize their extensive biological and chemical weapons -- particularly during the initial strikes. These are comparatively cheap weapons of mass destruction, with a low "cost per kill." Because America has a large population dispersed over a wide area, biological and chemical weapons are an effective means of mass extermination. Lunev concurs with much of what Nyquist says. In his book, *Through the Eyes of the Enemy*, he details how Russian GRU agents have been sent to the US to scout out the best way to employ such weapons. Russia has the ability to produce enormous quantities of deadly biological and chemical weapons quickly. The *International Herald Tribune* of December 29, 1998, describes one such factory: "Six stories high and two football fields long, the central factory [Stepnogorsk] is filled with 10 giant fermentation vats, each meant to brew 5,000 gallons of anthrax microbes -- enough to kill every man, woman and child in America many times over. "Stepnogorsk's former director, who defected to the United States in 1992, says the plant was to produce up to 300 tons of final ěproductĳ in a 200-day period if the order came to mobilize for war."

The Stepnogorsk human death factory has been closed. But there is no way to tell how many other factories continue to operate or how many tons of deadly poisons the Russians have stockpiled. For example, in February 1997, the *Washington Times* reported that a secret military intelligence document reported that Russia had developed a nerve gas called A-232. The report stated that Russia has the ability to mass produce the agent "within weeks."

In March of this year, the *New York Times* carried an article by Ken Alibek, a chief deputy in Biopreparat, the military's biological weapons division. Alibek says Russia continues to develop new biological weapons, from anthrax to various plague strains. Alibek criticized US aid to Russia which does not allow full-scale inspection of the sites where these weapons are being developed. Alibek's claims were substantiated in September of 1998 when the Defense Intelligence Agency reported to Congress that "key components of the former Soviet biological warfare program remain largely intact and may support a possible future mobilization capability for the production of biological agents and delivery systems."

America continues to play the fool. A December 28, 1998 report in the *New York Times* says that in 1972, after signing an international treaty banning such weapons, Russia "almost immediately, Soviet defectors say, ... secretly redoubled its germ research and production." Christopher Story, editor of *Soviet Analyst*, recounts that in the late 1980's Margaret Thatcher confronted Soviet Premier Gorbachev over intelligence reports that the USSR had extensive biological and chemical weapons programs. Story said that Gorbachev promised to abolish such programs. Significant evidence shows such programs were not abolished.

Again, in 1992, President Yeltsin said he was abolishing all chemical and biological weapons programs. Rather than opening up the laboratories involved in such weapon-making, Yeltsin proceeded to "closeĳ such installations and cities where weapons of mass destruction were being built so that visits by foreigners would be prohibited. Alibek told the *New York Times* in December of 1998 that "Russia ... will never entirely abandon a program in which it had military superiority, no matter how many treaties it signs or cooperative programs it joins." "I say, Guys, don't be so gullible. They're lying to you," Alibek told the *Times*. Why does "democratic" Russia close its cities from foreign visits, just as it did during the Soviet days? Why are "our friends," the Russians, continuing to develop these monstrous weapons of mass murder in blatant defiance of its international treaties with the US and other countries -- and who do they plan to use them on? And why, oh, why does our government turn a blind eye to these Russian activities?

#### **Eleven Signs of a Russian Surprise Attack:** Christopher Ruddy, March 16, 1999

Here are eleven more disturbing signs Nyquist identifies as Russian war preparations:

1. **Russia's Alert Status.** As reported last year, Russia regularly put its missiles on a high state of alert, claiming their early warning systems did not work properly. Nyquist calls these periodical high alerts "one of the ominous signs of Russian duplicity." As Nyquist explains, firing a missile is not as simple as simply "pushing a button." An alert status means, in real terms, increased activity around a missile base as fuel and other preparations are made for a launch. Putting missiles on high alert means Russia is capable of launching in a matter of hours or even minutes. American intelligence analysts have scrupulously monitored such activity, largely through satellites. During Soviet days, an alert status would have been a huge red flag to US intelligence, leading the US to also heighten their alert status. The Russian's high state of alert and their frequent changes in alert status, have made the US military complacent. What normally would be a warning sign of an attack -- Russia going on alert -- is now viewed as business as usual.

2. **Mock attacks.** In the past two years, Russia has engaged in numerous mock attacks against the United States, including nuclear attacks. On February 21, 1997, then Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin "was at the Odinstovo nuclear command center, overseeing an exercise whose assignment was "to destroy the US in less than an hour," according to a press account in *Segodnya*. In September of 1997 Russia's defense forces conducted a three-day nuclear attack exercise, which included a test firing of ICBM's, submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and bomber-launched cruise missiles.

The *Washington Times* reported that in the fall of 1997, a Russian attack submarine stalked "close enough to sink ... with high speed cruise missiles" three carrier battle groups off the coast of Washington state. In October of

1998, TASS reported that Russia's Strategic Rocket Forces practiced a mock nuclear attack, firing an ICBM, against the United States. The exercise was coordinated with the Russian's strategic bomber force.

The *Washington Times* reported that in April of 1998, "Russia's strategic bomber forces recently carried out simulated nuclear bombing raids against the United States in an exercise that included test firings of long-range cruise missiles." During these exercises, Russian bombers flew to the polar regions, as they would in an attack against the United States. These are the exercises that have been reported. Are these the actions of "America's friend?" In military strategy, mock attacks are a classic way to launch a real, surprise attack. Like high alert status, such repeated exercises create complacency on the part of American analysts who are being conditioned to view these exercises as normal.

### 3. **Russia is stockpiling food in the midst of a supposed "famine":**

Three years ago, Ambassador Richard Starr, a top Reagan administration arms control expert, writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, said that Russia had stockpiled some 362 million metric tons of wheat. (One economist calculated this was enough grain to feed the entire population of the former Soviet Union for three years.) Recent Russian national budgets have also allotted large amounts for civil defense, including the purchase of provisional supplies like food stocks. Such food stockpiles are crucial in fighting and winning a nuclear war. Russia has a much more sophisticated civil defense system than the United States. During a nuclear war, millions of Russians would be underground, unable to plant, harvest or process food. Russia also has always used its armed forces to harvest food, which would be difficult during a war.

A nuclear war would likely create a complete breakdown of the economy of the warring parties, and the rest of the world's economy. Any nation engaged a war would need food, oil and other vital supplies. A nation without such supplies would likely have no alternative but to surrender or be destroyed. Nyquist noted to me six months ago that unusual changes in the food requirements of Russia could be a tip-off that war is close at hand. In the fall of this year, just months after Nyquist's comments, Russia announced that it had suffered its worse famine in more than forty years. Russian authorities claimed, alternatively, there will be mass starvation later this winter, and near famine is already taking places in some regions of Russia. There are good reasons to be skeptical of Russian claims of a "famine."

The government claims the harvest was half of what it was last year. Other press reports state it was 25 percent less than last year. In either case, as a result of these claims of famine, the US and Europe are transferring huge quantities of food to Russia. The European community has agreed to send approximately \$550 million in food. The aid package includes a million tons of wheat, 100,000 tons of pork, 150,000 tons of beef, and 50,000 tons of milk powder and rice. The United States aid package was formalized just two days before Christmas 1998. The US agreed to ship Russia \$625 million in food. The package includes an outright gift of 1.5 million metric tons of wheat. The US will also "lend" Russia funds to purchase an additional 1.5 million tons of other commodities -- including corn, soybean meal, rice, beef, pork, and nonfat dry milk. [Note: why, with a "wheat shortfall," does Russia desperately need everything from beef to milk?]

Is there really a famine in Russia or is it a propaganda creation of the government? Interfax reported that by the fall of 1998, overall farming production was actually up, ".4 percent higher than it was in 1996." Russia's demand for wheat has also fallen considerably in recent years. Why? Russia has been slaughtering her herds during the past five years -- another ominous sign. In 1997, Russia had a bumper grain crop of nearly 90 million tons of wheat, with claimed reserves of 20 million tons. Since Russia has about fifty percent fewer livestock than five years ago, this should have left substantial reserves for this winter. Major General Sergei Shoigu, minister of emergency situations, was quoted in the Los Angeles Times this past October stating, "I am totally sure that there will be no sort of famine at all, since there are sufficient reserves in the country."

As word of the "famine" spread from Russian sources this past September, Russian Agricultural Minister Viktor Semyonov, also denied that Russia had a serious food problem. "This campaign is being waged in the interests of foreign agricultural producers who, under the pretext of severe food shortages, are trying to gain advantages importing their products." Reuters reported that Semyonov said domestic producers "are still capable of filling the shops with food." Another contradictory statement: Mikhail Zadornov, Russia's Finance Minister, said as late as October 22, that "Russia's financial situation is not such that it requires direct humanitarian aid. I would express gratitude for such [food aid] proposals, but I think food imports will continue on the normal market basis." A poor, all-around harvest, was then redefined. Russia is now claiming that its grain harvest was generally OK except "in wheat grown for animal feed." "The food portion, of the milling quality (wheat), is just as large as last year," Gerald Rector, the head of USDA's wheat and food grains forecasting committee, reportedly told a USDA meeting.

### **ARMY TO GET FOOD**

In October Prime Minister Primakov announced that Russia was allocating some \$600 million to purchase food stocks for "special consumers" and "certain regions." The *Associated Press* reported that Primakov's reference to "special consumers" referred to "soldiers." Claims that the army urgently needs emergency food and other reports that the army is starving or eating "dog food," seem far fetched. It is well known that the Russian army has generous funding for secure stockpiles of food, and that troops are traditionally fed from food reserves, which in some cases are over six years old. Thus, a current food shortfall for the military would have to be the result of bad harvests in previous, recent years -- which is not the case. The current claim of a bad harvest could effect the army's food supply sometime down the road, but would not require the emergency shipments of food which Russia says she desperately needs.

## **HOW CAN RUSSIAN PROMISES BE TRUSTED?**

As word was spreading of the Russian famine, Russia's second highest ranking auditor, accounts chamber chief Boldyrev, went public in Germany's *Der Spiegel*, with allegations of massive fraud of Western loans to Russia. Boldyrev claims there is massive fraud and misappropriation of funds, and that he "does not know of a single case in which government activities were investigated and no gross violations were discovered." The *Los Angeles Times* reported recently that the American negotiators were concerned that food aid would actually get to the intended people and might instead end up on the black market, or simply disappear into a black hole, as had happened with previous food shipments.

According to news reports, the US-Russian food deal had hit a snag because Russia did not want monitors overseeing the distribution of the food to make sure it is delivered to the Russian people. [It is important to note that such food supplies are fungible and that foreign food aid could be distributed to the population while domestic supplies are stockpiled.] Russia did, eventually, agree to monitors. As it turns, the United States will have two -- yes, just two -- monitors in Moscow to oversee the \$625 million food distribution program. Food exchanges could endanger US security, as Nyquist points out, because each ton of food shipped from the US and Europe is one less ton America or Europe will have during the next war.

Quite remarkably, the Clinton administration is considering drawing down critical US military food stocks to help Russia. According to a *Washington Times* report, "a retired Russian general has informally asked the US government to ship defense food stockpiles," known as MRE's, or meals-ready-to-eat. That move would be disastrous if war breaks out because, at current US troop strength, the Pentagon only has 150 days of food reserves (a very low number in the event of war). According to the Times, the Clinton administration is actually considering this dangerous move. If Russia is really in the midst of a famine and our friend, why are they building up military food stockpiles? This makes no sense, unless Nyquist's scenario is correct.

4. **Russia is cutting back on planting.** If the famine this year is for real, Russian planners should be seeking expanded planting and harvesting next year. But, this is not the case. In fact, according to TASS, the State Statistics committee reported on October 15 that Russia is dramatically reducing the number of acres to be planted next year, from 60 million acres this year to 54 million acres. As Nyquist points out, that doesn't make sense if Russia has a long-term food problem. It does make sense if Russian planners know that a large area of Russian farmland will be contaminated with fallout, or that the population will be underground during the planting or harvest season. Another disturbing fact is that Russia's food situation is being handled by Andrei Kokoshin, secretary of Russia's Security Council. The Security Council is a military agency. Consider how such a food shortage in the United States might be handled. Would the Pentagon be handling the matter or the Agricultural, Commerce or would other, civilian departments be used?

Also noteworthy is information that Russia had increased food imports well before any knowledge of the harvest was apparent. In August, Russian imports of chicken from the United States increased a dramatic 20 percent.

5. **Russia has been slaughtering its herds.** According to SovEkon, a Moscow think tank, during the past five years, about half of Russia's cattle, sheep, goats, and chickens have been killed. In the past year, the slaughtering of the herds, particularly of cattle and sheep, has dramatically increased. Interfax reported that as of October 1, 1998, Russia had 16 percent fewer sheep and goats, and 9 percent fewer cattle than a year previous. These are extreme reductions, and it is difficult to re-build those stocks. Why the reduction? Nyquist believes that the Russians are canning the meat from their herds because they know that grazing herds, such as sheep and cattle, will be less valuable after a nuclear war begins. Fallout from such a war would contaminate livestock, making them useless for food. [And remember, last year Russia had a bumper harvest, so there should have been no shortage of animal feed, and it is still cheaper to raise livestock in Russia than it is to ship meat and poultry from United States or Europe.]

6. **Russia is hoarding oil.** Oil has been an important commodity for Russia for decades, and a major source of hard foreign currency. Russia has long been a net exporter of oil. In October, 1998 TASS reported that Russia had "cut export of petroleum products by 26.6 percent to 30.2 million tons in 8 months of 1998." Why would cash-starved Russia cut back on exports and of its best sources of hard currency in the midst of an economic crisis? Though Russia has modernized its oil production capabilities in recent years thanks to a huge infusion of Western capital and expertise, Russia's First Vice premier Yuri Maslyukov told Interfax (as reported in the *Wall Street Journal*, November 4, 1998), that Russia was quickly "turning into an oil importing nation."

One of the nations Russia has been buying oil from is Iraq. In a six-month period in 1998, Russia purchased 107 million barrels of Iraqi oil, making Russia the largest purchaser under the UN's "oil-for-food" program. Why does Russia find it necessary to buy so much oil and why from Iraq? Nyquist believes this is a payoff to Iraq and another big tip-off of an impending war. Like food, a modern society cannot exist without oil. Nyquist notes that the Russian military is very aware of the lessons of World War II. They know that the German war machine was actually more productive at the height of allied bombing in 1944. Not until Russian troops physically occupied the Romanian oil fields, the lifeblood of the German war machine, did German war production grind to a halt. In a global war in which nuclear weapons are used, the nation that has resources of food and oil will have a critical advantage. The nation that doesn't have significant reserves will likely be utterly destroyed -- no matter how wealthy that nation is before the war starts.

7. **Russia is moving its strategic nuclear weapons from land to sea.** This is perhaps one of the most ominous developments to take place in Russia during the past six months. Any military strategist knows that sea-based nuclear weapons, particularly those on submarines, are considerably less vulnerable to attack than land-based

weapons. Strategists in both Russia and the United States also know that land-based missiles can be knocked out by ground-bursting nuclear weapons, making the need for sea-based weaponry critical. Russia has long had numerical superiority over the United States in both nuclear weapons and submarines. Russia has 42 ballistic missile submarines compared to 18 for the United States.

In July of 1998, the commander-in-chief of Russia's navy announced -- as widely reported in the Russian press -- that the Russian military was moving a huge number of their total land-based, strategic nuclear weapons onto naval ships, where they will be much less vulnerable to attack or counter-attack. Previously, the Russian navy only controlled 30 percent of Russia's strategic nuclear weapons. That number will dramatically increase to 50 percent under the new plan. Why is this being done? Why now? Why during a fiscal crisis when their whole country is supposedly in disarray and their soldiers are supposedly being fed dog food?

8. **Russia is hoarding gold.** Gold is a precious commodity, and in times of war it's even more precious. When war breaks out, the price of gold can go up 3, 5, even 10-fold overnight in a warring nation. Russia has long been one of the world's largest gold producing nations. At the end of the Soviet period, Russia was said to have had large reserves of gold, but these reserves mysteriously disappeared during the break-up of the USSR. In recent months more strange activity. In October of 1998, the *Associated Press* reported that Russia's gold production this year was approximately 120 tons, and that next year, the cash-strapped Russian government planned to spend \$411 million to buy 50 tons of gold. The Russian government announced that it would begin something that is highly unusual: it would mint and issue to the public \$1.5 billion in gold and silver coins.

Still more interesting is the Interfax report just a month later. The Russian government approved legislation that abolished taxes on the sale of gold coins and ingots, giving its citizens a strong incentive to buy gold. This is extremely odd because Russia is in the middle of a major currency crisis in which their currency has been repeatedly devalued. Typically, during such a crisis, governments do everything they can to prevent their citizens from dumping the national currency and buying foreign currencies or gold. Nyquist believes that the Russian government is encouraging its citizens to buy gold because it wants to have as much gold as possible within its borders in the event of war. The Russian government knows that gold would be the most stable currency in a war time economy.

9. **Russia has openly entered into an alliance with China and is increasingly working with other totalitarian powers hostile to the US.** During the last few years, Russia and China have increased their military ties and technology transfers, including the purchase of some \$15 billion of Russian armaments by China. In just the past few months, China and Russia have also sharply reduced troops along their mutual border. For instance, this fall alone, Russia removed 300 army units from the Chinese border. In late 1998, Russia and China openly announced that the purpose of their new alliance was to challenge US global dominance. Nyquist believes this could mean that Russia and China have agreed to war protocols along their border and are preparing to confront America with "one clenched fist." The new alliance between China and Russia is a major blow to US strategic deterrence. Since Nixon "opened up China" in the 1970s, the US has regarded China as an important ally in containing Russian expansion. Time and again I was told, as odious as strengthening China might be, it was essential to curbing Russia. Based on the belief that China was America's ally in Russian containment, the US and Europe have given China tens of billions of dollars in aid, loans, and trade concessions. That Western aid and trade has made China the commercial tiger of Asia, and a world military power.

By allying with Russia, China has shattered decades of US strategic planning -- and incredibly this has not made headlines and no one in Congress or the media seems concerned. This new alliance also means that in the event of war, America will probably have to fight both Russia and China, which together have both the world's largest nuclear arsenal and the world's largest conventional army. The 1998 *World Almanac* credits China with the world's largest armed forces with 2.9 million active troops and 1.2 million reserve troops. Including local militias (the equivalent of our National Guard), China could quickly field some 5 million troops, compared to less than 1 million for the US. Russia could field an additional 1.2 million troops and has an incredible 20 million reserve troops. Together, Russia and China could field 26-times as many troops as the US. In the past few months, Russia has also been making diplomatic overtures and formalizing treaties with a half-dozen militant rogue states, including North Korea, Iran and Iraq. Several analysts see this as the possible beginning of an immense and very sinister anti-American axis.

10. **Russia's Nuclear War Bunkers.** Perhaps the clearest sign that Russia is planning on fighting and winning a nuclear war is their investment of billions of precious dollars to build a vast system of underground bunkers and shelters. This system has just one purpose: To enable millions of Russians to survive a nuclear war. In 1996 the *New York Times* described just one of these huge underground facilities, which was being built under the Ural Mountains. Its size alone is staggering: Over 10 square miles of shops, homes, and storage facilities were being built underground -- an area greater than that of the entire city of Washington, DC. The *Times* reported that the facility includes railways, factories, and apartment complexes -- everything hundreds of thousands of people need to survive a nuclear war. And this is just one of scores of such facilities throughout Russia and the CIS. In 1997, the *Washington Times* reported that a CIA report detailed the vast underground network includes a subway from the Kremlin directly to facilities in the Ural Mountains. If the Cold War is really over and Russia is our friend, why have they built this enormous system of shelters?

11. **Russia has a sophisticated anti-ballistic missile system.** According to William Lee, a former Defense Intelligence Agency analyst, Russia has between 10,000 and 12,000 anti-ballistic missiles ringing Russia, controlled by 18 battle management radar systems. The only possible use for this system is to neutralize a nuclear counterattack by the United States. Under Russia's 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with the United States, this anti-missile

system is completely illegal. Moreover, the system is widely believed to use nuclear weapons at the tips of their interceptor missiles, which could be exploded high above the atmosphere to knock out incoming US missiles. Clinton has yet to utter one word of protest.

**United States is Unprepared for War:** Christopher Ruddy, March 17, 1999

At the same time that Russia has been building an enormous war machine and making war preparations, the US has been slashing its strategic nuclear arsenal, mothballing ships, and eliminating entire military battle groups. Equally suicidal, Clinton has cut troop levels in the US Army by 40% and the Air Force, Navy and Marines by over 30%. Clinton has also tied up many of America's best troops in endless and futile foreign quagmires, including "peace-keeping" in Bosnia and the Middle East, humanitarian projects in Africa, and drug interdiction in Latin America. Few troops are left to defend the United States.

Clinton also been throwing away America's limited arsenal of cruise missiles. These missiles were primarily built to deliver strategic nuclear warheads deep into Russia. Russia is believed to be vulnerable to such weapons because they evade radar and fly low to the ground. ABC News reports that before Operation Desert Fox (our recent, undeclared war on Iraq) the US had just 239 cruise missiles left. In the first few days of Desert Fox Clinton ordered that over 90 of these precious cruise missiles be fired on Iraq against what has proven to be mainly empty warehouses and radar installations that were rebuilt in days. As this article is being written, additional cruise missiles have been launched in continuing confrontations with Iraq. Each missile expended in Iraq is one less that can be used to defend the US -- and at the current rate of expenditure, the US military would have none left in less than 30 days. Why is Bill Clinton squandering these crucial weapons? This question becomes even more serious when one considers that the US is not currently making cruise missiles and has no plans to do so. And this is just one way that, under Clinton, America is being stripped of its ability to defend itself. Never before has the US been so ill-prepared to defend its own territory and citizens. Here are the chilling facts:

- 1. The United States has practically no civil defense system to protect its citizens from a biological, chemical or nuclear attack.**
- 2. The United States has no anti-ballistic missile system to protect against incoming missiles.**
- 3. US defense spending has been dramatically reduced, from about 28 percent of the federal budget in 1988 by almost half, to 17 percent today.** Former Secretary of Defense, Casper Weinberger, states in his book *The Next War*: "...the United States has embarked on a massive disarmament. Since 1985, military budgets have declined 35%. Spending on research and development has been slashed by 57%, and procurement of newly produced weapons by a whopping 71%."
- 4. US Naval forces have been slashed.** These forces are vital for protecting the US against foreign threats such as Mid-Eastern terrorism and potential attacks on allies like Taiwan and South Korea. Today the Navy only has 336 ships compared to over 600 in 1991. That's the lowest number of ships since the late 1930's. More frightening is the fact that US naval surface ships have been stripped of their tactical nuclear weapons. Even though the US Navy is still much larger than Russia's or China's, without nuclear weapons the US fleets are sitting ducks for Russian and Chinese nuclear weapons.
- 5. The critical balance of nuclear weapons between Russia and the United States has tilted in Russia's favor.** If intelligence estimates are accurate, the US and Russia share an almost equal number of strategic nuclear weapons, but Russia has a huge advantage in tactical nuclear weapons. The Clinton administration has systematically destroyed the US stockpile of tactical nuclear weapons. Under Clinton, the total number of tactical nukes has dropped from approximately 20,000 weapons in 1988 to a few thousand today. And every day, under Clinton's orders, the military destroys more tactical nuclear weapons. Even with these cuts, the Clinton administration is still not happy, and has pushed the Pentagon to seek unilateral cuts well below the current Start I floor of 6,000 strategic weapons.
- 6. US military preparedness is at the lowest level in 50 years.** On March 20, 1998, the General Accounting Office reported to Congress on the preparedness of the five of the Army's ten divisions that would deploy in the second wave of an overseas war. The results were grim:
  - 1st Infantry Division -- the division's 1st brigade had only 56% of the personnel needed to fill its armored vehicles. Many brigades were only partially filled or had no personnel at all assigned to them.
  - 25th Infantry Division -- 52 of 162 infantry squads were "minimally filled or had no personnel assigned."
  - 1st Armored Division -- only 16 of the unit's 116 tanks had full, battle-qualified four-man crews.
  - 4th Infantry Division -- 13 of 54 squads in the divisions engineer brigade either had no personnel assigned or fewer personnel that required.
- 7. America is paying for Russia's re-armament.** Under programs like Nunn-Lugar, the US has paid Russia billions to dismantle nuclear warheads because Russia said it did not have the money to pay for it (odd, since they have plenty of money to build new missiles, aircraft carriers, and submarines). By funding these expensive warhead dismantling programs for Russia's obsolete weapons, the US has enabled the Russians to divert millions of dollars to building new weapons.
- 8. President Clinton has unilaterally changed more than four decades of US defense policy of "launch on warning."** Under a secret Clinton directive -- known as a Presidential Decision Directive or PDD -- issued in November of 1997, the United States would accept a first strike and only retaliate after millions of our citizens had been killed. Some of the details of the PDD were leaked to the Washington Post (12/7/97). The Post reported that the Clinton administration was unilaterally changing America's nuclear defense posture. Clinton's PDD directed the US military to no longer plan to win a nuclear war with Russia. Just weeks after the

Washington Post report, on December 23, Robert Bell gave an interview to Arms Control Today. Bell, senior director for defense policy and arms control at the National Security Council, helped draft the PDD.

Bell revealed more astounding details of the PDD and Clinton's new policy: "In this PDD we direct our military forces to continue to posture themselves in such a way as to not rely on launch on warning -- to be able to absorb a nuclear strike and still have enough force surviving to constitute credible deterrence," Bell said. Bell continued, "Our policy is to confirm that we are under nuclear attack with actual detonations before retaliating." In other words, Clinton is willing to wait until American cities, military installations, and our vulnerable land-based ICBMs are devastated before counterattacking. If, God forbid, such a surprise attack was launched, most of the US's strategic weapons would be destroyed and there would be little left to retaliate with.

Clinton's new launch policy is an invitation for Russia to attack. With the US prevented from launching on warning, a Russian first strike could wipe out two of the three legs of America's strategic defense triad: land-based missiles and strategic bombers. At any given time, 6 of America's 18 ballistic missile submarines are in port and would probably be destroyed in a Russian first strike under the Clinton doctrine. All that would be left to defend America would be 12 ballistic submarines with 180 megatons of warheads. That's over less than 50% of the 400 megatons required under MAD to deter Russia. [MAD refers to the policy of Mutually Assured Destruction, a policy that kept America safe in the nuclear age.] Given Russia's missile defense system, modernized weapons, and vast system of underground shelters, it is easy to see why Russia might find launching a first strike against America in 1999 tempting and any losses they would suffer "acceptable."

Russia could destroy every major American city and military target, and suffer only limited retaliation against its own cities even if America fired every surviving nuclear weapon. After America launched its handful of surviving missiles, Russia would still have tens of thousands of weapons in their arsenal, making them the only military superpower on earth and the world's likely rulers. Further evidence that Clinton has diabolically sought to undermine America's nuclear arsenal, are his numerous proposals to "de-alert" US nuclear forces. Clinton claims that the real risk of war is from the US accidentally launching nuclear weapons. To prevent such an "accident," the Washington Times reports that the Clinton administration plans on "removing the integrated circuit boards from ICBM's and storing them hundred of miles away, taking the warheads off the MX missile or possibly the Minuteman ICBM's, welding shut the missile hatches of some submarines, and doubling the number of orders a hard-to-communicate submarine would have to receive before it could launch a missile."

The purpose of these changes would be increase the time to launch a weapon "from minutes, to hours or even days." The truth is that in a nuclear war an unlaunched weapon may never be launched. Since Clinton can make such policy changes by issuing a secret PDD, these dangerous moves can be made without informing the public or Congress. There are some indications that, in fact, Clinton has taken steps to make it more difficult for our submarines to launch their missiles.

9. **America's land-based Missiles are vulnerable.** The Defense Department estimates that Russia would need only need to fire about 15 percent of its ICBM's to destroy two-thirds to 85 percent of US silos. In contrast, Peter Vincent Pry, a former CIA analyst, reports that Russia's ICBM's are "in harder silos and on mobile launchers" -- making them less vulnerable to an American counterattack.
10. **The United States has not sanctioned Russia for the breaking the ABM treaty and many other arms control treaties we have signed with them -- including bans on biological and chemical weapons, weapons modernization, and construction of vast underground bunkers.** Why hasn't the Clinton Administration made receipt of aid from the US, IMF and the World Bank (which are controlled by the US), conditional upon Russia demilitarization or at least their abiding by the treaties they have signed? Why does the US and UN continue to pour tens of billions of dollars into Russia while they are building a vast war machine and apparently preparing for war?
11. **Foreign deployment of troops leaves the US vulnerable to foreign military occupation.** US troops are currently deployed in some 160 countries, with large deployments in Bosnia and the Mid-East. Nyquist argues that foreign deployment is an ominous sign, since the United States would not have an army to protect the United States proper. Since Nyquist made those comments, President Clinton has sent tens of thousands of US troops to the Mid-east, along with most of our naval forces and strategic bombers. This is extremely dangerous, since by deploying our strategic bombers overseas, they are cut-off from their nuclear weapons and are sitting ducks for a Russian attack.

### **Why are Most Americans Oblivious to These Terrifying Facts?**

Christopher Ruddy, March 18, 1999

#### **There are many reasons:**

1. In today's society, where hundreds of stories compete for attention, a story must be reported over and over again, and repeated by several different types of media (such as TV and newspapers and news magazines) before it penetrates the public consciousness.
2. The establishment press has not regularly reported on military developments in Russia. Most media have unthinkingly swallowed the Clinton line that "Russia and China are our friends," hook, line and sinker.
3. Media omissions and distortions, coupled with Clinton administration propaganda about "our friend, Russia" and "our friend, China," has left the overwhelming majority of those in Congress and the military totally ignorant of the new military threat posed by the Russians and Chinese.
4. US military leaders who are aware Russian rearmament and US disarmament in their particular area of expertise (for instance strategic bombers), may be unaware of the big picture, i.e., how extensive those trends are.

Further, military officials may want to speak out, may fear being fired or blacklisted from employment by defense contractors after they leave the military. Many probably also buy the official line that "the Cold War is over" so there's no reason to be concerned about Russian military exercises or overflights of the US or the closure of US military bases. Others may believe, with some justification, there is no one in the mainstream they can turn to who will honestly report Russian rearmament and US disarmament.

5. Russia appears to be making most of its preparations in the open, so as not to arouse suspicion, lulling US observers into a false sense of security. After all, if the Russians are conducting military exercises out in the open and announcing redeployment of missiles to the seas, there can't be anything sinister about it, can there?
6. The idea of a REAL nuclear war that would destroy America is so alien to most Americans, that most can't even imagine it, much less try to stop it. Unfortunately this is not the case in Russia, which discussed and threatened nuclear war against the United States for 50 years. Russian strategic military planning has been based on a nuclear war with the US for decades. Unlike Americans who believe that "there are no winners in nuclear war," Russia's leaders believe they can win a nuclear confrontation. Having lived through repeated invasions by foreign enemies, such as the Nazi destruction of Stalingrad, the Russian people know from first-hand experience they and their nation can survive and recover from enormous military devastation.
7. America's Intelligence Agencies can not be totally relied upon. Clinton has drastically reduced the number of CIA personnel in covert operations -- the cloak-and-dagger spies necessary for getting first hand information. The United States has unquestioned technical spying ability. However, there are limits to what we can discern about Russian intentions and plans from spy satellites. That's when it counts to have a man in the Kremlin. However, the US has never had a top-level spy in Russia's intelligence services above the rank of colonel. No senior members of the Politburo or any members of the Russian general staff have ever defected to the West. Even in East Germany and Cuba, all our "top" spies have all turned out to be double agents for the communists. Spy agencies, like the CIA, also are often wrong. The CIA didn't know Saddam Hussein was planning to invade until his tanks were crushing Kuwait. The CIA was caught completely by surprise when India detonated several nuclear explosions. If we don't know for sure what Iraq and India are up to, how can we be sure about Russia?

#### **FAMOUS RUSSIAN DISSIDENTS WARN AMERICA**

Writing in the *Wall Street Journal* after the recent economic upheaval in Russia and resurgence of totalitarianism, former Russian chess champion Garry Kasparov notes, "Strangely enough, few Western policy makers seem willing to acknowledge the implications of the drastic political changes underway in Russia. The immediate signs of a shift are unmistakable." Kasparov further notes that since the apparent breakup of the Soviet Union, no real "reforms" or "real liberalization" has taken place in Russia. That is certainly not the perception of Russia here in the West. Kasparov's views are not entirely different than those of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who wrote in 1997 that the West's perception of Russia is skewed, and doesn't examine "Russia's overall condition and the forces at work in that country, but on the latest developments, such as elections to the Duma, the firing of Alexander Lebed and Boris Yeltsin's heart surgery. Any broad, deep view of what's happening gets lost." Solzhenitsyn sees clearly. He writes: "As far as I can judge, two strongly held opinions are widely shared in the West: that during the last few years democracy has unquestionably been established in Russia, albeit one under a dangerously weak national government, and that effective economic reforms have been adapted to foster the creation of a free market, to which the way is now open." "Both views are mistaken," Solzhenitsyn concludes.

Totalitarians with nuclear weapons remain firmly in charge of Russia and the other states of the former Soviet Union. Communist governments in China, and, most likely in North Korea, also have nuclear weapons and have repeatedly threatened to use them against the United States if we try to thwart their plans or do anything to diminish their power. For instance, it was reported in the *New York Times* in 1996 that China had warned that if the US interfered in a showdown between China and Taiwan, China would destroy Los Angeles and other American cities. There is growing evidence that Russia and China are planning for a major war with the United States, and that they could deliver a killing blow anytime in the next two years. The Y2K problem has significantly increased the possibility of war during 1999 or just after the turn of the clock to the year 2000.

#### **WHAT THE US CAN DO**

The end of the Cold War and US victories against that third-rate dictator Saddam Hussein, have lulled America into a false sense of complacency. Most Americans -- including our leaders in Congress and the military -- believe that our power is unchallengeable and all-out war with communist nations is no longer possible. When you combine that misperception with a president who seems more concerned about the satisfaction of his libido than the fate of America, you have a recipe for disaster. Russia may not launch an attack on the US, but the weaker the US, the stronger the temptation. How can we reduce that temptation? By bringing the troops home, returning to launch on warning, and keeping more ballistic missile submarines operational and at sea, and returning our strategic bombers to the US where they can be quickly armed with nuclear weapons. We should also return to our policy of keeping some strategic bombers in air at all times. The removal from office of Bill Clinton will also be a positive step toward re-building America's defense posture and the morale of her troops. Those steps would make the US far better prepared for war and would make an attack on US soil too costly for the Russians to even contemplate.